

## Public info meeting planned

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### County FSA Program Meetings

The Perkins County Farm Service Agency will be holding a public information meeting April 15th to cover Livestock Disaster Programs and updates/changes to the Farm Loan programs that were implemented with the 2014 Farm Bill. The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 15, at 8 a.m. at the Grant USDA conference room, located at 927 Central Avenue in Grant. Topics to be discussed will be the Livestock Forage Program, Emergency Livestock Assistance Program, the new Microloan Program and more.

### Make an Appointment

The 2014 Farm Bill makes the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) permanent programs and provides retroactive authority to cover losses back to Oct. 1, 2011.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire.

LFP payments for drought are equal to 60 percent of the monthly feed cost for up to five months.

LFP payments for fire on federally managed rangeland are equal to 50 percent of the monthly feed cost for the number of days the producer is prohibited from grazing the managed rangeland, not to exceed 180 calendar days.

Eligible counties for drought are based on the drought monitor and time in each level of drought. An eligible livestock producer that owns or leases grazing land or pastureland physically located in a county rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having a: D2 (severe drought) in a county for eight consecutive weeks or more during the normal grazing period: assistance equals one monthly payment; D3 (extreme drought) in a county anytime during the normal grazing period: assistance equals three monthly payments; D3 (extreme drought) in a county for four weeks or more during the normal grazing period or D4 (exceptional drought) anytime during the normal grazing period: assistance equals four monthly payments; D4 (exceptional drought) in a county for a four weeks (consecutive weeks unnecessary) during the normal grazing period: assistance equals five monthly payments.

Perkins County is eligible for five monthly payments for both 2012 and 2013.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides livestock producers with benefits for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather.

Call 308-352-4747 Ext 2 for an appointment.