Farm Service Agency, USDA

§ 760.905 Eligible owners and contract growers.

(a) To be considered eligible, a livestock owner must have had legal ownership of the eligible livestock, as provided in §760.906(a), on the day the livestock died.

(b) To be considered eligible, a contract grower on the day the livestock died must have had:

(1) A written agreement with the owner of eligible livestock setting the specific terms, conditions, and obligations of the parties involved regarding the production of livestock; and

(2) Control of the eligible livestock, as provided in §760.906(b), on the day the livestock died.

§ 760.906 Eligible livestock.

(a) To be considered eligible livestock for livestock owners, livestock must be adult or non-adult dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, catfish, crawfish, equine, sheep, goats, swine, poultry, deer, or reindeer and meet all the conditions in paragraph (c) of this section.

(b) To be considered eligible livestock for contract growers, livestock must be poultry or swine as defined in §760.903 and meet all the conditions in paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) To be considered eligible, livestock must meet all of the following conditions:

(1) Died in an eligible county as a direct result of an eligible disaster event;

(i) After January 1, 2005, but before February 28, 2007;

(ii) No later than 60 calendar days from the ending date of the applicable disaster period, but before February 28, 2007; and

(iii) In the calendar year for which benefits are being requested.

(2) The disaster event that caused the loss must be the same event for which a natural disaster was declared or designated.

(3) Been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation on the day they died; and

(4) Before dying, not have been produced or maintained for reasons other than commercial use as part of a farming operation, including, but not limited to, wild free roaming animals or animals used for recreational purposes, such as pleasure, hunting, roping, pets, or for show.

(d) In those counties in §760.902, the following types of animals owned by a livestock owner are eligible livestock:

(1) Adult beef bulls;

(2) Adult beef cows;

(3) Adult buffalo or beefalo bulls;

(4) Adult buffalo or beefalo cows;

(5) Adult dairy bulls;

(6) Adult dairy cows;

(7) Catfish;

(8) Chickens, broilers, pullets;

(9) Chickens, chicks;

(10) Chickens, layers, roasters;

(11) Crawfish;

(12) Deer;

(13) Ducks;

(14) Ducks, ducklings;

(15) Equine;

(16) Geese, goose;

(17) Geese, gosling;

(18) Goats, bucks;

(19) Goats, does;

(20) Goats, kids;

(21) Non-adult beef cattle;

(22) Non-adult buffalo/beefalo;

(23) Non-adult dairy cattle;

(24) Reindeer

(25) Sheep, ewes;

(26) Sheep, lambs;

(27) Sheep, rams;

(28) Swine, feeder pigs under 50 pounds;

(29) Swine, sows, boars, barrows, gilts 50 to 150 pounds;

(30) Swine, sows, boars, barrows, gilts over 150 pounds;

(31) Turkeys, poults; and

(32) Turkeys, toms, fryers, and roasters.

(e) In those counties in §760.902, the following types of animals are eligible livestock for contract growers:

(1) Chickens, broilers, pullets;

(2) Chickens, layers, roasters;
§ 760.907 Application process.

(a) To apply for 2005–2007 LIP, submit a completed application to the administrative county FSA office that maintains the farm records for your agricultural operation, a copy of your grower contract, if you are a contract grower, and other supporting documents required for determining your eligibility as an applicant. Supporting documents must show:

1. Evidence of loss,
2. Current physical location of livestock in inventory, and
3. Physical location of claimed livestock at the time of death.

(b) The application must be filed during the application period announced by the Deputy Administrator.

(c) A minor child is eligible to apply for program benefits if all eligibility requirements are met and one of the following conditions exists:

1. The right of majority has been conferred upon the minor by court proceedings or statute;
2. A guardian has been appointed to manage the minor’s property, and the applicable program documents are executed by the guardian; or
3. A bond is furnished under which a surety guarantees any loss incurred for which the minor would be liable had the minor been an adult.

(d) The participant must provide adequate proof that the death of the eligible livestock occurred in an eligible county as a direct result of an eligible disaster event during the applicable disaster period. The quantity and kind of livestock that died as a direct result of the eligible disaster event may be documented by: purchase records; veterinarian records; bank or other loan papers; rendering truck receipts; Federal Emergency Management Agency records; National Guard records; written contracts; production records; Internal Revenue Service records; property tax records; private insurance documents; and other similar verifiable documents as determined by FSA.

(e) Certification of livestock deaths by third parties may be accepted only if both the following conditions are met:

1. The livestock owner or livestock contract grower, as applicable, certifies in writing:
   a. That there is no other documentation of death available;
   b. The number of livestock, by category determined by FSA, were in inventory at the time the applicable disaster event occurred; and
   c. Other details required for FSA to determine the certification acceptable; and
2. The third party provides their telephone number, address, and a written statement containing:
   a. Specific details about their knowledge of the livestock deaths;
   b. Their affiliation with the livestock owner;
   c. The accuracy of the deaths claimed by the livestock owner; and
   d. Other details required by FSA to determine the certification acceptable.

(f) Data furnished by the participant will be used to determine eligibility for program benefits. Furnishing the data is voluntary; however, without all required data program benefits will not be approved or provided.

§ 760.908 Deceased individuals or dissolved entities.

(a) Payments may be made for eligible losses suffered by an eligible participant who is now a deceased individual or is a dissolved entity if a representative, who currently has authority to enter into a contract, on behalf of the participant, signs the application for payment.

(b) Legal documents showing proof of authority to sign for the deceased individual or dissolved entity must be provided.

(c) If a participant is now a dissolved general partnership or joint venture, all members of the general partnership or joint venture at the time of dissolution or their duly authorized representatives must sign the application for payment.