

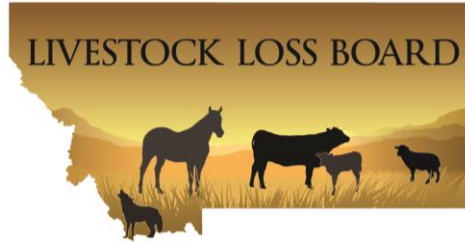
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# STATE OF MONTANA

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LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD  
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## LIVESTOCK LOSS PAYMENTS

(only wolf, grizzly bear or mountain lion caused losses)

**NEW LAW CHANGE: During the 2019 legislative session SB133 became law. To be eligible for a livestock loss payment, a livestock owner must have paid their livestock per-capita fees in the prior year. Information on per-capita fees is available on the Department of Livestock's website [www.liv.mt.gov](http://www.liv.mt.gov) or call 406-444-4993.**

- Step 1: Contact USDA Wildlife Services to request an investigation. USDA State Office (406) 657-6464 or call your local USDA Wildlife Services specialist**
- Step 2: USDA WS specialist will send your investigation report to USDA's state director in Billings. Their Billings office will send you a copy of the investigation report and Livestock Loss Board's claim form.**
- Step 3: The livestock owner may now send a completed claim form to the Livestock Loss Board office. *(Do not sent the completed forms back to Wildlife Services)* If the livestock are contracted, the owner must supply a copy of the contract or if an animal is registered, proof of registration is required. If you have any questions, call the board office at (406) 444-5609.**
- Step 5: The Livestock Loss Board's Executive Director determines a value from USDA Market Reports for Montana to determine current animal values or a value from other sources from sales within Montana. Animal values are calculated from market reports nearest the date the death loss occurred.**
- Step 6: Livestock owners will receive a letter stating the payment amount. A copy of this letter is given to Department of Livestock's accounting staff to mail the payment. If the livestock are mortgaged, the mortgage is applied to the payment. Most payments are mailed within two weeks of the claims being received. Non-typical claims are presented to the full board to determine values for payment.**
- Step 7: If you do not receive your payments within two weeks of receiving a letter from our office, call DoL accounting bureau chief 406-444-4993.**
- Step 8: If a livestock owner disputes the value for the livestock, the owner must submit a letter to the board office and provide proof of the greater value. Appeals will be presented to the full board for review.**