



Fire Recovery Farm Service Agency Documentation Checklist (August 2015)

Disaster relief programs through the Farm Service Agency require documentation to maintain the integrity of the programs. The following are suggested forms of documentation to show risk, ownership and loss. Applicants do not need all of these forms of documentation. Additional forms of documentation may be used if the items listed are not available.

Grazing/Feed Losses

Participants with grazing losses must provide acceptable verifiable or reliable records that: additional feed was fed to sustain livestock, or the livestock were removed from the eligible grazing land where the grazing loss occurred.

Possible documentation for proof of loss of grazing land or

- Copy of contract grower contract
- Evidence participant is prohibited by Federal agency from grazing normally permitted livestock on managed rangeland due to fire (Livestock Forage Disaster Program or LFP)
- Evidence that grazing land is owned or leased
- FSA Lease Agreement Certification Form will be used when a written lease agreement does not exist. (To be completed by all landowners/landlords and/or lessors in the acres leased.)

Livestock ownership and livestock losses

Participants must provide documentation of livestock death. Documentation must provide sufficient data that identifies: kind/type/weight range of livestock and the number of livestock.

Possible documentation for proof of death may include but is not limited to any of the following:

- Rendering truck receipts or certificates
- National Guard records
- Veterinary records
- Records assembled for tax purposes
- Production records
- FEMA records
- Property Tax records
- Private insurance documents
- Written contracts
- Purchase records
- Bank or other loan documents
- Chattel inspections
- Contemporaneous producer records existing at time of event
- Dairy Herd Improvement (DHI) records
- Vaccination/branding records
- Brand inspection records
- Ear tag documentation records
- Trucking and/or livestock hauling records
- Pictures with a date

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The Farm Service Agency will accept third party certification only when the livestock owner or contract grower certifies in writing on CCC-854:

- No other form of proof of death is available.
- Number of livestock, by category, in inventory when deaths occurred.
- Physical location of livestock, by category, in inventory when deaths occurred.

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