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## **Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program and Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers Program**

United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced an additional program to aid producers that had to depopulate their livestock due to issues that arose from the COVID-19 pandemic. Secretary Vilsack also announced a new program to provide financial relief to timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses that experienced losses in 2020 due to COVID-19.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) issued an announcement on the availability of funds for the Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP) to provide assistance to producers for losses of livestock and poultry depopulated from March 1, 2020, through December 26, 2020, due to insufficient processing access as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and for the cost of depopulation and disposal. FSA is implementing PLIP, as authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

PLIP payments will be based on 80 percent of the fair market value of the livestock and poultry and for the cost of depopulation and disposal of the animal. Eligible livestock and poultry include swine, chickens, and turkeys. Eligible livestock owners include persons or legal entities who, as of the day the eligible livestock was depopulated, had legal ownership of the livestock. Payments are not available to processors/packer plants, livestock/poultry dealers, or contract growers. Specific pandemic aid for contract growers is expected to be announced later.

There is no per person or legal entity payment limitation on PLIP payments. To be eligible for payments, a person or legal entity must have an average adjusted gross income of less than \$900,000 for tax years 2016, 2017, and 2018.

To simplify administration of PLIP, FSA has determined a single payment rate per head for each of the categories of livestock and poultry. The categories and

market values are consistent with the categories and nationwide prices used to administer the Livestock Indemnity Program.

Applications opened earlier this week, July 20, 2021, for eligible livestock and poultry producers. Producers can apply for PLIP by completing the FSA-620, Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program application, and submitting it to their FSA county office. FSA will accept the applications through **September 17, 2021**.

The Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers program (PATHH) was announced this week. PATHH provides up to \$200 million to support timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses that experienced a loss of at least 10 percent gross revenue from January 1 through December 1, 2020, compared to the same period in 2019.

Individual loggers or truckers, or legal entities, may be eligible for up to \$125,000 in financial assistance through this program.

FSA will accept applications for PATHH from July 22, 2021 through **October 15, 2021**.

### **Additional Information**

For additional updates from Kentucky Farm Bureau and resources related to COVID-19 you may visit: [www.kyfb.com/federation/covid-19-resources/](http://www.kyfb.com/federation/covid-19-resources/).

For additional information on PLIP you may visit:  
<https://www.farmers.gov/pandemic-assistance/plip>.

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