



Animal and Plant
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Service

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Black Vulture Indemnity

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) can provide benefits to eligible livestock owners for eligible livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality, including mortality caused by black vultures.

If you suspect black vultures killed your calf, the following steps should be taken to seek reimbursement:



- Take several pictures of the calf including its hooves, the suspected kill site prior to any disturbance, and any vultures if they are still in the area.
- Attempt to preserve the calf as best you can.
- Contact USDA Wildlife Services (WS), or a licensed veterinarian immediately and schedule a site visit. Necropsy should be performed within 24 hours.
 - Upon inspection, WS or your veterinarian may be able to confirm if a black vulture was the cause of death.
 - If confirmed, WS can provide written documentation concerning the cause of death.
- Contact your local FSA County office to report the kill.
 - Provide FSA documentation on your livestock inventory as of the loss event including the number of cows and number of alive and deceased newborn calves.
 - Find your local county FSA office at <https://www.farmers.gov/dashboard>
 - Provide FSA documentation from WS or veterinarian on the cause of death.
 - If confirmed, you could be reimbursed up to 75% of market value.
 - Normal mortality rates for beef cattle as follows:
 - Beef (non-adult) less than 400 lbs 5.0% mortality
 - Beef (non-adult) 400-799 lbs 3.0% mortality
 - Beef (non-adult) 800 lbs or more 1.0% mortality
 - Beef (adult cow or bull) 1.5% mortality



Missouri Department of Agriculture

You can be reimbursed up to \$200 dollars on the cost of the necropsy from a licensed veterinarian. Producers can submit a paid invoice for the necropsy, related farm charge and the cause of death statement to the Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA). Details of this program can be found here: <https://agriculture.mo.gov/black-vulture-necropsy.pdf>

For additional information from the (MDA), please call 573-751-3377

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