

Farm Service Agency

ELAP

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

FACT SHEET
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Overview

The 2014 Farm Bill authorized up to \$20 million of Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds each fiscal year for the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). ELAP provides financial assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish for losses due to disease, certain adverse weather events or loss conditions, including blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary. ELAP assistance is provided for losses not covered by other disaster assistance programs authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, such as losses not covered by the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, enacted February 9, 2018, amended certain provisions related to ELAP effective with the 2017 program year. Those amendments included:

- removing the \$20 million funding cap for the 2017 and subsequent program years;
- removing LIP from the combined ELAP, LFP and LIP maximum per person and legal entity payment limitation for the 2017 and subsequent program years.

ELAP is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Eligible Losses

ELAP provides assistance for livestock death losses; feed and grazing losses that are not due to drought or wildfires on federally managed lands; losses resulting from the cost of transporting water to livestock due to an eligible drought; losses resulting from the additional cost associated with gathering livestock for treatment related to cattle tick fever, honeybee feed, colony and hive losses; and farm-raised fish feed and death losses.

Eligibility Requirements and Payment Calculations

For additional information regarding eligibility requirements and payment calculations for a specific type of livestock, honeybee and/or farm-raised fish loss, see the ELAP - Farm-Raised Fish Assistance, ELAP - Honeybee Assistance or ELAP - Livestock Assistance fact sheet at www.fsa.usda.gov/ELAP.



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Payment Limitations

The Bipartisan Budget Act removed LIP from a combined \$125,000 payment limitation under ELAP, LFP and LIP. Therefore, effective for 2017 and subsequent program years, a person or legal entity, excluding a joint venture or general partnership, may not receive, directly or indirectly, more than \$125,000 total in payments under ELAP and LFP. The average adjusted gross income (AGI) limitation relating to limits on payments for persons or legal entities, excluding joint ventures and general partnerships, with certain levels of average AGI apply. Specifically, a person or legal entity with an average AGI (as defined in 7 CFR Part 1400) that exceeds \$900,000 is not eligible to receive ELAP payments.

Direct attribution provisions also apply to ELAP. Under direct attribution, any payment to a legal entity will also be considered for payment limitation purposes to be a payment to persons or legal entities with an interest in the legal entity or in a sub-entity. To learn more, visit the Payment Eligibility and Payment Limitations fact sheet at www.fsa.usda.gov/payment-limitations.



Applying for Assistance

Producers can apply to receive ELAP assistance at local FSA service centers. The application period ends no later than Nov. 1 after the end of the program year in which the livestock, honeybee and/or farm-raised fish loss occurred.

In addition to submitting an application for payment, producers who suffered losses must submit a notice of loss to the local FSA service center that maintains the farm records for their business.

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and application for payment for losses.

Date of Loss	Final Date to File Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
Within a program year	30 days after loss is apparent	Nov. 1 after the program year in which the loss occurred

For More Information

This fact sheet is for informational purposes only; other restrictions may apply. For more information about ELAP, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/ELAP or contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.