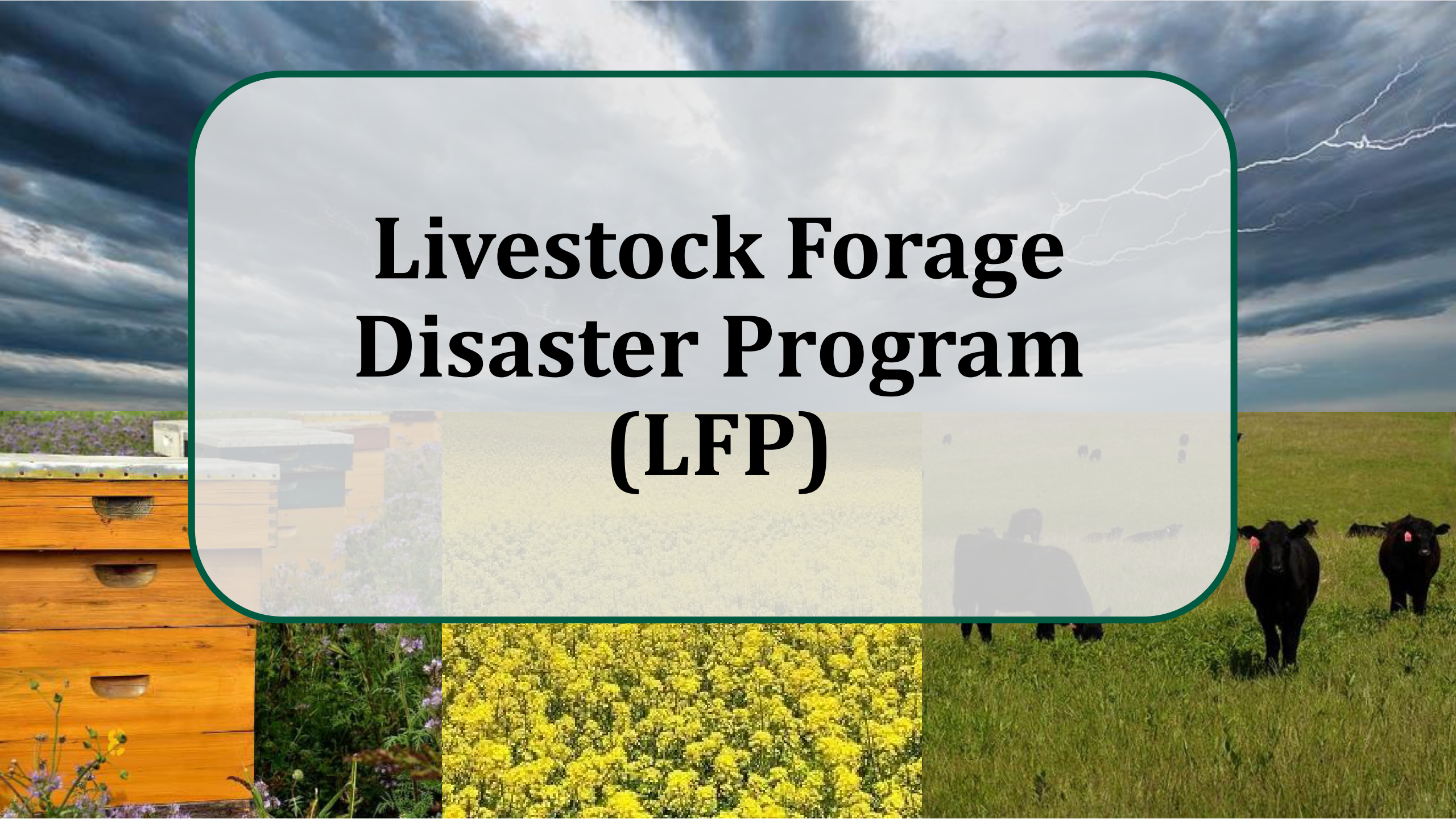


Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)





Agenda

- Program Review
- Program Eligibility
- Application Requirements





What is LFP?

LFP provides benefits to eligible livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses for covered livestock and who are also producers of grazed forage crop acreage of native and improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or acreage planted specifically for grazing.



What is LFP?

