

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)



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What is LFP?

- Authorized by 2014 Farm Bill
- Administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- Compensate producers who have suffered grazing losses due to a qualifying drought or fire on native or improved pastures.



Eligible Producers

- Owned livestock 60 days prior to qualifying drought.
- Owned or leased pasture located in county designated as having a qualifying drought.
- File acreage reports with FSA.
 - Late filing fees may apply if not filed on time.



Qualifying Drought

- Drought designation are determined by the U.S. Drought Monitor as published by The National Drought Mitigation Center. (<http://http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>)

U.S. Drought Monitor
Oklahoma



April 8, 2014
(Released Thursday April 10, 2014)
Valid 7 a.m. Eastern

Statistics type: Traditional (D0-D4, D1-D4, etc.) Categorical (D0, D1, etc.)
Drought Condition (Percent Area)

Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4/9/2014	6.34	93.66	76.48	52.63	26.39	13.54
Last Week	4/1/2014	4.05	95.95	77.48	50.67	24.03	8.61
3 Months Ago	1/7/2014	50.84	49.16	38.17	18.99	4.84	2.40
Start of Calendar Year	12/31/2013	50.84	49.16	38.17	18.99	4.84	2.40
Start of Water Year	10/1/2013	21.74	78.26	43.00	17.62	4.42	1.45
One Year Ago	4/9/2013	0.70	99.30	85.01	61.00	36.44	9.56

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Intensity:



Qualifying Drought

- Payments are based upon different levels or drought severity.

Drought Level	Time Period ¹	Payment/Animal Unit ^{2,3,4}
D2 – Severe Drought	8 Consecutive Weeks	1 Month
D3 – Extreme Drought	Any Time	3 Months
D3 – Extreme Drought	4 Weeks	4 Months
D4 – Exceptional Drought	Any Time	4 Months
D4 – Exceptional Drought	4 Weeks	5 Months

- 1 – Drought must occur during the forage types defined growing season.
- 2 – Monthly payment amount as determined by USDA.
- 3 – Animal units can not exceed USDA allowable stocking rates.
- 4 – Payment is 60% of USDA estimated feed costs.



Qualifying Forage Types

Forage Type	Growing Season
Warm Season Improved Pasture (Bermuda Grass, Bahia Grass)	April 15 to November 14
Cool Season Improved Pasture (Fescue, Ryegrass)	November 15 to April 14
Native Pasture	April 15 to November 14



Qualifying Animals

- As of the beginning date of the qualifying drought or fire...
 - Owned 60 days
 - Used as a part of a farming operation
 - Not have been in a feedlot
- Not have been maintained for reasons other than a farming operation.
 - Recreational or pleasure animals
 - Roping or show animals
- Types of animals

Cattle	Buffalo	Beefalo	Deer
Goats	Poultry	Horses	Elk
Sheep	Llamas	Reindeer	Emu



Application Process

- If a qualifying drought or fire occurs in a producer's county where they operate a livestock operation..
 - Producers have 30 days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing loss occurred
 - Producers must have the following to apply:
 - Physical location of livestock
 - Livestock inventory during drought period
 - Evidence that land is owned or leased by livestock owner



For More Information

- Contact

- Your local county FSA office
- Your local county OSU Extension office

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