

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

The “Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008” authorized the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) to provide benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of **normal mortality** caused by adverse weather

LIP

- The livestock death losses must have also occurred in the calendar year for which benefits are being requested – Runs through October 1, 2011
- Under the current LIP, an owner or contract grower's livestock payments will be based on individual producers' losses.

Eligible Livestock Owners

- To be eligible for LIP, a livestock producer must have legally owned the eligible livestock on the day the livestock died.
- The livestock must have died as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event
- have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation

Eligible Livestock

- **Adult Beef Bulls**
- **Non-Adult Beef Cattle, 0-400 lbs, 400-800 lbs**
- **Adult Beef Cows**
- **Non-Adult Dairy Cattle, 0-400 lbs, 400-800 lb**
- **Swine, Sows, Barrows, Boars and Gilts, 0-50, 50-150 , 151-450, over 450**

Eligible Livestock

- Equine
- Poultry
- Sheep
- Goats

Sign-up

- Producers who suffer livestock death losses should submit a notice of loss and an application for payment to the local FSA
 - File Notice of Loss 30 days after death is apparent or the disaster event occurred

Proof of Death

- Provide verifiable documentation of livestock deaths
- Proves the death of eligible livestock occurred as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event
- Quantity and kind of livestock that died as a direct result of the eligible adverse weather event

Evidence

- Insurance Records
- FEMA records
- Records assembled for tax purposes
- National Guard records
- Private insurance documents
- Production records
- Property tax records
- Purchase records
- Rendering truck receipts
- Veterinarian records
- Written contracts

Producer Records

- If adequate verifiable proof of death records documentation is **not available, the livestock** producer may provide reliable records, along with verifiable beginning and ending inventory, as proof of death

Reliable Records May Include

Brand inspection records

Contemporaneous producer records existing at the time of the event

Dairy herd improvement records

Pictures

Vaccination records.

3rd Party Certification

- If verifiable proof of death records or reliable proof of death records along with verifiable beginning and ending inventory records are **not available**
- if proof of death is **not available**, producer certifies in writing that adequate proof is not available, gives the number and location of livestock inventory

3rd Party

- Independent source who is **not affiliated with the farming operation**
- **not a “family member**
- Hired hand
- name, telephone number, and address
- specific details about their knowledge of the livestock deaths
- their affiliation with the livestock owner or contract grower

Mortality Rates

- Beef <400 lbs 6.0%
- Beef 400-799 lbs 3.0%
- Beef > 800 lbs 3.0%
- Beef cows and bulls 1.5%
- Dairy <400 lbs 5.0%
- Dairy 400 -799 3.0%
- Dairy >800 lbs 3.0%
- Dairy cow 3.0%
- Dairy bull 1.5%