

Eligible ranchers and livestock producers began applying for benefits through the Livestock Indemnity Program provided in the 2008 Farm Bill on July 13.

“This program will provide livestock producers with a vital safety net to help them overcome the damaging financial impact of natural disasters,” said Dan Steinkruger, State Executive Director for USDA Farm Service Agency.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

The schedule above provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses.

For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit your FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Date of Livestock Death	Final Date to file a notice of loss	Final date to submit an application for payment
Calendar Year 2008	Sept. 13, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009
Jan. 1, 2009-July 12, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009	Jan. 30, 2010
July 13, 2009-Dec. 31, 2009	30 days after death if apparent	Jan. 30, 2010