



2008 Farm Bill Drought Assistance Programs

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1) Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) was authorized by the 2008 farm bill to assist producers with grazing losses due to drought or fire for covered livestock. Producers receive benefits of 60% of the lesser of: the monthly feed cost or the value of the pasture. Eligibility for the program is determined on a county basis by the U.S. Drought Monitor. Producers must apply for benefits within 30 days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing losses occurred. To qualify for the program, producers must have a crop insurance policy or a Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy on grazed acres with a loss. Producers are only required to have insurance coverage on acres for which benefits are being requested. This program is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). For more information on eligibility and payment rates, click on the LFP fact sheet and Eligibility map at the end of this article. Producers should apply for benefits at their county FSA office.

2) CRP Haying and Grazing

Under certain conditions, haying and grazing of CRP acreage is allowed for livestock producers. Managed haying and grazing is allowed in one out of every three years following the establishment of the CRP cover. Emergency haying and grazing is authorized by either the national FSA office or the state FSA committee (using the U.S. Drought Monitor) during severe drought or disaster periods (regardless of whether or not the acreage was hayed or grazed during the managed haying and grazing period in the previous two years). However, acreage hayed or grazed during either the managed or emergency authorizations in the current year would not be eligible for managed haying or grazing for two years. In addition, neither type of haying and grazing is allowed during the Primary Nesting Season for certain wildlife. To be eligible for either managed or emergency haying and grazing, acreage must be managed under the following practices: CP1 (introduced grass), CP2 (native grass), CP4B (wildlife corridors), CP4D (wildlife habitat), CP10 (established grass), CP18B (Saline areas), CP18C (Saline areas), and CP38 (Oklahoma SAFE mixed grass – graze only). Producers who elect to participate in either managed haying or grazing will receive a 25% reduction in their annual rental payment on the acres hayed or grazed and the acres will not be eligible for managed haying or grazing for two years. To participate, producers should file a request with their county FSA office.

Emergency Haying and Grazing Guidelines

Due to the drought that is currently affecting the State, emergency haying and grazing has been authorized for some Oklahoma counties. As shown in the map below, the following Oklahoma counties have been approved for emergency haying and/or grazing as of March 21, 2011: Cimarron, Roger Mills, Beckham, Harmon, Greer, Washita, Kiowa, Jackson, Tillman, Comanche, and Cotton. As of April 11, 2011, McCurtain County has been also approved for haying and

grazing. In all approved counties, only one hay cutting is allowed and a minimum grazing height is required. Due to the Primary Nesting Season, grazing and haying will not be allowed from May 1, 2011 through July 1, 2011 in any of the counties affected by the drought. Emergency haying and grazing will resume on July 2 if drought conditions continue in these counties.

Oklahoma 2011 Emergency Grazing and Haying



STC Approved for Emergency Haying and Grazing



As of: 04/11/2011

Source: Oklahoma Farm Service Agency

Managed Haying and Grazing Guidelines

Managed haying and grazing is authorized in all Oklahoma counties in one out of every three years following the establishment of the CRP cover. The managed grazing period for 2011 in Oklahoma counties is July 2, 2011 – September 30, 2011. The managed haying period for 2011 in Oklahoma counties is July 2, 2011 – August 10, 2011.

Additional Resources

USDA Farm Service Agency Fact Sheets and Information

- Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP):
http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/lfp_2011_pfs.pdf
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program Eligibility Maps
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=lfp>
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)
http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/nap09.pdf
- CRP Emergency and Managed Haying and Grazing
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=crp-eg>

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