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determinations made pursuant to subparts B through H of this part.

§ 1416.9 Offsets, assignments, and debt settlement.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, any payment or portion thereof to any producer shall be made without regard to questions of title under State law and without regard to any claim or lien against the commodity, or proceeds thereof, in favor of the owner or any other creditor except agencies of the U.S. Government. The regulations governing offsets and withholdings found at parts 792 and 1403 of this title apply to payments made under subparts B through H of this part.

(b) Any producer entitled to any payment may assign any payments in accordance with regulations governing the assignment of payments found at part 1404 of this chapter.

§ 1416.10 Records and inspections thereof.

Producers receiving payments under the programs in subparts B through H or any other person who furnishes information for the purposes of enabling such producer to receive a payment under subparts B through H of this part shall maintain any books, records, and accounts supporting any information so furnished for 3 years following the end of the year during which the application for payment was filed. Producers receiving payments or any other person who furnishes such information to CCC shall permit authorized representatives of USDA and the General Accounting Office during regular business hours to inspect, examine, and to allow such persons to make copies of such books or records, and to enter upon, inspect and verify all applicable livestock and acreage in which the applicant has an interest for the purpose of confirming the accuracy of the information provided by the applicant.

§ 1416.11 Refunds; joint and several liability.

In the event there is a failure to comply with any term, requirement, or condition for payment or assistance arising under subparts B through H of this part, and if any refund of a pay-

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ment to CCC shall otherwise become due in connection with this part, all payments made in regard to such matter shall be refunded to CCC together with interest and late-payment charges as provided for in part 792 of this title.

Subpart B—Livestock Compensation Program

§ 1416.100 Applicability.

This subpart sets forth the terms and conditions applicable to the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP).

§ 1416.101 Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this subpart.

Adult beef bulls means male bovine animals that were at least 2 years old and used for breeding purposes on the beginning date of the applicable disaster period.

Adult beef cows means female bovine animals that had delivered one or more offspring before the beginning date of the disaster period. A first-time bred beef heifer shall also be considered an adult beef cow if it was pregnant on the beginning date of the disaster period.

Adult buffalo and beefalo bulls means male animals of those breeds that were at least 2 years old and used for breeding purposes on the beginning date of the disaster period.

Adult buffalo and beefalo cows means female animals of those breeds that had delivered one or more offspring before the beginning date of the applicable disaster period. A first-time bred buffalo or beefalo heifer shall also be considered to be an adult buffalo or beefalo cow if it was pregnant on the beginning date of the disaster period.

Adult dairy bulls means male bovine animals of a breed used for producing milk for human consumption that were at least 2 years old and used for breeding dairy cows on the beginning date of the disaster period.

Adult dairy cows means female bovine animals used for the purpose of providing milk for human consumption that had delivered one or more offspring before the beginning date of the disaster period. A first-time bred dairy heifer shall also be considered an adult dairy cow if it was pregnant on the beginning date of the disaster period.

Agricultural operation means a farming operation.

Application means the “2005 Hurricanes Livestock Compensation Program Application” form.

Disaster period means the applicable disaster period as set forth in §1416.2.

Equine animal means a domesticated horse, mule or donkey.

Goat means a domesticated, ruminant mammal of the genus *Capra*, including Angora goats.

Non-adult beef cattle means male, female or neutered male bovine animals that weighed 500 pounds or more on the beginning date of the disaster period, but do not meet the definition of adult beef cows or bulls.

Non-adult buffalo/beefalo means male, female or neutered male animals of those breeds that weighed 500 pounds or more on the beginning date of the disaster period, but do not meet the definition of an adult buffalo or beefalo cow or bull.

Non-adult dairy cattle means male, female or neutered male bovine livestock, of a breed used for the purpose of providing milk for human consumption, that weighed 500 pounds or more on the beginning date of the disaster period, but do not meet the definition adult dairy cows or bulls.

Poultry means domesticated chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese. Poultry will be further delineated by sex, age and purpose of production, as determined by CCC.

Sheep means domesticated, ruminant mammals of the genus *Ovis*.

Swine means domesticated omnivorous pigs, hogs, and boars. Swine will be further delineated by sex and weight as determined by CCC.

§1416.102 Eligible livestock and producers.

(a) To be considered eligible, livestock must meet all the following conditions:

(1) Be adult or non-adult dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer;

(2) Been physically located in an eligible county on the beginning date of the disaster period;

(3) Been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation on

the beginning date of the disaster period; and

(4) Not have been produced and maintained for reasons other than commercial use as part of a farming operation. Such excluded uses include, but are not limited to wild free roaming animals or animals used for recreational purposes, such as pleasure, hunting, pets, or for show.

(b) To be considered an eligible livestock producer, a producer must have:

(1) Owned or cash-leased, but not both for the same livestock, eligible livestock on the beginning date of the disaster period; and

(2) Suffered a loss of feed:

(i) From produced or purchased forage or feedstuffs which was:

(A) Damaged or destroyed by an eligible hurricane; and

(B) Physically located in an eligible county; and

(C) Intended for use as feed for only the livestock found eligible under paragraph (a) of this section.

(ii) The value of such loss, as determined by CCC, equals or exceeds the amount calculated according to §1416.104(a).

§ 1416.103 Application process.

(a) Applicants must submit to CCC:

(1) A completed application in accordance with §1416.5;

(2) Adequate proof, as determined by CCC, that the feed lost:

(i) Was for the claimed eligible livestock;

(ii) Occurred as a direct result of the eligible hurricane during the disaster period; and

(iii) Had a value, as determined by CCC, equal to or greater than the amount calculated in accordance with §1416.104(a); and

(iv) Any other supporting documentation as determined by CCC to be necessary to make a determination of eligibility of the applicant. Supporting documents include, but are not limited to: verifiable purchase records; veterinarian records; bank or other loan papers; rendering truck receipts; Federal Emergency Management Agency