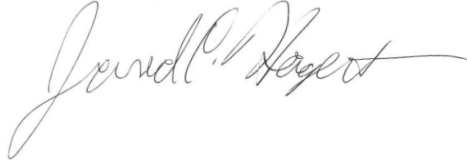


For: State and County Offices

**2026 LFP Payment Rates**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

LFP is authorized in section 1501 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79, 7 U.S.C. 9081). The daily animal unit (AU) feed rate and monthly feed costs or value of forage for 1 AU is calculated after the national average corn price per bushel for the 12-month period immediately preceding March 1 of the calendar year for which the disaster assistance is calculated is determined; compared to the national average corn price per bushel for the 24-month period immediately preceding March 1. CCC uses the higher of these two values to determine the daily AU feed rate, monthly feed costs, or value of forage for 1 AU to calculate 2026 LFP payment rates.

The monthly payment rate for LFP for grazing losses due to a qualifying drought, except for eligible mitigated livestock, will be equal to 60 percent of the lesser of:

- the monthly feed cost for all eligible covered livestock owned or leased by the eligible livestock producer
- the monthly feed cost calculated by using the normal carrying capacity of the eligible grazing land of the eligible livestock producer.

For eligible grazing losses because of a qualifying fire on Federally managed lands, the payment begins on the first day the permitted livestock are prohibited from grazing the eligible rangeland. The payment ends on either the last day of the Federal lease of the eligible livestock producer, or 180 calendar days from the first day in which the livestock were prohibited from grazing, whichever is earlier. The payment rate is 50 percent of the daily feed AU rate for the number of days the producer is prohibited from grazing the managed rangeland because of a qualifying fire, not to exceed 180 calendar days.

Disposal Date	Distribution
April 1, 2027	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 1 Overview (Continued)

#### B Purpose

This notice provides the 2026 LFP:

- daily AU feed rate and monthly value of forage per AU
- payment rates per head by livestock kind, type, and weight class, as applicable.

### 2 2026 LFP Payment Rates

#### A Overview

The 2026 LFP payment rates are established through the Economic and Policy Analysis Division (EPAD) as required in 7 CFR Part 1416.207. These rates have been loaded into the LFP software to allow program benefits to be calculated once applications have been approved. LFP benefits must be calculated according to 1-LFP.

#### B 2026 LFP Daily AU Feed Rate and Monthly Value of Forage

The monthly feed cost for covered livestock is based in part on the number of pounds of corn equivalent per head necessary to provide the energy requirements for the specific kind, type, and weight of livestock for 30 calendar days.

The following table provides the calculation for the 2026 daily feed rate, \$1.1885, and monthly feed cost and value of forage, \$35.66, determined for 1 AU in comparison to 2025.

Step	Action	2025	2026
1	Higher of 12 month or 24 month average corn price per bushel	\$4.92	<b>\$4.24</b>
2	÷ 56 pounds per bushel = per pound price	\$0.0879	<b>\$0.0757</b>
3	X 15.7 pounds to sustain 1 AU for 1 day = <b>Daily AU Feed Rate</b>	\$1.3800	<b>\$1.1885</b>
4	X 30 days = <b>Monthly Feed Cost/Value of Forage for 1 AU</b>	\$41.40	<b>\$35.66</b>

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**2 2026 LFP Payment Rates (Continued)**

**C 2026 LFP Monthly Feed Cost Payment Rates for Covered Livestock**

The following table provides the 2026 LFP monthly payment rates per head by covered livestock category. See 1-LFP, Exhibit 6 for the Standard AU Conversion Chart.

<b>Kind</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weight Range</b>	<b>2026 LFP Payment Rate Per Head</b>
Alpacas			\$7.84
Beef	Adult	Cows and Bulls	\$35.66
	Non-adult	500 pounds or more	\$26.74
		Less than 500 pounds	\$17.83
Beefalo	Adult	Cows and Bulls	\$35.66
	Non-adult	500 pounds or more	\$26.74
		Less than 500 pounds	\$17.83
Buffalo/Bison	Adult	Cows and Bulls	\$35.66
	Non-adult	500 pounds or more	\$26.74
		Less than 500 pounds	\$17.83
Dairy	Adult	Cows and Bulls	\$92.70
	Non-adult	500 pounds or more	\$26.74
		Less than 500 pounds	\$17.83
Deer			\$8.91
Elk			\$19.26
Emu			\$18.25
Equine			\$26.38
Goats			\$8.91
Llamas			\$13.01
Ostrich			\$19.61
Reindeer			\$7.84
Sheep			\$8.91
Water Buffalo	Adult	Cows and Bulls	\$35.66
	Non-adult	500 pounds or more	\$26.74
		Less than 500 pounds	\$17.83

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### 5 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Offices will:

- ensure that County Offices are aware of the contents in this notice
- assist County Offices with questions about this notice
- contact Kelly Breinig at [kelly.breinig@usda.gov](mailto:kelly.breinig@usda.gov) with questions about this notice.

#### B County Office Action

County Offices will:

- review the contents of this notice
- process LFP applications based on policy and procedure in 1-LFP and 2-LFP
- contact DD or State Office, as applicable, with questions about this notice.