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[U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency in Georgia Reminds Livestock Producers in Eligible Counties to Report Forage Losses by Jan. 30](#)

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ATHENS, Ga., Jan. 3, 2024 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Georgia State Executive Director, Arthur Tripp, Jr., reminds livestock producers in eligible counties who suffered grazing losses that occurred throughout 2023 due to drought to report their losses timely and to enroll in the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) by Jan. 30, 2024.

To date, twenty-five Georgia counties have met the drought severity levels that trigger LFP eligibility for the

2023 program year. The counties that are eligible are Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Dade, Dawson, Decatur, Early, Fannin, Floyd, Forsyth, Gilmer, Gordon, Habersham, Lumpkin, Miller, Murray, Pickens, Rabun, Seminole, Towns, Union, Walker, White, and Whitfield.

LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privately-owned or cash-leased land or fire on federally-managed land. Livestock producers are encouraged to contact their local USDA Service Center with any questions regarding specific forage crops that are eligible.

"Prolonged drought conditions have created a need for livestock disaster assistance programs in many Georgia counties," said Tripp. "I encourage all affected livestock producers in the eligible counties to contact their local USDA Service Center to schedule an appointment to enroll in the program before the Jan. 30 deadline."

Livestock producers must complete the LFP application and required supporting documentation no later than Jan. 30, 2024, for losses that occurred throughout 2023. Producers who already have appointments scheduled require no additional action to meet the deadline.

Eligible livestock includes alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep, or swine that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland.

Visit www.usda.gov/disaster to learn more about FSA disaster assistance programs. To find a local USDA Service Center, visit www.farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator.

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