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SUBJECT: LTP – 2019 EQIP LIVESTOCK MORTALITY INITIATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Purpose. To announce a targeted initiative to address livestock mortality due to abnormal weather conditions in Nebraska.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2019

ACTION DEADLINE: APRIL 5, 2019 – INITIAL CUTOFF DATE

APRIL 10, 2019 – RANKING DEADLINE

MAY 1, 2019 – 2ND CUTOFF DATE

MAY 10, 2019 – 2ND RANKING DEADLINE

Livestock operators and landowners with animal mortality as a result of the devastating floods and blizzard that hit most counties in Nebraska are encouraged to apply for EQIP assistance. The Livestock Mortality Initiative is available to operators and landowners in the state of Nebraska who suffered heavy livestock losses due to the 2019 floods and blizzard and who are in need of disposing animal mortalities.

Due to the urgency of the situation, this initiative will have a short time frame with limited practices available. Practice 368, Emergency Animal Mortality Management will be the primary practice. The main function of this practice is the proper disposal of livestock by safe burial, rendering, transporting to landfill or incineration.

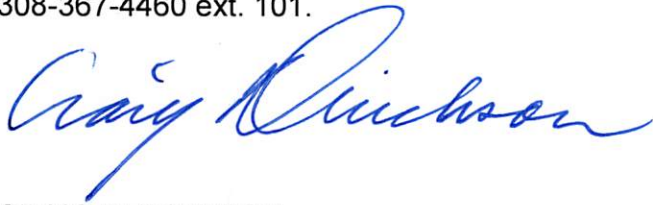
Producers who have not already disposed of animal mortalities can apply for EQIP by signing the attached form “NRCS-CPA-1200” and then request a waiver to allow for the immediate start of a practice by signing the attached “Early Start Waiver Form 2019”. When approved, this waiver will allow the practice to be completed prior to having an approved, obligated EQIP contract.

Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis with two application cutoff dates for ranking and contract approval. The initial application cutoff date is **April 5, 2019** with a ranking deadline of **April 10, 2019**. The second cut-off date is **May 1, 2019** with a ranking deadline of **May 10, 2019**. Additional application cutoff dates for the EQIP Livestock Mortality Initiative may be announced if there is demand and available funding.

Applications for the 2019 EQIP Livestock Mortality Initiative should be entered in the ProTracts subaccount “Disaster Recovery”.



If you have any program related questions, please contact Brad Soncksen, ASTC-P at brad.soncksen@usda.gov, or by phone 402-437-4111. Technical questions should be directed to Jim Hicks, State Environmental Engineer, at jim.hicks@usda.gov, or by phone at 308-367-4460 ext. 101.



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Attachments:

- A. Animal Mortality Design and Evaluation Job Sheet
- B. Emergency Animal Mortality Management Planning Guidance
- C. Practice #368 "Emergency Animal Mortality Management" Scenario Reports
- D. Early Start Waiver Form – 2019
- E. NRCS-CPA-1200 (2019 version)
- F. NRCS-CPA-52 – 368 Scenarios 20, 21, 22
- G. NRCS-CPA-52 – 368 Scenarios 2, 29