



# Emergency Loss Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP)

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# ELAP Water Transportation

## Eligible Livestock Producer

**To be eligible for assistance under ELAP a livestock producer must:**

- Owned, cash-leased, purchased, entered into a contract to purchase during the 60 calendar days before the beginning date of the eligible loss condition.
- Suffered an eligible loss during the program year
- Provided eligible grazing land, during the normal grazing period, for the eligible livestock
- Have suffered a loss in the physical county which the eligible adverse weather occurred
- Timely file application (CCC-851 or CCC-934)
- File an acreage report (FSA-578)
- File all supporting documentation prior to end of application period

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## Eligible Livestock

**To be eligible for assistance under ELAP the livestock must be:**

- Grazing animals (that would normally have been grazing the land in the eligible county) such as:
  - Adult and weaned nonadult beef cattle,
  - Adult and weaned nonadult beefalo
  - Adult and nonadult weaned buffalo/bison
  - Adult and weaned nonadult dairy cattle
  - Alpacas
  - Deer
  - Elk
  - Emus
  - Equine
  - Goats
  - Llamas
  - Reindeer
  - Sheep

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## Ineligible Livestock

**Animals not eligible for ELAP include, but are not limited to the following:**

- Livestock produced or maintained for reasons other than commercial use as part of a farming operation such as:
  - Consumption by the owner
  - Hunting
  - Used as pets
  - Pleasure
  - Roping
  - Show
  - Used for sport
  - Yaks
  - Ostriches
  - Any wild free roaming livestock, including horses, hogs and deer
  - Unweaned nonadult animals that weighed less than 500 pounds on beginning date of the eligible loss condition

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## Eligible Grazing land

**Eligible Livestock must have been grazing on eligible pasture such as:**

- Privately owned, cash or share leased pasture, rangeland or cropland with the following cover types:
  - Improved, native, small grains, ryegrass, crabgrass, forage sorghum intended for grazing
- State and Federal Lands if the land is leased on a long-term basis where the applicant is required to contribute to the wells, fences or other maintenance and upkeep inputs or pasture/grazing land is leased for cash or fixed amount for an established grazing period
- Leases and rental agreements will be required for COC review to determine producer's contributions are at risk in the pastureland for which benefits are being requested.



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## Eligibility Criteria

- **Loss resulting from transporting water to eligible livestock (pumping water is not eligible)**
  - In any area of the county has been rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having a D3 (extreme drought) intensity
    - Producer will be required to indicate on a map the location that the water was transported to in order for COC to ensure the acreage is eligible.
  - directly impacts water availability during the normal grazing period, as determined by the Deputy Administrator or designee, for losses resulting from transporting water to livestock.
- **Because of an eligible drought or due to eligible adverse weather event, as determined by Deputy Administrator**
- **Incurred on eligible grazing lands:**
  - physically located in the county where the eligible drought occurred
  - that had adequate livestock watering systems or facilities before the eligible drought occurred
  - where the producer is not normally required to transport water to the grazing land.

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## Supporting Documentation

- **Documentation will have to show water was transported during eligible drought to eligible livestock on eligible grazing land**
  - Method used to transport water
  - Number of gallons transported
  - Number of eligible livestock water was transported to
  - Must be verifiable or reliable documentation

## Verifiable Records

- Verifiable records include records provided by the producer that may be verified by COC through an independent source and are used to substantiate the amount of water transported. Verifiable records include but are not limited to the following:
  - Water bills/invoices
  - Hired labor receipts for transporting water
  - Contract receipts for transporting water.



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## Reliable Records

- **Reliable records may be considered acceptable, as determined by COC. Reliable records may include but are not limited to the following:**
  - Contemporaneous records
  - Producer diaries
  - Calendars

## Records

**Participants must maintain any books, records, and accounts supporting application information for 3 years following the end of the year for which request for payment was submitted.**

**\*Applicants will also need to provide verifiable or reliable records to support the number of livestock being claimed on the application.**

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## Payment Calculation

Participants will receive benefits based on a national payment factor of the lesser of either of the following:

- Cost to transport water to eligible livestock for **150 calendar days** calculated by multiplying:
  - Daily water requirement x the number of eligible livestock converted to AU's x applicable national average price per gallon x 150 calendar days
- Cost to transport water to eligible livestock, **based on the actual number of gallons of water transported**, calculated by multiplying:
  - Actual number of gallons transported x applicable national average price per gallon

The actual number of gallons of water transported to eligible livestock may include gallons transported from the first day the county is designated D3 through the earlier of:

- 1) When producer stops hauling water;
- 2) End of the normal grazing period;

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## National Average Prices

Established national average prices per gallon to transport water, based on the method the producer uses:

Method of Transporting	National Avg. Price/Gallon
Personal Labor/Equipment	\$0.035
Hired Labor/Rented Equipment	\$0.05
Contracted Water Transportation	\$0.07

# ELAP Water Transportation

## Standard AU Conversion Chart

- This chart provides the Standard AU Conversion for converting AU's for specific animal types to an AU equivalent (this is used in the calculation process and will be shown in the upcoming slides. Please note this chart pertains to more than just ELAP Water Transportation so other types of livestock are listed here that are not eligible for Water Transportation)

