



ELAP (EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK, HONEY BEES, AND FARM-RAISED FISH PROGRAM)

WHAT IS ELAP?

ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish. It covers losses due to adverse weather or other loss conditions including blizzards, disease, flood, water transport, and wildfires.

Farmers may be eligible for ELAP, LIP, and ECP for the same disaster depending on the types of losses. For example, a livestock farm hit by a hurricane could use ELAP for damaged feed, LIP for cattle deaths due to the hurricane, and ECP for repair of livestock fencing.

**An individual or entity applying must have a Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) below \$900,000*

WHICH PRODUCERS CAN APPLY?

LIVESTOCK

Farmers who:

- own or have a contract for grazing animals (alpacas, adult or non-adult dairy cattle, adult or non-adult beef cattle, adult or non-adult buffalo, adult or non-adult beefalo, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, reindeer, and sheep),
- owned them or entered into contract during the 60 calendar days before the beginning date of eligible event,
- have animals for ag commercial/production purposes,
- Have suffered loss of grazing land, feed, costs of transporting water, or costs of treating CTF.

Farmers who have suffered a loss of:

- grazing land/pastureland — if not due to drought or wildfires on federal lands (LFP), eligible loss on grazing land must be physically located in the county where eligible adverse weather or loss condition occurred.
- Forage and feed — purchased, mechanically harvested, added cost of transporting due to weather/loss, or additional cost of purchase above normal quantities required to maintain livestock.
- Costs of transporting water — eligible livestock had existing and adequate watering system, do not normally require transported water; cost of equipment, rental, contract labor (not for water itself).

BEEES

Farmers who:

- have an interest and risk in an eligible colony for the purposes of producing honey, pollinating, or breeding for commercial use as part of a farming operation on the beginning date of the eligible adverse weather or loss condition; and
- suffered an eligible honeybee loss in a county where the eligible adverse weather or loss condition occurred on the beginning date of the eligible adverse weather or loss condition.

Losses of colonies must be in excess of normal mortality. ELAP covers damage to hives and feed that was purchased or produced, including additional feed purchased above normal quantities to sustain honeybees until such time that additional feed becomes available.

Eligible Honeybees include

- bees housed in a managed hive and used for honey production, pollination, or breeding,
- does NOT include wild, feral honeybees, leaf cutter bees or other bee species.

FARM-RAISED FISH

Farmers who:

- owned or leased property with readily identifiable boundaries,
- had control of the waterbed, the ground under the specific type of water and not just control over a column of water; and
- provided purchased or produced feed to the farm-raised fish.
- does not cover turtles or alligators.

Eligible Losses include:

- fish loss: death losses in excess of normal mortality due to weather/loss condition,
- bait or game fish grown in controlled environment,
- aquatic organisms grown as food for human consumption (or as food for fish for human consumption) in controlled environment,
- ornamental fish or fish maintained for commercial use as part of farming operation,
- destroyed due to eligible weather or loss condition; physically located in county where weather occurred.

