



## Livestock Assistance Grant Program

### Overview

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Livestock Assistance Grant Program (LAGP) provides \$50 million in state block grants to help livestock producers partially recover forage production losses due to certain drought conditions during 2006. Livestock producers in certain drought-affected states may be eligible for the program. A complete list of eligible states and counties will be posted by 10 a.m. Eastern time (ET), Sept. 1, 2006, online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/fsa.asp>.

Section 32 of the Act of Aug. 24, 1935, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to distribute the funds to re-establish farmers' purchasing power. FSA will distribute LAGP funds to eligible states.

### State Eligibility and Role

To be eligible for LAGP funds, a state must have a county that meets LAGP eligibility requirements (See Eligible Counties).

Eligible states will receive LAGP funds after entering into Memorandums of Understanding with FSA. The amount of money distributed to eligible states will be based on the number of adult beef cattle and sheep in eligible counties in each state as determined by USDA's National Agricultural

Statistics Service.

Application procedures for livestock forage production loss funds will be determined by each state. Each state will distribute funds through its own program.

### Eligible Counties

Producers of livestock who suffered forage production losses in an eligible county may be eligible for payment.

To be eligible, a county must have experienced exceptional drought (Category D4 Drought on the U.S. Drought Monitor) or extreme drought (D3 level) during March 7, 2006, to Aug. 31, 2006. A complete list of eligible counties will be posted by 10 a.m. ET, Sept. 1, 2006, online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/fsa.asp>.

### Eligibility

Additional provisions related to assistance are:

- Only producers of livestock who suffered forage production losses in eligible counties may receive payments.
- Assistance may be provided for such things as the cost of lost forage, supplemental feeding, the cost of relocating livestock to new feed supplies, increased feed transportation cost and the cost of emergency water supplies.

- The amount of aid received by a livestock producer may not exceed the amount of forage production and related losses suffered as a result of drought in 2006.

### Payment Limitations

A livestock producer may receive a maximum of \$10,000 from his or her state's block grant program.

### Sign-up

States will conduct a sign-up for their respective programs and inform producers of the sign-up period.

### For More Information

For more information about FSA and FSA programs, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/> on the World Wide Web or your local USDA Service Center.

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