

USDA to Provide \$1 Billion to Flood and Wildfire Impacted Livestock Producers

Assistance for losses due to flooding and wildfire on non-federally managed land

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins today announced eligible livestock producers will receive disaster recovery assistance through the Emergency Livestock Relief Program for 2023 and 2024 Flood and Wildfire (ELRP 2023 and 2024 FW) to help offset increased supplemental feed costs due to a qualifying flood or qualifying wildfire in calendar years 2023 and 2024. The program is expected to provide approximately \$1 billion in recovery benefits. Sign-up begins on Monday, September 15. Livestock producers have until October 31, 2025, to apply for assistance.

“We are providing continued support for livestock producers whose livelihoods and way of life have been disrupted by catastrophic floods, wildfires, and poor forage conditions in 2023 and 2024. Under President Trump’s leadership, USDA is standing shoulder to shoulder with America’s farmers and ranchers, delivering the resources they need to stay in business, feed their families, and keep our food supply strong,” said **Secretary Brooke Rollins**. “This announcement builds on the Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP) and the historic levels of assistance we have rolled out over the last few months, once again proving that this administration is working as quickly as possible to get help out the door and into the hands of livestock and dairy producers. USDA will continue to put farmers first and ensure they have the relief they need to weather storms and build for the future.”

Qualifying Disaster Events

To streamline program delivery, FSA has determined eligible counties with qualifying floods and qualifying wildfires

in 2023 and 2024. For losses in these counties, livestock producers are not required to submit supporting documentation for floods or wildfires. A list of approved counties is available at fsa.usda.gov/elrp.

For losses in counties not listed as eligible, livestock producers can apply for ELRP 2023 and 2024 FW but must provide supporting documentation to demonstrate that a qualifying flood or qualifying wildfire occurred in the county where the livestock were physically located or would have been physically located if not for the disaster event. FSA county committees will determine if the disaster event meets program requirements.

Livestock and Producer Eligibility

For ELRP 2023 and 2024 FW, FSA is using covered livestock criteria similar to the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) which includes weaned beef cattle, dairy cattle, beefalo, buffalo, bison, alpacas, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, ostriches, reindeer, and sheep.

Wildfire assistance is available on non-federally managed land to participants who did not receive assistance through LFP or the ELRP 2023 and 2024 for drought and wildfire program delivered to producers in July of this year.

Payment Calculation

Eligible producers can receive up to 60% of one month of calculated feed costs for a qualifying wildfire or three months for a qualifying flood using the same monthly feed cost calculation that is used for LFP.

ELRP 2023 and 2024 for drought and wildfire and ELRP 2023 and 2024 FW have a combined payment limit of \$125,000 for each program year. Producers who already received the maximum payment amount from ELRP 2023 and 2024 for drought and wildfire will not be eligible to receive


Legals

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In accordance with Sec. 106 of the Programmatic Agreement, AT&T plans 155’ MONOPOLE at 3548 US HIGHWAY 40 OAKLEY, KS 67748. Please direct comments to Gavin L. at 818-391-0449 regarding the site KS5868. 9/17/2025 OAKLEY GRAPHIC

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AT&T Mobility LLC is proposing to install a telecommunication tower and associated equipment for AT&T site KS5868 located at 3548 US Highway 40, Oakley, Logan County, KS 67748 [39° 07' 24.5" N; 100° 50' 25.5" W]. The height will be 48.8 meters above ground level (978.4 meters above mean sea level). The Monopole tower is not required to have FAA Style Marking/Lighting at this time. Interested persons may review the application for this project at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering Antenna Structure Registration (Form 854) file no. A1332714 and may raise environmental concerns about the project under the National Environmental Policy Act rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR §1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Requests for Environmental Review must be filed within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC’s website and may only raise environmental concerns. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest, but they may be filed with a paper copy by mailing the Request to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. A copy of the Request should be provided to: **Environmental Assessments Specialists, Inc.** at 71 San Marino Avenue, Ventura, CA 93003 or via email at gjl1999@easenv.com 9/17/2025 OAKLEY GRAPHIC



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Do Ya Really Wanna Know

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I was on the road last Wednesday and completely detached from the social world around me until later in the day. I met my significant other for dinner early that evening when she hit me with the alarming news that a “Charlie” had died that day. I asked her if this Charlie was a mutual friend that we shared on social media,...but at the moment she couldn’t recall his last name. So...for the first time that day I opened up my social media on my phone and there it was. I asked her, “you mean Charlie Kirk?”

“Yeah...that was the guy.”

I was a bit stunned and asked, “you don’t know who Charlie Kirk is?”

So I opened up a Turning Point video at that point and showed her...and she was like, “oh yeah, I guess I never knew his name.”