- Grazing losses must occur on land physically located in a county experiencing a **qualifying drought** during the normal grazing period for the county.
- LFP also provides benefits to eligible livestock producers who are also producers of grazed forage on rangeland managed by a federal agency if the producer is prohibited to graze the normal permitted livestock due to a **qualifying fire**.

NOTE: Livestock producer may elect to receive assistance for losses due to drought conditions or fire conditions, if applicable, but not both.



What is LFP?

LFP is administered by the Farm Service Agency/USDA using funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation, authorized under the 2014 Farm Bill, as amended, and regulations are provided in [7 CFR Part 1416](#), Subparts A and C.

[LFP Fact Sheet](#)

A screenshot of a fact sheet titled "DISASTER ASSISTANCE LFP - Livestock Forage Disaster Program". The document header includes the USDA Farm Service Agency logo and the text "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE". Below the header is a circular icon with a leaf and arrows, followed by the title "DISASTER ASSISTANCE" and "LFP - Livestock Forage Disaster Program". The "Overview" section contains two paragraphs of text describing the program's purpose and eligibility criteria. To the right of the text is a photograph of several brown and black cows with yellow ear tags.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

 **DISASTER ASSISTANCE**
LFP - Livestock Forage Disaster Program

Overview

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses for covered livestock and who are also producers of grazed forage crop acreage of native and improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or acreage planted specifically for grazing. Grazing losses must occur on land physically located in a county experiencing a qualifying drought during the normal grazing period for the county.

LFP also provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have covered livestock and who are also producers of grazed forage crop acreage on rangeland managed by a federal agency if the eligible livestock producer is prohibited by the federal agency from grazing the normal permitted livestock on the manage rangeland due to a qualifying fire.





LFP Eligibility



Eligible Grazing Losses – Drought

An eligible livestock producer may receive assistance under LFP for grazing losses due to a qualifying drought that occurred during the grazing period in the calendar year for which benefits are being requested. Grazing losses for the covered livestock must occur 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
 - annual crabgrass, annual ryegrass, or mixed forage



Eligible Grazing Losses – Drought (cont.)

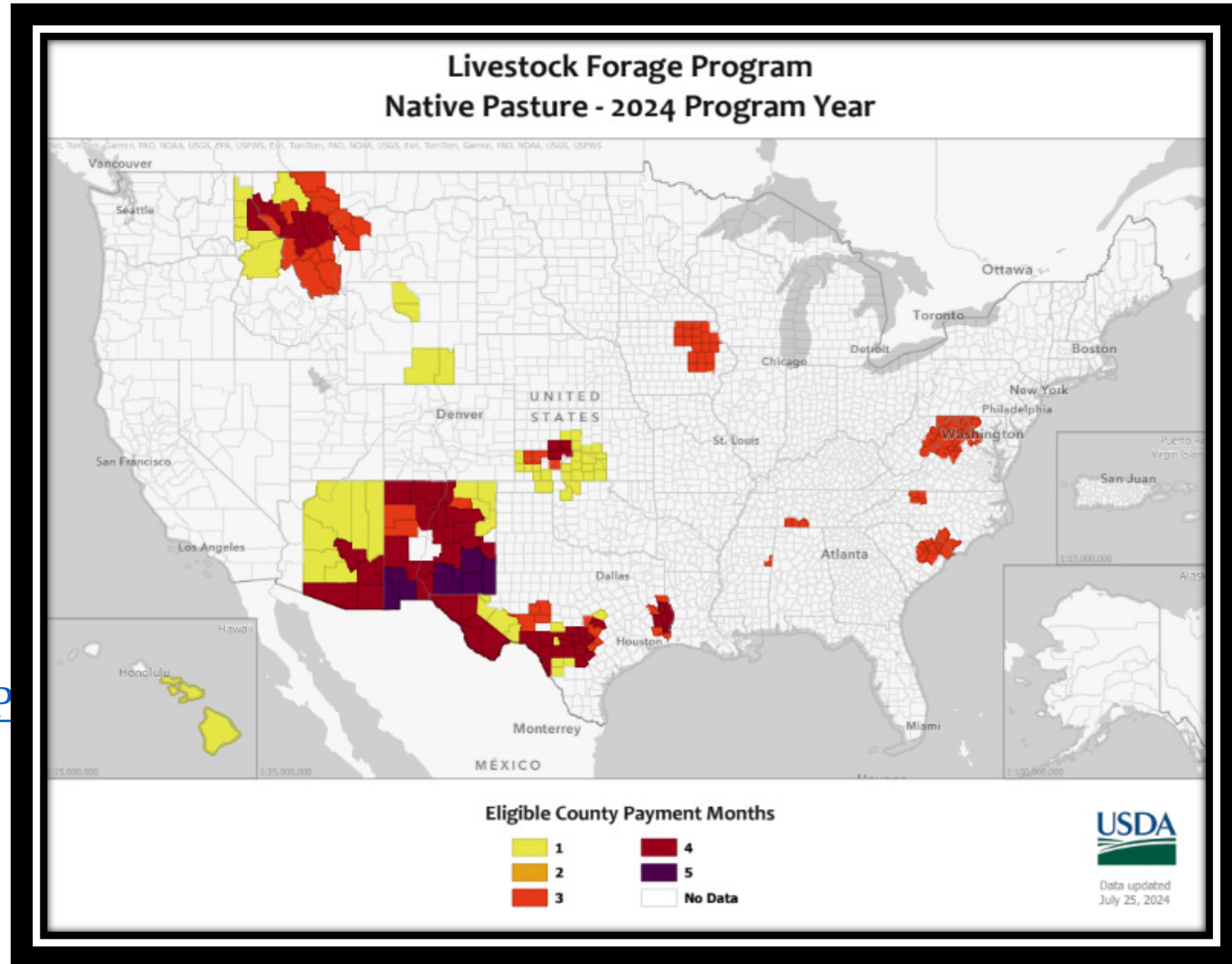
- physically located in a county that is, **during the normal grazing period** for the specific type of grazing land or pastureland for the county, rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having any of the following:

