### 107TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

# S. 2834

To provide emergency livestock assistance to agricultural producers, with an offset.

### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

August 1, 2002

Mr. Enzi (for himself, Mr. Grassley, and Mr. Hagel) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

## A BILL

To provide emergency livestock assistance to agricultural producers, with an offset.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Emergency Livestock
- 5 Assistance Act of 2002".
- 6 SEC. 2. LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
- 7 (a) In General.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall
- 8 use \$500,000,000 of the funds of the Commodity Credit
- 9 Corporation to make and administer payments for live-
- 10 stock losses to producers for—

- 1 (1) 2001 losses in a county that has received an
- 2 emergency designation by the President or the Sec-
- 3 retary after January 1, 2001; or
- 4 (2) 2002 losses in a county that has received an
- 5 emergency designation by the President or the Sec-
- 6 retary after January 1, 2002.
- 7 (b) Election.—The producers on a farm or ranch
- 8 may elect to receive payments under paragraph (1) or (2)
- 9 of subsection (a), but not both paragraphs.
- 10 (c) American Indian Livestock Program.—Of
- 11 the amount made available under subsection (a), the Sec-
- 12 retary shall make \$12,000,000 available for the American
- 13 Indian livestock program under section 806 of the Agri-
- 14 culture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-
- 15 tion, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001
- 16 (Public Law 106–387; 114 Stat. 1549, 1549A–51).
- 17 (d) Administration.—The Secretary shall make as-
- 18 sistance available under this section in the same manner
- 19 as provided under section 806 of the Agriculture, Rural
- 20 Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Re-
- 21 lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (Public Law
- 22 105–277; 114 Stat. 1549, 1549A–51).
- (e) Commodity Credit Corporation.—The Sec-
- 24 retary shall use the funds, facilities, and authorities of the
- 25 Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out this section.

### 1 SEC. 3. PAYMENT LIMITATIONS.

2	Section 1001 of the Food Security of 1985 (7 U.S.C.
3	1308) is amended—
4	(1) in subsection (b), by striking "\$40,000"
5	each place it appears and inserting "\$17,500";
6	(2) in subsection (c), by striking "\$65,000"
7	each place it appears and inserting "\$32,500"; and
8	(3) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the
9	following:
10	"(d) Limitations on Marketing Loan Gains,
11	Loan Deficiency Payments, and Commodity Cer-
12	TIFICATE TRANSACTIONS.—
13	"(1) Loan commodities.—The total amount
14	of the following gains and payments that a person
15	may receive during any crop year may not exceed
16	\$90,000:
17	"(A)(i) Any gain realized by a producer
18	from repaying a marketing assistance loan for
19	1 or more loan commodities under subtitle B of
20	title I of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
21	ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. $7931$ et seq.) at a
22	lower level than the original loan rate estab-
23	lished for the loan commodity under that sub-
24	title.
25	"(ii) In the case of settlement of a mar-
26	keting assistance loan for 1 or more loan com-

1	modities under that subtitle by forfeiture, the
2	amount by which the loan amount exceeds the
3	repayment amount for the loan if the loan had
4	been settled by repayment instead of forfeiture.
5	"(B) Any loan deficiency payments re-
6	ceived for 1 or more loan commodities under
7	that subtitle.
8	"(C) Any gain realized from the use of a
9	commodity certificate issued by the Commodity
10	Credit Corporation for 1 or more loan commod-
11	ities, as determined by the Secretary, including
12	the use of a certificate for the settlement of a
13	marketing assistance loan made under that sub-
14	title.
15	"(2) OTHER COMMODITIES.—The total amount
16	of the following gains and payments that a person
17	may receive during any crop year may not exceed
18	\$90,000:
19	"(A)(i) Any gain realized by a producer
20	from repaying a marketing assistance loan for
21	peanuts, wool, mohair, or honey under subtitle
22	B or C of title I of the Farm Security and
23	Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7931

et seq.) at a lower level than the original loan

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1 rate established for the commodity under those 2 subtitles.

- "(ii) In the case of settlement of a marketing assistance loan for peanuts, wool, mohair, or honey under those subtitles by forfeiture, the amount by which the loan amount exceeds the repayment amount for the loan if the loan had been settled by repayment instead of forfeiture.
- "(B) Any loan deficiency payments received for peanuts, wool, mohair, and honey under those subtitles.
- "(C) Any gain realized from the use of a commodity certificate issued by the Commodity Credit Corporation for peanuts, wool, mohair, and honey, as determined by the Secretary, including the use of a certificate for the settlement of a marketing assistance loan made under those subtitles.
- "(f) SINGLE FARMING OPERATION.—Notwithstanding subsections (b) through (e), if an individual participates only in a single farming operation and receives, directly or indirectly, any payment or gain covered by this section through the operation, the total amount of payments or gains (as applicable) covered by this section that

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- 1 the individual may receive during any crop year may not
- 2 exceed twice the dollar amount prescribed in this section.".

#### 3 SEC. 4. REGULATIONS.

- 4 (a) In General.—The Secretary of Agriculture may
- 5 promulgate such regulations as are necessary to imple-
- 6 ment this Act and the amendments made by this Act.
- 7 (b) Procedure.—The promulgation of the regula-
- 8 tions and administration of this Act and the amendments
- 9 made by this Act shall be made without regard to—
- 10 (1) the notice and comment provisions of sec-
- tion 553 of title 5, United States Code;
- 12 (2) the Statement of Policy of the Secretary of
- 13 Agriculture effective July 24, 1971 (36 Fed. Reg.
- 14 13804), relating to notices of proposed rulemaking
- and public participation in rulemaking; and
- 16 (3) chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code
- 17 (commonly known as the "Paperwork Reduction
- 18 Act").
- 19 (c) Congressional Review of Agency Rule-
- 20 Making.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall
- 21 use the authority provided under section 808 of title 5,
- 22 United States Code.

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