

**Northeast Counties Farm Bureau  
Livestock Transit Protection Member Benefit**



**Program Information**

**Benefit Description:**

To provide financial relief in the event that livestock in transit are killed in a vehicular accident. If an application is approved by the Livestock Transit Protection Member Benefit Committee, a benefit will be paid by the Northeast Counties Farm Bureau (Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Mahoning, and Trumbull Counties).

This program is NOT insurance. The intentions of this program are to provide financial relief to our members in the event an accident occurs while livestock are being transported. The payments are based on the schedule below and not on the actual value of the livestock killed.

All determinations made by the Livestock Transit Protection Member Benefit Committee are final.

**Qualified Applicants:**

The owner of the livestock must be a current, paid-up Farm Bureau member at BOTH the time of the accident and at the time the benefit is awarded. If the applicant's membership is lapsed at the time of the accident or at any time before the benefit is paid, the payment will not be made. Qualified applicants include the member, spouse, and/or minor dependent(s).

**Qualified Livestock:**

Horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, mules, donkeys, llamas, and alpacas.

**Benefit Payout (Per Animal)\***

|                             |        |                            |        |                                 |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Horses &amp; Mules</b>   | \$ 500 | <b>Calves (under 600#)</b> | \$ 250 | <b>Sheep/Goats</b>              | \$ 75  |
| <b>Foals (under 1 year)</b> | \$ 250 | <b>Hogs (over 120#)</b>    | \$ 100 | <b>Lambs/Kids</b>               | \$ 50  |
| <b>Cattle</b>               | \$ 500 | <b>Pigs (under 120#)</b>   | \$ 50  | <b>Donkeys, llamas, alpacas</b> | \$ 100 |

**\* A maximum payout of \$1000 will be paid per accident.**

**Other Qualifications and Requirements:**

1. Accidents include single-vehicle accidents, multi-vehicle accidents, collisions, animals falling out of trailers, and other situations determined on a case-by-case basis by the Livestock Transit Protection Member Benefit Committee.
2. Accident reports are required.
3. Livestock that die due to suffocation, heat exhaustion, trampling, disease, or unknown causes do not qualify for the program unless the an accident was the direct cause.
4. The livestock must be in transit. Livestock which escape their enclosure and are struck on the road do not qualify.
5. The equipment the livestock were being transported in must be appropriate and safe for the type of livestock.
6. The accident can not be the result of reckless operation of the vehicle and/or the driving while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicating substances by the applicant or the individual transporting the livestock on behalf of the applicant.
7. A maximum of two accidents per Farm Bureau membership will be covered in one membership year.

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**Procedure:**

1. Contact the county farm bureau by phone (440-437-8700) or email (nefarmbu@fairpoint.net) to receive the program application within 3 business days of the accident.
2. Complete the Livestock Transit Protection Member Benefit application.
  - Application must be completed, signed, and dated by the owner of the livestock.
  - All information on the form needs to be completed.
  - A copy of the accident filed with law enforcement report MUST be included
3. Other information (if available) to be included to assist in the decision making process:
  - Proof of ownership (sale bill, registration papers, farm records, etc)
  - Photos of deceased animal and/or the accident. (May be included in the accident report)
  - Veterinary Report/ Necropsy Report
4. Send completed application, copy of the accident report, and any other information from section 3 to:  
Northeast Counties Farm Bureau  
8220 State Route 45, Suite B  
Orwell, OH 44076

County Farm Bureau Livestock Transit Member Benefit Committee will review application and information with Organization Director and County Farm Bureaus. If the application is approved after review, the benefit will be paid within 60-90 days of receiving the application.

**The Livestock Transit Protection Member Benefit Committee and the Northeast Counties Farm Bureau retain the right to reject any application that is not complete, procedure is not followed, and/or more than two benefit payments were made in the membership year.**

**THE DECISION OF THE TRANSIT MEMBER BENEFIT COMMITTEE IS FINAL.**