Now in her defense, she is not a very political person...nowhere near the person I am anyway...and had seen some of his videos, but really didn’t follow him. I didn’t necessarily agree with everything that Charlie Kirk touted, but I respected the self-made man that he was, his moral structure, and the fact that he stood up against so many self-righteous, indoctrinated, liberal students while steering his common sense ship. The thing about Charlie Kirk was not that he presumed he was right and you were wrong...it’s that he talked to you...asked questions...answered your questions...until the point that you either agreed to disagree or you found the answer that he was steering you toward in the first place. He always opened his microphone on campuses to not only those whom he agreed with, but especially to those who he did not...everyone had a chance to present their story or questions.

Charlie was not college educated and did not believe that today’s modern colleges and universities provided the proper education that these students actually needed. He felt that higher education was fleecing today’s students into paying high prices for an education that wasn’t truly going to benefit them in the end run. This something I whole heartedly agree with as I am a firm believer that an on the job education is so much more valuable a classroom setting. I believe you can learn more by working and doing than you ever will learn in a classroom and that today’s society has been fleeced into believing that a college education makes you more valuable to future employers.

Charlie believed that today’s society has inflated transgenderism to the point of a mental health issue in that he believed that you had a right to choose your lifestyle for yourself, but no right to hold others accountable for not believing your delusion along with you...and that included the use of pronouns that went against our natural belief structure. He didn’t hate gays, trans, or any other race...he disliked the attention placed upon division and spoke on it often while in debate on college campuses.

Sadly, an individual (he has not yet proven to be a part of anything bigger) took it upon themselves to remove the American icon that was Charlie Kirk from the lives of his adoring wife and young children as well as the rest of us in the name of hate. Charlie was not a physical threat to him, our country, or anyone else...he was a prophet, a teacher of sorts, a morally grounded man that made a life of steering this new generation toward a future where we could get along within our differences and belief structure. He didn’t look down upon those who were different, but thumbed his nose at those who believed that their differences required others to bend to their often selfish and emotional identities.

Charlie Kirk did not hate others...he prayed for them...he reasoned with them...he talked with them. I used to say that I personally never argued with people to be right...I always argued to be understood regardless of whether I was right or wrong. And most times I would either agree to disagree...or be the first to acknowledge the error of my position.

The world lost a brilliant mind...a brilliant negotiator...a loving husband and father...and an incredible human being on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. However, in words I have heard repeated time and time again in the past week...the killer didn’t merely assassinate him...he created a million more Charlie Kirks. Rest in Peace Charlie Kirk...your job on Earth is not over, but we got it from here.

Oakley VFW Auxiliary Post 2981

September 10, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakley VFW Auxiliary Post 2981 was called to order by Sr, Vice President Lisa Jacobus at 6:40 pm on September 10 with 15 members and three guests present. Three officers were absent.

New member transfer Juanita Ottley was welcomed.

Dwight gave the opening prayer and the flag salute was performed.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Official communications read.

Treasurers report was given and approved subject to audit. Bills were presented. It was moved and seconded to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Program reports were given with no action taken.

Old business-Still waiting for a bid to repair the back room.

New business-Reminded we have a home football game Sept. 11, Winona home football game Sept. 12, Stag Sept. 17 and Gun Show Sept.

CONGRATULATIONS

Kansas State Fair Participants

Building Block Engineering

Kallen Barnett - Legos - Red Ribbon

Computer Science

Waylon Uhrich - Circuit Board - White Ribbon

Fiber Arts

Kaisley Wamsley - Needle Arts - Red Ribbon

Forestry

Nella Foster - Forestry Notebook - Blue Ribbon

Horticulture & Landscape Design

Nella Foster - Cherry Tomatoes - White Ribbon

Nella Foster - Annual Flower - Blue Ribbon

Nella Foster - Flower Arrangement - Red Ribbon

Heston Ottley - Annual Flower - Purple Ribbon

Heston Ottley - Flower Arrangement - White Ribbon

Photography

Kayden Barnett - Colored Photo - Red Ribbon

Nella Foster - Colored Photo - Purple Ribbon

Lt, Participant - Colored Photo - Purple Ribbon

Hesston Ottley - Colored Photo - Blue Ribbon

Nash Uhrich - Black & White Photo - Purple Ribbon

Kaisley Wamsley - Colored Photo - Blue Ribbon

Kycen Wamsley - Black & White Photo - Blue Ribbon

Maggie Zerr - Colored Photo - Blue Ribbon

Nicholas Zerr - Colored Photo - Blue Ribbon

Robotics

Nash Uhrich - Robot made from kit - Red Ribbon

Rocketry

Nash Uhrich - Rocket made from kit - Red Ribbon

Waylon Uhrich - Rocket made from kit - Purple Ribbon

Shooting Sports

Nash Uhrich - Shooting Sports Poster - Red Ribbon

Visual Arts

Nella Foster - Table - Purple Ribbon

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