PROCESS

ELIGIBLE LOSS	RELEVANT DATES	DOCUMENTATION
 Colony collapse disorder (for colony loss only), earthquake, winter storm (colony loss only), excessive wind, flood, hurricane, tornado, volcanic eruption, wildfire <i>If loss is due to CCD, the participant must provide a producer certification that the loss was a direct result of at least 3 of the 5 symptoms of CCD and document proof that best management practices are being followed, (proper nutrition, preventative treatment for varroa mites and disease, proper maintenance of hive equipment, proper colony management).</i>	Final date to file notice of loss: 15 days after loss is apparent. - The FSA county office will review the notice of loss. If the loss is deemed eligible then the office will complete a worksheet to calculate the payment, which is signed by the applicant. - The final date to sign the application for payment is Jan. 30 after the calendar year in which the loss occurred	Proof of inventory at beginning of program year and after eligible weather event.
 (Feed/grazing loss) Blizzard; Eligible winter storm; Flood; Hurricane; Lightning; Tidal surge; Tornado; Volcanic eruption; or Wildfire on non-federal land. (Water Transport) Rated as a D3 (extreme drought) intensity by US Drought Monitor <i>Supporting documents must show evidence of loss, current physical location of livestock in inventory and evidence that grazing land or pastureland is owned or leased.</i>	Final date to file notice of loss: 30 days after loss is apparent - The FSA county office will review the notice of loss. If the loss is deemed eligible then the office will complete a worksheet to calculate the payment, which is signed by the applicant. - The final date to sign the application for payment is Jan. 30 after the calendar year in which the loss occurred	Copy of the grower contract if they are a contract grower and any other supporting documents required for determining eligibility.
 Earthquakes, excessive heat (death loss), excessive wind (feed loss), flooding, freeze, hurricane, tidal surge, tornado, volcanic eruption	Final date to file notice of loss: 30 days after loss is apparent - The FSA county office will review the notice of loss. If the loss is deemed eligible then the office will complete a worksheet to calculate the payment, which is signed by the applicant. - The final date to sign the application for payment is Jan. 30 after the calendar year in which the loss occurred	Fish inventory or feed costs receipts are required.

PAYMENTS

**90% rates are available for beginning, limited resourced, socially disadvantaged (SDA), and veteran farmers*

HONEYBEES	To calculate payments: Colony Loss = 75/90% x # colonies lost above normal 22% mortality (due to weather/loss condition) x avg market value per colony (2021, \$100/colony) Hive Loss = 75/90% x # hives lost due to weather/loss condition x avg market value per hive (\$200/hive) Feed Loss = 60/90% x actual cost of purchased/harvest feed damaged due to weather AND/OR feed purchased above normal quantities to sustain honeybees
FARM-RAISED FISH	Fish Loss = 75/90% x # fish lost in excess of normal mortality (due to weather/loss condition) x state's avg market value per fish species (determined by FSA) Feed Loss = 60/90% x actual cost of purchased/harvested feed intended for eligible fish that was damaged
LIVESTOCK	Grazing Loss = 60/90% lesser of 1) feed cost x # grazing days lost (150 max) or 2) normal carrying capacity x grazing days lost (150 max) Feed Loss = 60/90% of 1) value of purchased/harvest feed damaged by weather, 2) additional cost of transporting feed, or 3) additional cost of buying feed above normal quantities (150 days max) Water Transport = 60/90% lesser of 1) cost to transport water for up to 150 days, based on livestock requirements, 2) cost to transport water for the program year Cattle Tick Fever = 60/90% x # eligible livestock treated/inspected x avg cost to gather livestock per head (established by FSA)

WHAT TO DO BEFORE A LOSS

- **KNOW YOUR FSA AGENT**
- **KEEP GOOD RECORDS**
- **ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE ALL GROWER CONTRACTS**
- **SAVE RECEIPTS FOR EXPENSES**

WHAT TO DO AFTER A LOSS

- **DOCUMENT LOSS**
Document damage as soon as possible (as soon as you notice loss/ as soon as disaster occurs)
- **CONTACT LOCAL FSA OFFICE**
Report your loss right away to the local FSA office (within 30 days for livestock and fish, 15 days for bees)

FSA CONTACT INFORMATION

Visit:
<https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app> to locate your nearest FSA office. If you have trouble locating, getting in touch, or receiving adequate service from? your agent, please let us know.

To learn more and inquire about particular FSA disaster assistance programs, email resourcesforresilientfarms@rafiusa.org or call 877.207.6373

About the Farmers of Color Network at RAFI-USA

FOCN develops relationships with farmers of color in order to support and honor multi-generational organizing, sustainable agricultural practices, and ancestral traditions and knowledge. FOCN provides farmer-led technical assistance, offers funding opportunities, and hosts networking events and gatherings to expand market access.