

**Arizona Ranchers Qualify for Relief Payments
under a newly created Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)**

The Livestock Compensation Program administered by the USDA Farm Services Agency (FSA) provides assistance for cattle and other livestock producers in counties that have received primary disaster designation due to drought in 2001 and/or 2002. . Currently, all counties in Arizona, except Yuma have received disaster designations. Producers in counties which have disaster designation requests pending as of September 19, 2002 and which are subsequently approved will also be eligible to participate in the program. Sign up will begin Oct. 1 with payments made soon thereafter.

Producers can receive payments by certifying the number of eligible animal owned as of June 1, 2002. The animals must have been owned for 90 days or more before and / or after June 1. Payments are determined by multiplying the number of eligible animals by their payment rates. Payment rates are as follows: \$18/head for beef cows, buffalo and beefalo, \$31.50/head for dairy cows, \$13.50/head for stockers and \$4.50 / head for sheep and goats.

For more information on this and other drought relief programs, visit the USDA-FSA Drought Information website at: <http://drought.fsa.usda.gov/assistance.asp#LCP> or call your local county FSA office:

Apache County	520-337-4411
Gila / Navajo Counties	520-524-3214
Coconino / Mohave / Yavapai Counties	520-774-2401
Graham / Greenlee Counties	520-428-5560
Pima County	520-888-1451
Cochise County	520-384-3588
Pinal County	520-836-1960
Maricopa County	602-353-0378
La Paz / Yuma Counties	520-726-1274