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Ohio FSA Approved to Accept Cache Valley Virus

COLUMBUS, OHIO -- July 2, 2014 -- The Ohio Farm Service Agency (FSA) was recently approved by the National FSA to accept Cache Valley Virus (CVV) as a qualifying disease for the FSA Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). ELAP covers losses due to an eligible adverse weather or eligible loss condition.

CVV is a virus that causes infertility, abortions and congenital abnormalities in sheep. The virus is spread by mosquitoes during early breeding season.

“Since Ohio experienced excessive moisture in the fall of 2013 this provided the CVV infected mosquitoes with an ample and a favorable environment to flourish and cause losses to Sheep producers across the state, stated Steven Maurer, FSA State Executive Director. It was apparent that Ohio did have an increase in the number of lambs infected with CVV in 2014 causing ewes to abort or have still births. Therefore, it was important to have CVV approved as an eligible loss condition for sheep death losses under the 2014 ELAP program,” Maurer added.

Sheep producers that have been affected by the CVV are encouraged to contact and make an appointment with their [county FSA office](#). Producers who suffered eligible livestock losses during the 2014 program year must submit a notice of loss and application for payment to the local FSA office by **Nov. 1, 2014**.

For more information about ELAP, producers can review the [ELAP Fact Sheet](#) online or contact their local FSA office for more information.