



Wolf-Livestock Compensation

26 August 2026

Wolf-Livestock Compensation Program

Previous Framework



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- A background image showing a red barn with a blue roof in a field of tall, dry grass under a clear sky.
1. Direct Loss
 2. Non-Lethal Deterrents
 3. Pay-for Presence

Previous Meetings

Prong 1 – Direct Loss

Topics of consensus:

- “Livestock” should be further defined
- Pregnant animals should have a premium
- Application period should have a cut off

Previous Meetings

Prong 1 – Direct Loss

Topics of consensus (cont.):

- Reimbursement cap for individual animals
- No annual reimbursement cap for each producer

Previous Meetings

Prong 1 – Direct Loss

Topics with continued uncertainty:

- Required use of deterrent tools for eligibility
- Multiplier payments

Previous Meetings

Prong 2 – Non-Lethal Deterrents

Topics of consensus:

- Reporting on implementation and effectiveness
- Application and evaluation process changes
- Capping or limiting the uses of available funds

Previous Meetings

Prong 3 – Pay-for-Presence / Indirect Loss

Topics of consensus:

- Importance of funding for indirect loss
- Impracticality of the pilot program approach

Previous Meetings

Prong 3 – Pay-for-Presence / Indirect Loss

Topics with continued uncertainty:

- Specific process for assessing and funding P3

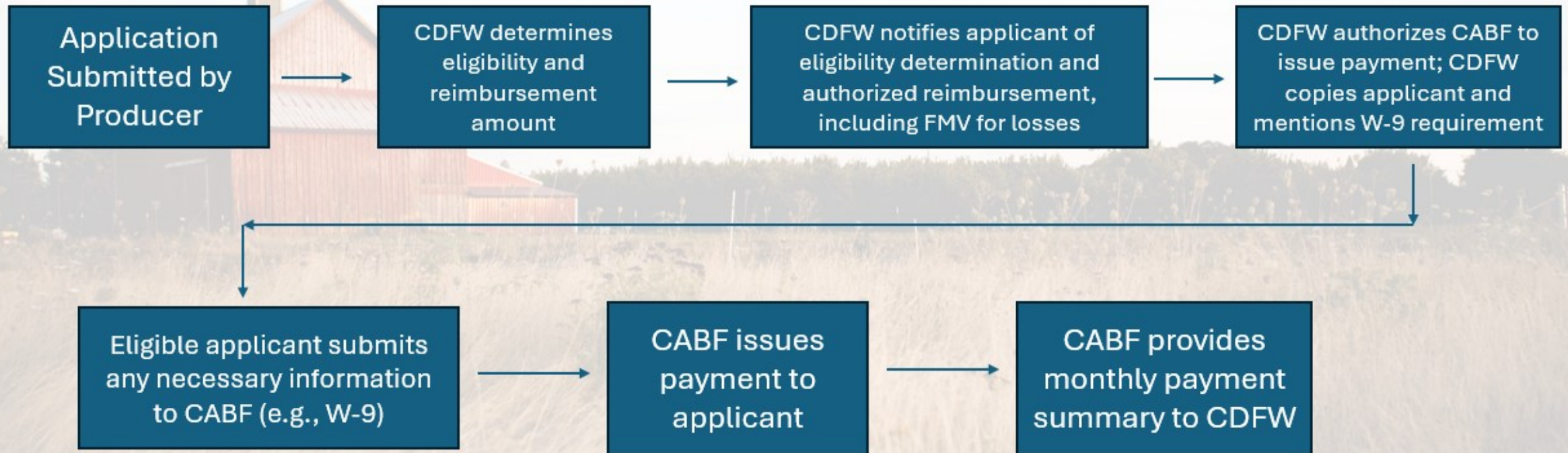
WLCP Summer 2026



- Fiscal year ended in June
- CDFW partnered with California Bountiful Foundation (California Farm Bureau) and finalized compensation process in July
- CDFW and CAFB started processing applications in early August:
 - 4 applications submitted to CAFB totaling to \$34,545.55 (10 livestock heads)
 - 1 application pending fair market value proof



Current CDFW x CABF Application Process



Updated application form: [2026 Direct Loss Compensation Application](#)