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## Subpart A—General Provisions

### § 1439.1 Applicability and general statement.

(a) The regulations in this part set forth the terms and conditions applicable to programs that may be made available to livestock producers under various statutory provisions. Unless otherwise specified, the regulations in this subpart shall apply to all programs operated under this part.

(b) The regulations in this part 1439 in effect prior to March 17, 1999, (See 7 CFR Parts 1200 to 1599, revised as of January 1, 1999) are applicable with respect to any emergency livestock assistance program that existed prior to March 17, 1999. The part 1439 regulations in effect on January 1, 2000 (See 7 CFR Parts 1200 to 1599, revised as of January 1, 2000) for the Flood Compensation Program shall continue to apply to all pending or new matters under that program.

(c) Nothing in this subpart shall be read as to require any expenditure of funds for a program in an overall amount greater than that determined to be appropriate by CCC.

### § 1439.2 Administration.

(a) This part shall be administered by CCC through, and as delegated to the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs under the general direction and supervision of the Executive Vice President, CCC. The program shall be carried out in the field by State and county committees of the Farm Service Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

(b) State and county committees, and representatives and employees thereof, do not have the authority to modify or waive any of the provisions of the regulations in this part, as amended or supplemented.

(c) The State committee shall take any action required by this part that

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has not been taken by the county committee. The State committee shall also:

(1) Correct, or require a county committee to correct, any action taken by such county committee that is not in accordance with this part; or

(2) Require a county committee to withhold taking any action that is not in accordance with this part.

(d) No delegation in this section to a State or county committee shall preclude the Executive Vice President, CCC, or a designee, from determining any question arising under the program or from reversing or modifying any determination made by a State or county committee. The Deputy Administrator may waive or modify deadlines or other program requirements of this part to the extent that such a waiver or modification is otherwise permitted by law and is determined to be appropriate, serves the goals of the program, and does not adversely affect the operation of the program.

§ 1439.3 Definitions.

The definitions set forth in this section shall be applicable to all subparts contained in this part unless otherwise noted, or unless the definitions conflict with the definitions in subparts other than this subpart A, in which case they shall not apply.

*Carrying capacity* means the number of acres of pasture required to provide 15.7 pounds of feed grain equivalent per day for one animal unit during the period the pasture is normally grazed.

*CCC* means the Commodity Credit Corporation.

*Deputy Administrator or DAFP* means the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, Farm Service Agency (FSA), or a designee.

*Equine animals used for food or in the production of food* means horses, mules, and donkeys that are:

(1) Used commercially for human food;

(2) Maintained for commercial sale to processors of food for human consumption; or

(3) Used in the production of food and fiber on the owner's farm, such as draft horses, or cow ponies.

*Executive Vice President* means the Executive Vice President, CCC, or a

designee of the Executive Vice President.

*FSA* means the Farm Service Agency.

*Livestock producer* means a person who is determined to receive 10 percent or more of the person's gross income, as determined by the Secretary, from the production of livestock and is:

(1) A citizen of, or legal resident alien in the United States; or

(2) A farm cooperative, private domestic corporation, partnership, or joint operation in which a majority interest is held by members, stockholders, or partners who are citizens of, or legal resident aliens in the United States; any Indian tribe under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 *et seq.*); any Indian organization or entity chartered under the Indian Reorganization Act (25 U.S.C. 461 *et seq.*) or entity chartered under the Indian Reorganization Act; any tribal organization under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act; and any economic enterprise under the Indian Financing Act of 1974 (25 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*).

*Natural disaster* means a generalized disease, insect infestation, flood, drought, fire, hurricane, earthquake, storm, hot weather, or other natural disaster.

*Person* means an individual or entity, including any organization, of any kind, provided that for per-person payment limitations the rules in part 1400 of this chapter shall be determinative in defining who is considered to be a separate person for such purposes.

*Poultry* means domesticated chickens, including egg-producing poultry, ducks, geese and turkeys.

*Secretary* means the Secretary of Agriculture or a designee of the Secretary.

*Seeded small grain forage crops* means wheat, barley, oats, rye, and triticale.

*State committee, State office, county committee, or county office*, means the respective FSA committee or office.

*United States* means all fifty states of United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and the District of Columbia.