Drought Monitor - LFP County Eligibility		
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FSA's LFP Eligibility Maps

[Livestock Forage Program \(LFP\) \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov)

*Example of LFP - Native Pasture Eligibility 2024 as of 7/25/24





USDM FSA Eligibility Tool

- <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/FSA/Home.aspx>

FSA Livestock Forage Disaster Program Eligibility Tool

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Welcome! If you grow forage for livestock and have recently gone through drought, this website can help you find out whether you qualify for assistance. Qualifying for assistance is based on the U.S. Drought Monitor and on your county's designated grazing periods. To use this tool, you will need to know your county's grazing period. If you are not sure what it is, please consult your [local Farm Service Agency representative](#).

The FSA Eligibility Tool does not guarantee any financial aid. It simply estimates which U.S. counties meet the criteria, based on the U.S. Drought Monitor. Eligibility will be confirmed by the FSA once the signup period has begun. Please contact your [local FSA agent](#) for more details and to verify eligibility after the start of the signup period.

Program Eligibility Status

- [Is my county eligible?](#)
- [Which counties are eligible?](#)
- [Is my USAPI or USVI location eligible?](#)
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Eligible Grazing Losses Due to Fire

- Loss occurring on rangeland managed by a Federal agency
- Written documentation received by the producer from Federal Agency that prohibits grazing the normal permitted livestock due to fire



General Eligibility

- Common Forms on [Farmers.gov](https://www.farmers.gov)
- File a Farm Operating Plan: CCC-901, CCC-902 I or CCC-902 E as applicable
 - Payment limitation - \$125,000 per program year
 - Payment attribution – to 4th level of ownership
 - Minor child
 - Substantive change
- Average Adjusted Gross Income Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information: CCC-941
 - The period for calculation of the average AGI (more or less than \$900,000) will be of the three taxable years preceding the most immediately preceding complete taxable year for which benefits are requested.
- Highly Erodible Land & Wetland Compliance: AD-1026 for applicant and affiliates
- Timely file a Report of Acreage annually: FSA-578



Basic LFP Eligibility





Eligible Producers



[7 CFR 1416.3] Eligible producer means, in addition to other requirements as may apply, an individual or legal entity who is an owner, operator, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper, **who shares in the risk of producing a crop or livestock and who is entitled to share in the crop or livestock available for marketing** from the farm, or would have shared had the crop or livestock been produced...



