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(6) Submitting only accurate and complete payment applications to the designated FSA office acting as an agent for disbursing payments to eligible livestock owners.

(c) The owner or authorized representative, shall:

(1) Furnish all the information specified on the payment application, as requested by CCC;

(2) Provide any other information that the tribal government deems necessary to determine the owner's eligibility; and

(3) Certify that purchased feed was or will be fed to the owner's eligible live-stock.

## §1439.906 Program availability.

(a) When a tribal government determines that a livestock feed emergency exists due to a natural disaster, the tribal government may submit a properly completed contract requesting approval of a region. All contracts requesting region approval must be submitted by the later of December 28, 1998, or 30 days after the end of the disaster period specified on the contract.

(b) Properly completed contracts shall consist of:

(1) A completed form CCC-453, Contract To Participate; and

(2) A completed form CCC-648, Region Designation And Feed Loss Assessment; and

(3) Supportive documentation as determined by CCC including, but not limited to:

(i) A map of the region delineated in accordance with §1439.904;

(ii) Historical production data and estimated or actual production data for the disaster year;

(iii) Climatological data provided by the State FSA office; and

(iv) A report of an on-site survey.

(c) The Deputy Administrator shall make a determination as to whether a livestock feed emergency exists not later than 30 days after receipt of a properly completed contract made in accordance with this subpart and shall notify the tribal government and State FSA office of such determination as applicable.

(d) The feeding period provided in the approved contract will be for a term not to exceed 90 days, except as pro-

vided in paragraph (e) of this section. The feeding period shall not be extended if the livestock feed emergency no longer exists. Notwithstanding the duration of any feeding period, assistance under this subpart terminates immediately and without notice when program funds are exhausted as specified in §1439.901.

(e) The tribal government may request to extend the feeding period not to exceed an additional 90 days for each extension if disaster conditions have not diminished significantly and a livestock feed emergency continues.

## §1439.907 Eligibility.

(a) An eligible owner must own or jointly own the eligible livestock for which payments under this subpart are requested. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subpart, livestock leased under a contractual agreement that has been in effect at least 6 months prior to the date of application for assistance made under this subpart shall be considered as being owned by the lessee if the lease:

(1) Requires the lessee to furnish the feed for such livestock; and

(2) Provides for an interest in such livestock, such as the right to market a share of the increase in weight of livestock.

(b) A State or non-tribal local government or subdivision thereof, or any individual or entity determined to be ineligible in accordance with §1400.501 of this chapter are not eligible for benefits under this subpart.

(c) Any eligible owner of livestock, including the tribe, may file a CCC-approved AILFP payment application with the tribal government. When such a payment application is filed, the owner and an authorized tribal government representative shall execute the certification contained on such payment application no later than the deadline established by CCC upon approval of the region.

(d) To be eligible for benefits under this subpart, livestock owners must own or lease tribal governed land in the delineated region; and have had livestock on such land at the time of disaster that is the basis for the region's designation.