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SUBJECT: Waiving 30-Day Deadline for Filing 2019 ELAP Notices of Loss as the Result of Hurricane Michael

The Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries (ADAI) has expressed concern that livestock producers in your State that suffered livestock grazing and feed losses due to Hurricane Michael were not aware of ELAP in time to timely file a 2019 ELAP notice of loss.

2019 ELAP covers losses that occurred from October 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019. The signup deadline for filing an application for payment for 2019 ELAP is January 30, 2020. However, in addition to filing an application for payment, producers must file a notice of loss within 30 days of when the loss is first apparent to the producer.

Based on ADAI's concern, the 30-day deadline to file a 2019 ELAP notice of loss for livestock grazing and feed losses due to Hurricane Michael in your State is waived. Therefore, 2019 ELAP notices of loss and applications for payment for livestock feed and grazing losses due to Hurricane Michael must be submitted by no later than January 30, 2020.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this issue, please contact Amy Mitchell, Special Programs Manager at (202) 720-8954.