Eligible Producers

- Citizen of the United States
- Resident alien, meaning “lawful alien”
- Partnership of citizens of the United States
- Corporation, limited liability corporation, or other farm organizational structure organized under State law
- Indian tribe or tribal organization, as defined in section 4(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)



Eligible Producers

- During the 60 calendar days before the beginning date of qualifying drought or fire, own, cash or share lease, have a contract to purchase, or be a contract grower of covered livestock
- As of the date of the qualifying drought or fire, provide grazing land or pastureland for covered livestock:
 - Physically located in a county affected by qualifying **drought**
 - Rangeland managed by a Federal Agency prohibiting grazing due to a qualifying **fire**



Contract Growers

A person or legal entity engaged in a farming operation not as an owner of the covered livestock but in a business whose income is dependent of the actual weight gain and/or number of offspring of the covered livestock.

NOTE: A copy of the contract grower agreement must be submitted to the COC for eligibility determination purposes.



Contract Growers

- A contract grower must own or cash lease the pastureland and/or grazing land that is being provided for the livestock to be considered at risk in the production of the grazed forage for LFP purposes.



Eligible Covered Livestock



- Grazing animals both adult and **weaned** non-adult:
 - Beef and dairy cattle
 - Buffalo/beefalo/bison (including water buffalo)
 - Alpacas, deer, elk, emus, llamas, ostrich, reindeer
 - Equine
 - Sheep, goats



Eligible Covered Livestock

- Livestock that the eligible livestock producer:
 - during the 60 days before the qualifying drought or fire owned, leased, purchased, entered into a contract to purchase, or was a contract grower;
 - sold or otherwise disposed of because of a qualifying drought during the current production year or 1 and/or 2 productions years immediately preceding the current production year (mitigated livestock).



Eligible Covered Livestock

- Livestock that the eligible livestock producer (cont.):
 - Livestock produced and maintained for commercial use or be livestock that is produced and maintained for producing livestock products for commercial use.



Ineligible Livestock

- Not have been produced or maintained for reasons other than commercial use as part of a farming operation
- Wild free roaming livestock
- Livestock used for racing or wagering
- Livestock used for hunting or consumption by the owner
- Livestock that were or would have been in a feedlot, on the beginning date of the qualifying drought, as part of the normal business operations of the producer
- Livestock not weaned and livestock not meeting the definition of grazing animals



Mitigated Livestock

- Sold during the 60 calendar days before the beginning date of qualifying drought because of drought **Current Year**
- Sold prior to the 60 calendar days before the beginning date of qualifying drought if: **Prior Year**
 - County was suffering from a systemic drought from the previous calendar year (**maintaining a D1 drought or higher**)
 - County experienced a qualifying drought in the program year immediately preceding the current program year
 - During the week the livestock were sold, had a USDM rating of D2 or higher
 - Livestock were sold 1 or both of the 2 program years immediately preceding the current program year



Eligible Grazing Land



- Native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover
- Planted to a crop specifically for grazing
 - Mixed Forage
 - Forage sorghum
 - Small grains (barley, millet, oats, rye, triticale, wheat)
 - Annually planted ryegrass & crabgrass
- Physically located in a county affected by a qualifying drought or fire



Eligible Grazing Land (Cont.)

- Privately owned, cash or share leased pasture or rangeland that is used to provide grazing for covered livestock
- State and Federal lands
 - Leased on a long-term basis, COC determines lessee makes required contribution (wells, fences, maintenance, upkeep)
 - Pasture or grazing land is leased for cash or fixed amount for an established grazing period



Eligible Grazing Land (Cont.)

- Land enrolled in eligible conservation program if seeded to one of the eligible grazing crops and grazing is not prohibited during the normal grazing period according to the conservation plan



Eligible Grazing Land (Cont.)

- For fire losses;
 - Rangeland managed by a federal agency
 - Producer prohibited from grazing the normal permitted livestock because of qualifying fire
 - The eligible livestock producer must, as of the date of the qualifying fire, have risk in the rangeland and reported to FSA on Report of Acreage - FSA-578



Eligible Grazing Land (Cont.)

