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USDA Announces Increased Subsidies and Other Improvements to the Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) Insurance Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced it is increasing premium subsidies and will make other improvements to the Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) plan of insurance for feeder cattle, fed cattle, and swine starting with the 2021 crop year. The increased premium subsidy is *retroactive to the beginning of the 2021 crop year* (July 1st, 2020) and is based on the coverage selected by the livestock producer. RMA will implement the other improvements later this year.

"We encourage livestock producers to contact their insurance agent to take advantage of these improvements," said RMA Administrator Martin Barbre. "These changes will not only make LRP more affordable for producers, but also will provide them with better coverage."

Other improvements to be implemented include:

- Increasing livestock head limits for feeder and fed cattle to 6,000 head per endorsement/12,000 head annually, and swine to 40,000 head per endorsement/150,000 head annually
- Modifying the requirement to own insured livestock until the last 60 days of the endorsement
- Increasing the endorsement lengths for swine up to 52 weeks
- Creating new feeder cattle and swine types to allow for unborn livestock to be insured

On earlier this year (June 9), USDA announced other significant Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) insurance program improvements, including:

- Allowing premiums to be paid at the end of the endorsement period, putting it in line with other crop insurance policies.
- Increasing the premium subsidy for coverage levels above 80 percent. Those with an 80 percent or higher coverage level will get a 5-percentage point subsidy increase, making these higher coverage levels more affordable for producers.

For more information:

- *USDA Announces Increased Subsidies and Other Improvements to the Livestock Risk Protection Insurance Program:* <https://www.rma.usda.gov/en/News-Room/Press/Press-Releases/2020-News/USDA-Announces-Increased-Subsidies-and-Other-Improvements-to-the-LRP-Program>
- *Livestock Risk Protection Feeder Cattle:* <https://www.rma.usda.gov/en/Fact-Sheets/National-Fact-Sheets/Livestock-Risk-Protection-Feeder-Cattle>
- *Livestock Insurance Plans:* <https://www.rma.usda.gov/en/Topics/Livestock>



