

Otherwise eligible producers whose permitted grazing on federally managed lands was disallowed due to wildfire will also be eligible for ELRP payments if they applied and were approved for 2022 LFP.

In a continued effort to streamline and simplify the delivery of ELRP benefits, eligible producers will not be required to apply for payment.

FSA also intends to provide additional assistance to ranchers for qualifying livestock losses from drought and wildfire in 2021.

More information will be announced in the coming months.

How to prepare

To participate in ERP and ELRP for 2022 losses, both crop and livestock producers should have or be prepared to have the following forms on file with FSA:

Form AD-2047, Customer Data Worksheet (as applicable to the program participant);

Form CCC-902, Farm Operating Plan for an individual or legal entity;

Form CCC-901, Member Information for Legal Entities (if applicable); and

Form AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELIC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification.

Most producers, especially those who have previously participated in FSA programs, will likely have these required forms on file. However, those who are uncertain or want to confirm should contact FSA at their local USDA Service Center.

In addition to the forms listed above, underserved producers are encouraged to register their status with FSA, using Form CCC-860, Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification, as certain existing permanent and ad-hoc disaster programs provide increased benefits or reduced fees and



FFA! The Robert Lee High School FFA Chapter had a successful evening at the Concho District FFA Convention and Banquet recently. The students were able to bring home all of the banners that they have won in the past year but they also received additional awards. Ammleigh Smith was named the 2023-2024 Concho District First Vice-President, with Rhett Rangel named the Concho District Chaplin. Kenzie Galicia placed first and moved on to area in Senior Prepared Public Speech. Emmie Blair placed third in Junior Prepared Speech. Wyatt Bosworth placed first in the talent show and advanced to area, in which he also placed first. He will represent RLHS at the state convention this summer.

premiums.

Producers with eligible crop losses who did not have federal crop insurance or NAP risk management coverage for 2022 and intend to apply for ERP assistance will need to pull together revenue information that is readily available from most tax records. FSA encourages producers to have their tax documents from the past few years and supporting materials ready including Schedule F (Form 1040) and Profit or Loss from Farming or similar tax documents. FSA will not require these forms to be

submitted with the ERP application, but will require a certification, similar to Adjusted Gross Income certification that has been used for many years for Farm Bill programs. Applicants simply report and certify to the information required for the program.

Crop producers who have federal crop insurance coverage should ensure that information on file with their insurance agent is accurate and that any pending activities needed to file loss claims for 2022 losses are addressed as soon as possible. Producers who received ERP

assistance last year or who will receive assistance for 2022 losses are required to purchase crop insurance or NAP for the next

two crop years.

For questions and additional program details, contact your USDA Service Center.

ASU announces Spring 2023 Dean's List

Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, has announced the students achieving the Dean's List for the 2023 spring semester.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The complete spring 2023 Dean's List is available at angelo.edu/commencement.

Local students making the Dean's List are:

- Bronte Riley Bigler, Nursing Generic Option;**
- Cassidy McWright, Exercise Science;**

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