To ensure that eligibility requirements have been met, the livestock producer must provide signed copies of the following, as applicable:

- written acreage lease or rental agreement - If the land is subleased, then the original lease and sublease must be provided.
- Federal land grazing permit and/or lease and final bill or invoice
 - Final bill or invoice is only required if producer cannot meet control or risk according to subparagraph E.
- State land lease and/or State land subleases.



Eligible Grazing Land (Cont.)

- Eligibility Determinations
 - Copies of written leases, CCC-855 Annual Lease Agreement Certification Statement, grazing permits
 - Producer MUST, as of the date of qualifying fire or drought, have risk and control of the pastureland, rangeland, or grazing land and reported with the intended use of grazing



Ineligible Grazing Land

- Acreage enrolled in conservation practices that restrict grazing, with exceptions
- Irrigated pastures or crop acreage
- Acreage intended for grain
- Seeded small grains or sorghum forage crops planted after the final planting date
- Volunteer acreage



Ineligible Grazing Land (Cont.)

- First year seeded biennial or perennial forage crop
- Double cropped acreage combinations not approved by STC
- Cover crops
- Leased on an AUM basis when the lessee incurs no additional risk or expense
- Leased on a basis of weight gain or cost per head/day/month



LFP Application Requirements



Application Period

- Producers must submit a completed Livestock Forage Disaster Program Application CCC-853 and required supporting documentation within 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing loss occurred.
 - 2024 LFP Application Deadline – **January 30, 2025**



Applying For Benefits

- Submit to FSA Office by Applicable Deadline(s):
 - Report of Acreage FSA-578
 - Livestock Forage Disaster Program Application CCC-853 in the farm's administrative county by physical location
 - Supporting documentation
 - Producer sign and certify to application terms no later than 30 calendar days after the calendar year the grazing loss occurs



