

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

The Louisiana Farm Service Agency (FSA) is currently taking applications for ranchers and livestock producers that may be eligible for assistance from the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) for grazing losses incurred in 2015.

According to Louisiana Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director, Craig A. McCain, the following parishes recently met qualifying drought ratings that ‘trigger’ eligibility for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program on improved and native pastures:

Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Baton Rouge, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Helena, St. Landry, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Union, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Carroll, West Feliciana and Winn.

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program provides compensation to livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to drought. For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor located at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>.

Eligible livestock include alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep or swine that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland during the normal grazing period.

Applications are required for 2015 losses. To expedite applications, producers who experienced losses in 2015 are encouraged to collect records documenting their losses. Supporting documents may include information related to grazing leases or federal grazing permits, contract grower agreements, and more.

“We encourage producers to contact their local FSA office for an appointment, and to learn what records are required to apply for assistance,” said McCain. Information can also be obtained online at: disaster.fsa.usda.gov.