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DATE: April 1, 2022

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THROUGH: Ruth Brown
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FROM: Scott Marlow
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SUBJECT: Request for Emergency Approval for a New Information Collection
Package—Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP)

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting OMB approval on the emergency approval of a collection of information necessary to implement the Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP) phase 1 which will assist eligible livestock producers who faced increased supplemental feed costs as a result of forage losses due to a qualifying drought or wildfire in calendar year 2021. FSA could not obtain OMB approval under the normal clearance and likely to prevent or disrupt the collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act to begin the ELRP Phase 1 quickly. FSA is using ELRP Phase 1 funds provided by the Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act, (Division B, Title I, Pub. L. 117-43) to assist producers of livestock for losses incurred during calendar year 2021 due to qualifying droughts or wildfires. The livestock producers who suffered losses due to drought are eligible for assistance if any area within the county in which the loss occurred was rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having a D2 (severe drought) for eight consecutive weeks or a D3 (extreme drought) or higher level of drought intensity during the applicable year.

Because FSA is using LFP information to generate a reasonable approximation for the costs covered by ELRP Phase 1, no action is required for eligible producers to receive these payments, unless a producer wishes to increase the ELRP payment limitation. The Notification of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be published in the Federal Register to provide the eligibility requirements and payment calculation for the first phase of ELRP assistance. FSA expects approximately 300 producers receiving increased payment limitation payments under ELRP phase 1.

FSA needs to collect the following information from applicants:

- FSA-510, Request for an Exception to the \$125,000 Payment Limitation for certain programs; and
- CCC-860, Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification.

We are requesting emergency approval of a new information collection package by April 1, 2022, to quickly provide assistance to ELRP producers. If there are any questions or concerns, please call Deirdre Holder at 202-205-5851 or Mary Ann Ball.