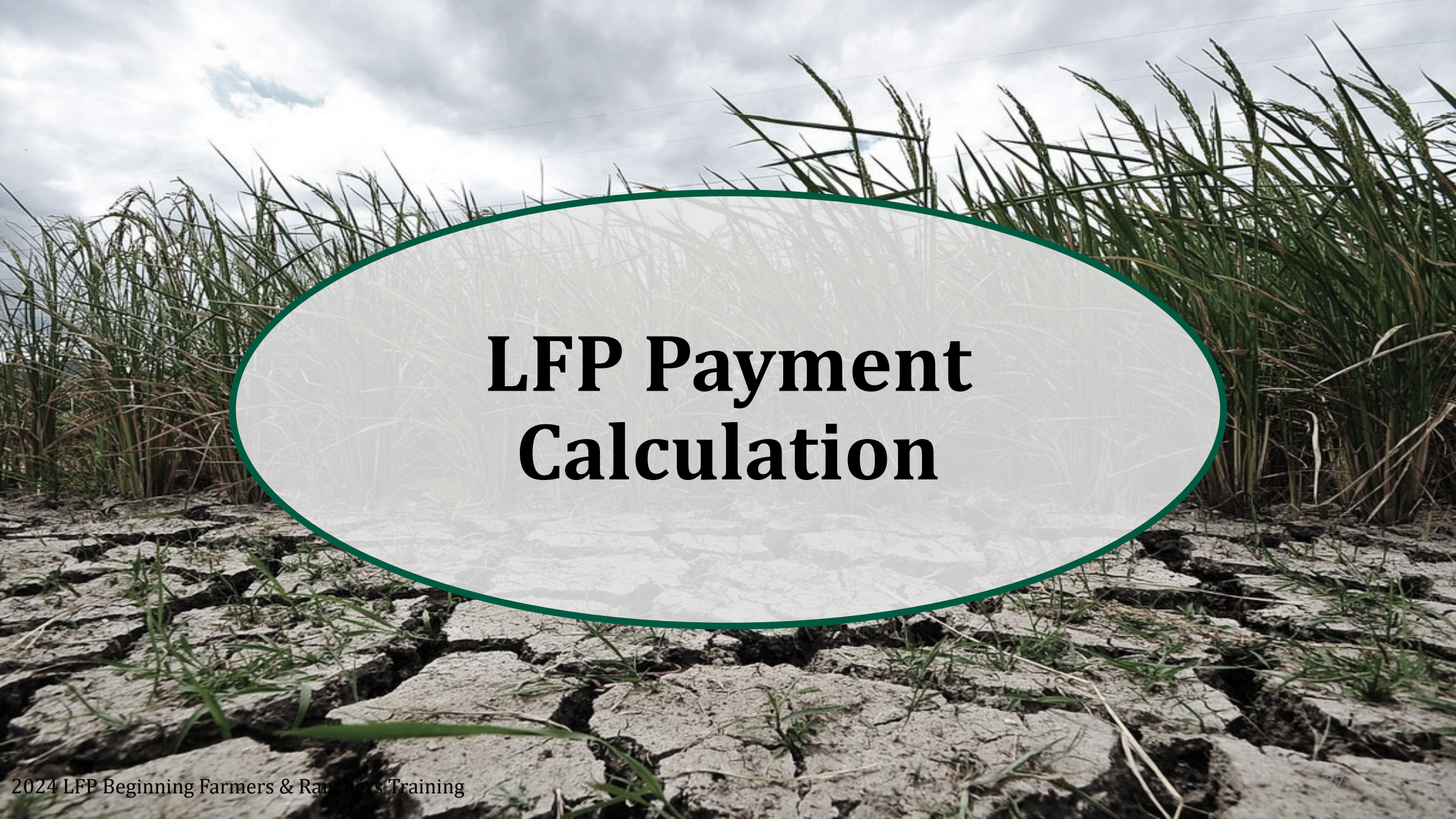
Supporting Documentation

- Certification of livestock inventories as of date of designated drought
- Leases and/or CCC-855, as applicable
- Contract Grower Agreement, as applicable
- Evidence participant is prohibited by Federal Agency from grazing normal permitted livestock due to fire
- Eligibility Forms
- Any additional information as requested by the COC



Supporting Documentation

- Eligibility forms
 - AD-1026 for applicant and affiliates
 - CCC-901 or CCC-902 as applicable
 - CCC-941



LFP Payment Calculation



Drought Payment Calculation

- Based on US Drought Monitor drought intensities and duration

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Drought Payment Calculation

- Daily AU feed rate and monthly forage value determined according to 7 CFR 1416.207

Year	Daily AU Feed Rate	Monthly Value of Forage for 1 AU
2023	\$1.9374	\$58.12
2024	\$1.7521	\$52.56



Drought Payment Calculation

Kind of Livestock	AU	2022	2023	2024
Adult cattle, buffalo, bison, or beefalo (cows & bulls)	1.0	\$47.29	\$58.12	\$52.56
Adult dairy cattle (cows & bulls)	2.6	\$122.95	\$151.12	\$136.66
Non-adult beef, dairy, bison, or beefalo > 500 lbs (weaned)	0.75	\$35.47	\$43.59	\$39.42
Non-adult beef, dairy, bison, or beefalo < 500 lbs (weaned)	0.5	\$23.64	\$29.06	\$26.28
Goats	0.25	\$11.82	\$14.53	\$13.14
Sheep	0.25	\$11.82	\$14.53	\$13.14
Horses	0.74	\$34.99	\$43.01	\$38.90
Deer	0.25	\$11.82	\$14.53	\$13.14
Reindeer	0.22	\$10.42	\$12.80	\$11.56
Elk	0.45	\$25.54	\$31.39	\$28.39
Alpaca	0.22	\$38.95	\$47.88	\$11.56
Llama	0.36	\$17.26	\$21.21	\$19.18
Emu	0.51	\$24.20	\$29.75	\$26.90
Ostrich	0.55	\$26.01	\$31.97	\$28.91



Drought Payment Calculation

- Monthly payment rate equal to 60 percent of the **lesser of** either the monthly feed cost:
 - for all covered livestock owned or leased by the eligible livestock producer, or
 - calculated by using the normal carrying capacity of the eligible grazing land of the eligible livestock producer
- Payment rate for eligible prior year mitigated livestock will be equal to 80 percent of the monthly payment rate.



