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Livestock Indemnity Program Benefits Available

(Rock Rapids, Iowa), March 6, 2019 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Samantha Sherwood in Lyon County announced that producers who suffer qualifying livestock losses due to natural disasters, including blizzards and extreme cold, could be eligible for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

“LIP provides livestock producers with a vital safety net to help them overcome the damaging financial impact of natural disasters,” said Sherwood.

LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to an eligible adverse weather event, including losses due to blizzards, extreme cold, extreme heat, and floods.

“A notice of loss must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent,” said Sherwood. “Livestock that die within 30 days of the date of the eligible loss condition may be considered eligible for loss benefits if the animal died because of the eligible loss condition. Producers must also file an application for payment no later than 60 days after the calendar year in which the eligible loss condition occurred.”

The LIP national payment rate for eligible livestock owners is based on 75 percent of the average fair market value of the livestock.

According to Sherwood, producers should contact their local county FSA office to submit a notice of loss and schedule an appointment to file an application for payment.

Producers are encouraged to submit supporting evidence, including documentation of the number and kind of livestock that died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records to document the loss, purchase records, veterinarian records, production records and other similar documents.

For more information on LIP, please contact your local FSA office or visit FSA online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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