



Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

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LFP provides benefits to eligible livestock producers of eligible grazed forage crop acreage that have suffered grazing losses due to a:

- qualifying drought
- qualifying fire on federally managed rangeland

Grazing losses must occur during the grazing period established for the county **on land that is:**

- **Native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover**
- **Planted to crops planted specifically for providing grazing for covered livestock such as:**
 - Small Grains
 - Forage Sorghum

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Application Period

COC will announce that producers may make application for LFP benefits in their respective county after notification that the county has:

- a qualifying drought based on the U.S. Drought Monitor severity rating
- a qualifying fire on rangeland managed by a Federal agency

To apply for benefits for grazing losses, eligible livestock producers must:

- Submit a completed CCC-853 and provide required supporting documentation
- No later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year (January 30th, 2022) in which the grazing loss occurred.

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Records

- Participants must maintain any records and supporting documentation that supports the CCC-853 for **3 years** following the end of the year for which request for payment was submitted.

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To be considered an eligible livestock producer for LFP, the eligible producer on a farm must as of the date of the qualifying drought or fire be:

- Physically located in a county affected by a qualifying drought during the normal grazing period for the specific forage crop acreage in the county, or
- Rangeland managed by a Federal agency for which the otherwise eligible livestock producer is prohibited by the Federal agency from grazing the normal permitted livestock because of a qualifying fire

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- Certify that the livestock producer has suffered a grazing loss because of the qualifying drought or fire to be eligible for LFP payments. (This statement is on the CCC-853)
- File an acre certification (FSA-578) either timely or meeting all late filed provisions, according to 2-CP, for all grazing land for which a loss is being claimed upon.

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To be considered eligible covered livestock, livestock must meet all of the following conditions:

- **Be grazing animals such as weaned adult and nonadult beef cattle, adult and nonadult beefalo/buffalo/bison, adult and nonadult dairy cattle, alpacas, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, reindeer or sheep**
 - Does not include unweaned livestock or animals not meeting the definition of a grazing animal
- **Be livestock that would normally have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland in the eligible county:**
 - during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land or pastureland for the eligible county during the qualifying drought, or
 - when the Federal agency prohibited the eligible livestock producer from using the managed rangeland for grazing due to a qualifying fire.

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Eligible Livestock

Livestock produced and maintained for commercial use or be livestock that is produced and maintained for producing livestock products for commercial use, such as milk from dairy, as part of the contract grower's or livestock producer's farming operation on the beginning date of the qualifying drought or fire.

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The eligible livestock producer must, as of the date of the qualifying drought, have risk in the pastureland or grazing land for covered livestock, that is:

- **Native and Improved Grasses, Mixed Forage, Small Grains, and Forage Sorghum crops reported with the intended use of grazing on their Acre Certification Report (FSA-578)**
- **Privately owned, cash or share leased pasture or rangeland that is used to provide grazing for covered livestock**
- **State or Federal lands, if either of the following apply:**
 - the land is leased on a long-term basis that COC determines requires lessee contribution including but not limited to wells, fences, or other maintenance and upkeep inputs
 - pasture or grazing land is leased for cash or fixed amount for an established grazing period

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Lease Agreements

- Acreage leases and rental agreements for Private, Federal and State-owned land intended for grazing may include many arrangements for compensation and provide varying degrees of control for using the acreage.
- Many leases, particularly leases with grazing arrangements, are similar to sales agreements.

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