Fire Payment Calculation

- Payment begins on the first day the permitted livestock are prohibited from grazing the eligible rangeland and ending on the **earlier** of:
 - the last day of the Federal lease
 - 180 calendar days (maximum)
- Payment rate is 50% of the monthly feed costs for the number of days grazing is prohibited



LFP Drought Payment Calculation

EXAMPLE:

- Livestock Producer John in County A owns 1200 acres of native grass and leases an additional 1000 acres of native grass from his Neighbor Bob.
- County A's established grazing period for native grass is April 1st – October 15th with a established carrying capacity of 7 acres per AU
- John annually reports his crop acreage to FSA by the established deadline of July 15th each year.
- On August 1, 2024, County A was designated by the US Drought Monitor of experiencing a D3 drought for that week's report.



LFP Drought Payment Calculation

EXAMPLE (cont.)

- On August 15th, Producer John visits his local FSA office to report that he is experiencing a grazing loss on his native grass due to drought.
- The local FSA office assists John with the completion of a CCC-853, Livestock Forage Disaster Program Application
- John certifies that on **August 1st**, the date of designated drought he has:
 - 350 head of Adult Beef Cows and Bulls
 - Risk and control of the 2200 acres of native grass (provides lease documents on the 1200 acres)
 - Suffered a grazing loss on those acres due to drought

CCC-853 Example

This form is available electronically.

CCC-853 (03-12-20)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation		1. State and County Code County A		2. Calendar Year 2024		
LIVESTOCK FORAGE DISASTER PROGRAM APPLICATION				3. County Office Name County A Anywhere USA 99999		4. Application Date 08/15/2023		
						5. Application Number		
<p>NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is 7 CFR Part 1416, the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (16 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), and the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79, as amended). The information will be used to determine eligibility for livestock forage disaster program benefits. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDFSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility for livestock forage disaster program benefits.</p> <p>Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Statement: This information collection is exempted from the Paperwork Reduction Act as specified in the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79, Title I, Subtitle F - Administration, as amended). The provisions of criminal and civil fraud, privacy and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.</p>								
PART A - PRODUCER INFORMATION								
6. Producer's Name and Address (City, State and Zip Code)				7. Associated Producers (List all other producers that have an ownership share of any livestock entered in Part C or represented in Part E and indicate their share.)				
Producer John Anywhere USA 99999								
PART B - DISASTER INFORMATION								
8. Type of qualifying disaster condition causing grazing loss				9. Date and location of qualifying fire condition(s)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drought <input type="checkbox"/> Fire								
PART C - LIVESTOCK INFORMATION DROUGHT								
10. Livestock Number	11. Livestock Kind/Type and Weight Range	12. Current Year Inventory	13. Current Year Mitigated	14. Prior Years Mitigated	15. Share %	COC USE ONLY		
						15. Adjusted Current Year Inventory	17. Adjusted Current Year Mitigated	19. Adjusted Prior Years Mitigated
1	Adult Beef Cows & Bulls	350	0	0	100			
19. Do you certify that during the 60 days prior to the beginning date of the qualifying drought condition, you owned, leased, purchased, entered into a contract to purchase, or was a contract grower of the livestock entered in Part C on this application, and/or sold livestock entered in Items 13 and/or Item 14 due to a qualifying drought condition(s), and that these livestock were either grazing or would be grazing the land identified in Part D during the grazing period? (Include only the animals that were owned, leased, or contracted that were grazing or were intended for grazing during the grazing period for the year identified in Item 2.)								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO								
20. Has the producer in Part A, Item 6, applied for LFP benefits in any other FSA county office location for any of the same kind, type, and weight range of livestock shown in Items 10 through 14?								
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO								
If YES, list each County, State, and the application number(s). Producer will need to indicate the number of livestock kind, type, and weight range that were applied for on other county application(s).								
PART D - FORAGE INFORMATION DROUGHT								
21. Livestock Number	22. Date of Qualifying Drought	23. Pasture Type-Crop Type - Owned or Cash Leased Land (Drought Affected)		24. Acres	COC USE ONLY			
					25. Carrying Capacity	26. Adjusted Acres		
1	08/15/2023	Grass - Native		2200	7.0			



LFP Drought Payment Calculation

EXAMPLE (cont.)

- Step 1: Calculate the Monthly Feed Costs for all covered livestock:

Livestock Kind, Type, Weight Range	Current Inventory	x Share	x Payment Rate	= Livestock Monthly Feed Costs
Beef Adult Cows & Bulls	350	100%	\$ 52.56	\$ 18,396



LFP Drought Payment Calculation

EXAMPLE (cont.)

