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LIVESTOCK LOSS PROGRAM DEADLINES ANNOUNCED BY FSA
Farm Service Agency Applications Due by January 31

Kahului, Hawaii, Jan. 21, 2011— Diane Ley, State Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Hawaii today reminded eligible livestock producers that January 31, 2011 is the final date to submit applications for three 2010 livestock disaster recovery programs known as LIP, ELAP and LFP. These disaster assistance programs are part of the 2008 Farm Bill that provides a safety net for farms and ranches subject to natural disasters.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) applications must be submitted by this date to request benefits for 2010 eligible livestock losses. The same deadline applies for eligible producers to submit their Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) application for losses that occurred during the 2010 calendar year. And the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) also has a deadline of January 31 to apply for losses that occurred in the 2010 calendar year.

The notice of loss for 2010 livestock death loss and eligible losses under both ELAP and LIP programs must have been filed the earlier of 30 days after the livestock deaths occurred in 2010 or 30 calendar days of when the 2010 loss was apparent. The producers must assure their 2010 LIP and ELAP applications, all supporting documentation and producer eligibility are received in their county office no later than January 31, 2011 to be considered as "timely filed".

The ELAP program provides benefits for eligible weather-related losses to livestock but also to honey-bees and farm-raised fish. In addition ELAP provides assistance to producers with eligible losses of livestock due to wolf depredation.

Both LIP and ELAP provide assistance to eligible livestock owners and contract growers who have experienced livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires and both extreme heat and cold. LFP provides financial assistance for forage and grazing land owners experiencing losses due to extreme drought conditions as determined by the National Drought Monitor.

For more information on these supplemental disaster assistance programs and others, please contact the Maui FSA County Office at (808) 871-5500 ext. 2 or visit our web site at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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