



Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program

OVERVIEW

The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides payments to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish to help to compensate for losses due to disease (including cattle tick fever), adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary. ELAP was authorized by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (the 2014 Farm Bill) as a permanent program and provides retroactive authority to cover losses that occurred on or after Oct. 1, 2011.

ELAP assistance is provided for losses not covered by the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

Enrollment will begin on April 15, 2014, at all local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. Additional details on the types of information required for an ELAP application will be provided as part of the sign-up announcement. Some eligibility restrictions may apply. Please consult a local FSA office for details.

ELIGIBLE LOSSES

ELAP provides assistance for livestock grazing, feed, and death losses; honeybee feed, colony, and hive losses; and fish feed and death losses. ELAP also covers losses related to expenses incurred to gather cattle for cattle tick fever treatment and, beginning in 2014, for losses related to the cost of transporting water due to an eligible drought.

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