Animal Type	Unit
Dairy Cow or Bull	2.6
Beef, Buffalo, or Beefalo Adult Cow or Bull	1.00
Equine	.74
*--Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Buffalo, or Beefalo less than 500 lbs.	.50--*
Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Buffalo, or Beefalo 500 lbs. or more	*--.75--*
Deer	.25
Sheep or Goats	.25
Lambs or Kids	.14
Reindeer or Elk	.22
Alpaca	.82
Llama	.36
Emu	.51
Swine - Sows	.41
Swine less than 45 pounds	.03
Swine 45 - 124 pounds	.071
Swine 125 - 234 pounds	.12
Swine - Boars	.24
Poultry - less than 3 pounds	.006
Poultry - 3 pounds - 7.9 pounds	.01
Poultry - 8 pounds or more	.03

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## Daily Water Requirement for Livestock

Kind	Type	Weight	Daily Water Requirement	Daily Water Requirement per AU
Beef	Adult	Cows and Bulls	18	18
	Non-adult	> 500lbs.	9	18
	Non-adult	<500 lbs.	9	18
Dairy	Adult	Cows and Bulls	30	15
	Non-adult	> 500lbs.	15	15
	Non-adult	< 500 lbs.	15	15
Equine	All	N/A	12	12
Goats	All	N/A	4	16
Sheep	All	N/A	4	16

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## Payment Calculation Example

- Producer John suffers additional cost for transporting water to eligible livestock in Cass County due to drought that began July 13, 2021. Producer John had to transport water to 100 head of eligible adult beef cows/bulls that were grazing an eligible native pasture. A total of 25,000 gallons of water was transported from July 13 to August 31, 2021. Producer John used personal labor and equipment to transport the water. Producer John did not complete the CCC-860 so his payment will be calculated based on 60% of the smaller of
  - $100 \text{ (head of adult beef)} \times 1.00 \text{ (AU conversion factor)} \times 18 \text{ (daily water requirement for sheep/AU)} \times \$0.035 \times 150 \text{ (days)} = \$9,450$
  - $25,000 \text{ (gallons transported)} \times \$0.035 = \$875 \text{ (Lesser)}$
  - $\$875 \times 60\% = \$525$

# ELAP Water Transportation

## Signup Period

Participants must file, in the service center responsible for the physical location county where the loss occurred, a:

- **Notice of Loss – within 30 calendars of when the loss is apparent**
  - If hauling water prior to eligible drought declaration, then the 30 days is from the date the county became eligible for LFP (D3 designation for our counties)
  - If hauling water after the drought declaration, then the 30 days is from the date the applicant began hauling water
  - Late-filed Notice of Loss will be reviewed by COC to determine Equitable Relief. Applicant will need to provide a statement to COC to provide the extenuating circumstances as to why it was not timely filed within 30 days. The applicant being unaware of the program is not able to be used as a standalone reason for the late filed request.
- **Application for Payment – by 30 calendar days after the end of the applicable program year (January 30)**



# ELAP Feed Transportation

## New Program Announced - (awaiting policy)

Will expand the program beginning in 2021 to cover feed transportation costs where grazing and hay resources have been depleted. This includes places where:

- Drought intensity is D2 for eight consecutive weeks as indicated by the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#);
- Drought intensity is D3 or greater; or
- USDA has determined a shortage of local or regional feed availability.

Cost share assistance will also be made available to cover eligible cost of treating hay or feed to prevent the spread of invasive pests like fire ants.

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- Eligible ranchers will be reimbursed 60% of feed transportation costs above what would have been incurred in a normal year.
- A national cost formula, as established by USDA, will be used to determine reimbursement costs which will not include the first 25 miles and distances exceeding 1,000 transportation miles.
  - The calculation will also exclude the normal cost to transport hay or feed if the producer normally purchases some feed.
  - For 2021, the initial cost formula of \$6.60 per mile will be used (before the percentage is applied) but may be adjusted on a state or regional basis.
- Livestock must be intended for grazing and producers must have incurred feed transportation costs on or after Jan. 1, 2021.
- Producers are encouraged to maintain good records and retain receipts and related documentation in the event these documents are requested for review by the local FSA County Committee.
- The deadline to file an application for payment for the 2021 program year is Jan. 31, 2022.

# Other FSA Program Deadlines

A list of program deadlines can be found on the Minnesota State FSA website (<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/Minnesota/state-events/index>) and is updated frequently

This site also has links to recorded webinars that have been held.

## Important Dates and Deadlines

September 23, 2021	USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Pandemic Response Safety Grant Program application period opens
September 30, 2021	Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program Minnesota closing deadlines for perennial forage, wild rice, asparagus, rhubarb, strawberries, and garlic.
October 12, 2021	All new and modified Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) applications are due.
October 12, 2021	Deadline to apply for the Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP)
October 15, 2021	Applications for Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers (PATHH) program will be accepted through October 15th.
October 31, 2021	The Organic Certification Cost Share Program deadline for application is November 1, 2021 being October 31, 2021 falls on a Sunday.