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### **Farm Service Agency Declares Recent Winter Storms Eligible for LIP**

The recent winter storms and cold weather have been tough for some farmers and their cows that are in the middle of calving. However, cows and their young calves are not the only animals affected by this weather. The USDA Farm Service Agency has recognized this struggle, and they have determined that due to the recent conditions loss of these animals would fall under the Livestock Indemnity Program, or LIP.

The LIP covers livestock owners and contract growers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by eligible loss conditions, including the recent winter storms that have struck Kansas. Kansas' FSA Committee has established normal mortality for adult beef cow is 1.1% and for non-adult beef cows (less than 400 pounds) is 2.7%. Loss occurred above these amounts would qualify. The most important thing for livestock owners to do is to document their losses. A notification of the losses must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss occurred. Eligible losses are recorded by calendar year (January 1 to December 31).

If you have occurred losses above normal mortality, contact your local FSA office and they will be able to answer questions about the LIP. Information can also be found online at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov). For more information you can call Brett Melton in the Concordia River Valley Extension Office at 785-243-8185 or email [bmelton@ksu.edu](mailto:bmelton@ksu.edu).