

**For:** State and County Offices

**2021 ELAP Livestock Transportation**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

On September 8, 2021, the Secretary announced that USDA was updating ELAP to immediately cover feed transportation costs for drought-impacted ranchers.

Notice ELAP-7 notified State and County Offices that starting in 2021, livestock feed transportation losses are covered under ELAP for identified and approved drought conditions.

Further data provided that because of drought conditions, many producers haul livestock to different areas of the country rather than haul feed or feedstuffs because it is often easier and more financially sound. ELAP will now cover livestock transportation, under the same rules as feed transportation, retroactive to 2021.

Effective April 6, 2022, FSA Service Centers began accepting ELAP applications for these updated revisions.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides:

- authority to accept ELAP applications for livestock transportation because of drought losses
- a deadline of June 30, 2022, for notices of loss for livestock transportation because of eligible drought occurring on or after January 1, 2021, through December 30, 2021
- clarity that a notice of loss for livestock transportation because of eligible drought is eligible beginning in 2022.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
May 1, 2023 5-10-22	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 2 Eligible Drought

#### A Overview

For ELAP, eligible drought means that any area of the county has been rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having either of the following:

- D2 (severe drought) intensity in any area of the county for at least 8 consecutive weeks for the specific type of eligible grazing land or pastureland for the county
- D3 (extreme drought) or D4 (exceptional drought) intensity for the specific type of eligible grazing land or pastureland for the county, as determined by the Secretary.

This definition previously applied to honeybee feed losses, water transportation, and livestock feed transportation. It will also now include livestock transportation.

As of April 6, 2022, all FSA Service Centers may accept 2021 and 2022 ELAP applications based on the above definition that now includes authority for livestock transportation because of drought.

These revisions are only retroactive for the 2021 program year for the livestock transportation because of drought. The program deadline to apply for:

- 2021 is June 30, 2022
- 2022 is January 30, 2023, according to 1-ELAP, subparagraph 6 A.

#### B Livestock Transportation Because of Drought Losses

For producers who are applying for livestock transportation because of drought losses and previously applied for any type of 2021 livestock assistance (grazing, feed, or water transportation) on CCC-851, the County Office must:

- have the producer complete the revised CCC-851 (11-01-21) for livestock transportation because of drought losses
- re-enter **all** livestock losses (grazing, feed, and/or water transportation) in Version 6.0 of the ELAP Excel Workbook
- have the producer sign the ELAP application generated by Version 6.0 of the ELAP Excel Workbook
- update the ELAP payment software with payment data for livestock transportation because of drought loss
- have the producer sign the ELAP application generated by the most recent version of the ELAP Excel Workbook for 2022. Version 1.0 for 2022 was posted.

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### **3 Action**

#### **A State Office Action**

State Offices must:

- ensure that County Offices are aware of the contents of this notice
- assist County Offices with questions about this notice
- contact Seth Cross with any questions about this notice.

#### **B County Office Action**

County Offices must:

- review the contents of this notice
- accept 2021 and 2022 ELAP applications according to this notice
- contact DD or State Office, as applicable, with questions about this notice.