



## Livestock Forage Disaster Program

### Overview

The 2014 Farm Bill makes the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) a permanent program and provides retroactive authority to cover eligible losses back to October 1, 2011. LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire. LFP payments for drought are equal to 60 percent of the monthly feed cost for up to 5 months. LFP payments for fire on federally managed rangeland are equal to 50 percent of the monthly feed cost for the number of days the producer is prohibited from grazing the managed rangeland, not to exceed 180 calendar days. The grazing losses must have occurred on or after Oct. 1, 2011.

Sign-up will begin on or before April 15, 2014, at any local FSA service center. Additional details on the types of information required for an application will be provided as part of the sign-up announcement. Some eligibility restrictions may apply. Please consult your local FSA office for details.

### Eligible Counties for Drought

An eligible livestock producer that owns or leases grazing land or pastureland physically located in a county rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor < <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/> > as having a:

- D2 (severe drought) in a county for 8 consecutive weeks or more during the normal grazing period: assistance equals **one monthly payment**;
- D3 (extreme drought) in a county anytime during the normal grazing period: assistance equals **three monthly payments**;
- D3 (extreme drought) in a county for 4 weeks or more during the normal grazing period or D4 (exceptional drought) anytime during the normal grazing period: assistance equals **four monthly payments**;

- D4 (exceptional drought) in a county for a 4 weeks (consecutive weeks unnecessary) during the normal grazing period: assistance equals **five monthly payments**.

Counties eligible for LFP assistance can be found at [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov). The Drought Mitigation Center has developed a tool to assist producers in determining potential LFP eligibility that may be found at: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/fsa/FsaEligibilityCounty4236.aspx>

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