

# Payment Integrity Scorecard

**Program or Activity**  
Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

**Reporting Period**  
Q1 2025

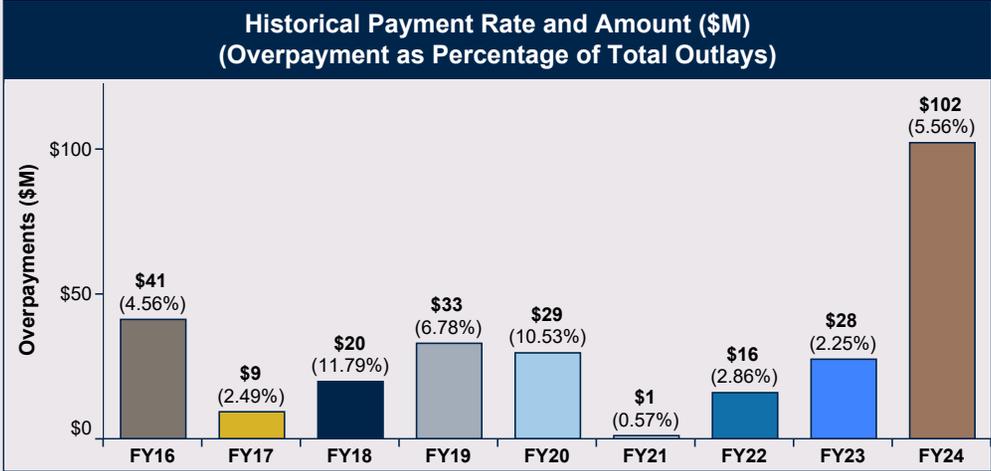
**FY 2024 Overpayment Amount (\$M)\*** **\$102**

\*Estimate based a sampling time frame starting 10/2022 and ending 9/2023

 **U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
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**Brief Program Description & summary of overpayment causes and barriers to prevention:**

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers who have covered livestock and producers of grazed forage crop acreage that have suffered a loss of grazed forage due to a qualifying drought or fire during the normal grazing period for the county. The majority of errors causing overpayments are due to administrative errors related to common processes such as following program and payment eligibility determinations and acreage reporting requirements, and not due to producer compliance with program requirements. Most errors could be resolved through additional resources to provide human capital and software enhancement, however known barriers primarily are a result of lack of funding and resources.



**Discussion of Actions Taken in the Preceding Quarter and Actions Planned in the Following Quarter to Prevent Overpayments**

Actions completed: • FSA requested funding for system enhancements for multiple programs, including LFP, from CCC Section 4 and 11 funding during the FY2025 CCC budget request and Working Capital Fund request drills. Less than 20 percent was granted, therefore the prioritization for that funding has not been completed. • Monthly livestock disaster training sessions with state office specialists occur that focuses on policy review, updates, and commonly asked questions. • The National Office has developed a tracking system to identify the results of the required District Director reviews that they complete. CCC-770s are required for the first five applications or as directed by the State Executive Director and have a series of questions to validate that the required supporting documents are obtained and all necessary program and payment eligibility requirements are met. • Program year 2025 LFP application software has been modified to interface with the National Crop Table to automatically populate the carrying capacities for specific crops and planting periods. Actions planned: • Continued monthly calls with state office specialists reviewing policy and procedure. • FSA's Internal Control roadmap to improve program processes includes an improper payment trend analysis tool to help identify staff, county offices and states with continued improper payment findings, resulting in targeted training along with holding employees accountable.

Accomplishments in Reducing Overpayment		Date
1	Provided additional training with state office specialists resulting from questions received from the National Training held in July, 2024.	Aug-24
2	Issued a directive outlining FY24 National Payment Integrity Review results that included the LFP program. This notice informed state and county offices of findings, common errors, and the associated policy and procedure as a reference to facilitate program review.	Jan-25
3	Finalized an LFP software enhancement that includes an interface with the National Crop Table to automatically populate, replacing a manual entry of the grazing carrying capacity of the forage acreage in the application process.	Feb-25

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Goals towards Reducing Overpayments	Status	ECD	Recovery Method	Brief Description of Plans to Recover Overpayments	Brief Description of Actions Taken to Recover Overpayments
1  The LFP program is currently part of FSA's Internal Control roadmap to improve program processes. Currently in development is an improper payment trend analysis tool that has FY2019-2023 improper payment data. The tool will identify staff, county offices and states with continued improper payment findings. The tool will provide the agency the opportunity for targeted training along with holding employees accountable, if warranted after training has been provided.	On-Track	Apr-25	1 <b>Recovery Activity</b>	Each state is provided a Corrective Action Tracking document at the end of each testing cycle that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Office Recommendation to County Office</li> <li>• Corrective Action Taken by County Office and Date</li> <li>• Receivable Document Number Established, if applicable</li> <li>• Approval and Closure Date by State Office</li> </ul>	

Amt(\$)	Root Cause of Overpayment	Root Cause Description	Mitigation Strategy	Brief Description of Mitigation Strategy and Anticipated Impact
<b>\$102M</b>	Overpayments within agency control that occurred because of a Failure to Access Data/Information Needed.	The errors were administrative oversights such as failure to obtain application supporting documentation and written leases, failure to ensure the lease complies with the established eligibility criteria, and failure to follow late acreage reporting policy.	Training teaching a particular skill or type of behavior; refreshing on the proper processing methods.	National LFP training for state and county offices was held in July FY2024 and provided an overall program review with a focus on PIIA results. Monthly livestock disaster calls with state office specialists will continue that will focus on policy review, common errors.

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