- Step 2: Calculate the carrying capacity monthly feed cost:

Pasture Type	Acres	/ Carrying Capacity	= Maximum AUs	x Monthly Value of Forage	= Carrying Capacity Monthly Feed Costs
Grass - Native	2200	7.0	314.3	\$ 52.56	\$16,519



LFP Drought Payment Calculation

EXAMPLE (cont.)

- Step 3: The LFP monthly payment rate is 60 percent of the lesser of Step 1 or Step 2. In this example, Step 2 is the lesser of the two.

Livestock Kind, Type, Weight Range	Current Inventory	x Share	x Payment Rate	= Livestock Monthly Feed Costs	
Beef Adult Cows & Bulls	350	100%	\$ 52.56	\$ 18,396	
Pasture Type	Acres	/ Carrying Capacity	= Maximum AUs	x Monthly Value of Forage	= Carrying Capacity Monthly Feed Costs
Native Pasture	2200	7.00	314.29	\$ 52.56	\$ 16,519

Lesser of Steps 1 & 2



LFP Drought Payment Calculation

EXAMPLE (cont.)

- Step 3: The LFP monthly payment rate is 60 percent of the lesser of Step 1 or Step 2. In this example, Step 2 is the lesser of the two.

Monthly Feed Cost (Lesser of Feed Costs Based on Livestock or Forage Land)	\$ 16,519
National Payment Reduction Factor (%)	60%
Calculated Monthly Payment Rate	\$ 9,911
Drought Intensity Factor (D3 for 1 day)	3
Initial Estimated Calculated Payment Amount	\$ 29,734



LFP Drought Payment Calculation

- If drought intensifies during the normal grazing period, additional payments will automatically be issued
- Total LFP payments to an eligible livestock producer in a calendar year for grazing losses will not exceed a factor of 5 monthly payments for the same kind, type, and weight range of livestock



LFP Fire Payment Calculation

- The payment begins on the first day the livestock are prohibited from grazing and ends on the earlier of:
 - the last day of the Federal lease or
 - 180 calendar days from the first day in which the livestock were prohibited from grazing
- The payment rate is 50 percent of the monthly feed costs for the number of days the producer is prohibited from grazing, not to exceed 180 calendar days
- Payment is the lesser of:
 - The maximum payment calculation or
 - The value of the reduced grazing



LFP Fire Payment Calculation

Example: Producer Bob has a federal permit to graze 100 AUs for 180 days. He was notified that due to a wildfire, he was required to reduce his permitted AUs to 75 for 110 days:

- Step 1: Calculate total maximum payment:

		X	X		=
Pasture Type	Permitted AUs	Permit Days (Max 180)	Daily AUD Rate (\$1.7521)	X	Maximum Payment Amount
Native Pasture	100	180	\$ 31,538	50%	\$ 15,769



LFP Fire Payment Calculation

Example (cont.): Producer Bob has a federal permit to graze 100 AUs for 180 days. He was notified that due to a wildfire, he was required to reduce his permitted AUs to 75 for 110 days:

- Step 2: Calculate the value of the reduced grazing days:

Pasture Type	Reduced AUs	X Reduced Grazing Days	X Daily AUD Rate (\$1.7521)	X	= Value of Reduced Grazing Days
Native Pasture	75	110	\$ 14,455	50%	\$ 7,227



LFP Fire Payment Calculation

Example (cont.): Producer Bob has a federal permit to graze 100 AUs for 180 days. He was notified that due to a wildfire, he was required to reduce his permitted AUs to 75 for 110 days:

- Step 3: Payment based on the lesser of Step 1 and Step 2:

Calculated Maximum Payment for 100 AUs for 180 days	\$ 15,769
Calculated Value of Reduced Grazing of 75 AUs for 110 days	\$ 7,227
Calculated Estimated LFP Fire Payment Amount	\$ 7,227

Lesser of Steps 1 & 2



Where to Apply



- Local FSA Office

<https://www.farmers.gov/service-locator>



- Select your State and County



Find Your Local Service Center

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Visit the Risk Management Agency website to find a [regional or compliance office](#) or to find an [insurance agent](#) near you.

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