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Producers Reminded of FSA's 2011 Livestock Disaster Program Deadline

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- August 16, 2011 -- Steven Maurer, State Executive Director for Ohio's Farm Service Agency (FSA), would like to remind producers who lose livestock due to adverse weather, such as hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, extreme heat and extreme cold, on or after January 1, 2011, and before October 1, 2011, can sign-up for the FSA's Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

Livestock losses had to occur no later than 60 days after the adverse weather event, but prior to October 1, 2011. For livestock losses that occur in calendar year 2011, producers will have 30 days after the death to file a notice of loss to FSA, but not later than October 31, 2011 to apply for payment.

Adequate documentation must prove the death of eligible livestock occurred as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event in the calendar year for which benefits are being requested. If adequate verifiable proof of death records documentation is not available, a livestock producer may provide reliable records, along with verifiable beginning and ending inventory, as proof of death.

Certifications of livestock deaths by third parties, who are not affiliated with the farming operation, may be accepted only if verifiable proof of death records or reliable proof of death records along with verifiable beginning and ending inventory records are not available.

LIP indemnity payments will be based on 75 percent of the fair market value of the livestock as determined by FSA.

Producers who have questions regarding livestock disaster assistance program eligibility and the application process should contact their local FSA office.