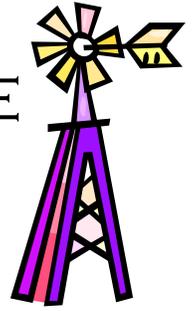




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Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP)

I am sending out a special newsletter specific to the Emergency Livestock Assistance Program. When I first caught wind of some of the provisions set forth in ELAP, I assumed the program was intended to establish a disaster program for producers of honey bees and farm raised fish. However, I recently received the full provisions of this program. This program includes provisions specific to a loss affecting our counties that I am sure most of you will be interested in. **Pasture Loss due to Grasshoppers.** The intent of the program is to provide financial assistance to livestock producers that suffer a loss not covered by the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), or the Supplemental Revenue Disaster Assistance Program (SURE).

Here is an easy way to remember the different programs:

Livestock Indemnity Program – pays for death losses caused by adverse weather

Livestock Forage Program – pays for grazing losses caused by a drought

Emergency Livestock Disaster Program – pays for livestock death losses not covered by LIP and pays for grazing losses/feed losses not covered by LFP.

Supplemental Revenue Disaster Assistance Program – pays for crop losses for losses over 50% of the farm revenue or up to 90% if the county has a disaster declaration.

Eligible producers under ELAP may receive assistance for losses that occur on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011. Eligible losses include feed losses, physical losses and additional costs incurred in providing feed to eligible livestock. Losses due to drought are not eligible.

In order to receive assistance, producers must complete two parts of the ELAP application are:

1. A notice of loss
2. Application for payment

An application for payment cannot be filed until a notice of loss is submitted. Notices of loss may be filed by telephone, fax or email.

Signup for eligible losses during 2008 and 2009, began September 14, 2009. For losses in calendar year 2008, producers must provide a notice of loss and application for payment in their administrative county office no later than **December 10, 2009**. Application for payment for calendar year 2009 losses shall be filed no later than January 30, 2010.

Producers who suffer losses September 14, 2009, through December 31, 2009, shall file a notice of loss within 30 days of when the loss is apparent to the participant, but no later than January 30, 2010.

There are no late filed provisions for ELAP. Producers with eligible losses must timely file an acreage report on grazing land acres, honey bee colonies and farm-raised fish pond acres

Physical losses of honey bees and honey bee hives lost due to adverse weather or natural occurrence are eligible under ELAP. Producers will be required to provide documentation of beginning and ending inventory of honey bee colonies when claiming a physical loss of honey bees or honey bee hives. Physical losses will be compensated at 60 percent of the actual replacement cost of the honey bees or honey bee hives.

Additional ELAP information is available at FSA county offices or on line at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 10th

Deadline to file a notice of loss for 2008 ELAP or
2009 ELAP for losses incurred before Sept 14th, 2009

30 days after loss is apparent

Deadline to file a notice of loss for 2009 ELAP for losses
incurred after Sept 14th, 2009

Jan 30th

Deadline to file application for payment for 2008/2009 ELAP

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