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Dear Livestock Producer,

As the population of gray wolves increases in California, conflicts between wolves and livestock are inevitable and financial losses to producers will increase. We understand that livestock losses caused by wolf predation as well as the potential for indirect losses can result in economic losses to ranchers, and can, at times, be severe locally.

We understand that the direct financial loss of or injury to livestock is only a portion of the impacts experienced when wolf predation occurs. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has recently launched their Interim Wolf Livestock Loss Compensation Grant Program, however the CDFW program currently only covers losses that occurred after September 23, 2021.

California Wolf Foundation (CWF) has been fundraising to establish a livestock loss grant fund to help offset some of the direct financial losses caused by wolf activity (**confirmed and probable wolf depredations as documented by CDFW** resulting in direct mortality, required euthanasia, and direct costs [vet bills or producer-provided treatment] associated with injuries). We will rely on CDFW reports to verify losses and to confirm producers linked to reports, but CDFW has no other involvement in our program or grant determination decisions.

We are launching our livestock loss compensation program and are now accepting applications for grants to offset wolf-caused livestock mortalities and injury treatment costs that occurred within California prior to September 23, 2021.

If you have experienced losses from wolf predation, we encourage you to apply to participate in our livestock loss program.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns- I value your input and would love to hear from you to find out how this program can best serve you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Dewar".

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Attachments: Livestock Loss Grant Program Application



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the California Wolf Foundation?

A: The California Wolf Foundation (CWF) is a non-profit charitable organization (tax EIN 87-3467885; 501(c)(3) tax exempt) established in 2021 with the mission of reducing conflict with wolves in California and supporting research and funding for wolf/livestock conflict deterrent tools and methods.

Q: How much compensation can I request?

A: We intend to compensate producers at fair market value. Also, we understand that some producers will treat injured animals themselves and thus will not have records of costs incurred. As such, if producers do not or cannot provide documentation or explanation of fair market value or direct costs incurred we offer a simple flat valuation they may use:

- Cow (older than one year) or steer mortality: \$1,200
- Calf mortality or required euthanasia: \$850

Q: Are Injuries or vet bills included in the reimbursement program?

A: Yes. Grants for injuries/vet bills may be capped at a portion of the flat value of a mortality for the animal. Applicants may provide documentation to support a higher market value than the flat value which will be considered by our Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis and as funds are available, however calculation and documentation is not required to apply. For applications where this information cannot be provided, we will apply a portion of the flat value above.

Q: Is the California Wolf Foundation open to suggestions/feedback?

A: We are not agricultural professionals as you are, so we welcome suggestions on how we can best support affected livestock producers with this program. We acknowledge that no livestock loss program will be perfect, that these programs can be controversial, and that they do not address the full impacts experienced by our valued agricultural producers and land stewards operating in wolf inhabited areas. However, we are hoping our efforts can help to alleviate some of the added costs to the agricultural community resulting from conflicts with wolves.



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LIVESTOCK LOSS GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF THEY ARE ASSOCIATED WITH A CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (CDFW) DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION WITH A DETERMINATION OF “**CONFIRMED WOLF**” OR “**PROBABLE WOLF.**”

Livestock Owner Name: _____
Name of business entity or individual applying for payment

Address: _____
PO Box or Street

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Additional Contact Name: _____
Name of individual owner or authorized agent (of different from above)

DEPREDATION INFORMATION (Please use additional copies of this application as needed for multiple CDFW Investigation Reports)

Depredation Date: _____ **County:** _____

CDFW Livestock Loss Determination Investigation ID: _____

Number of Animals Killed or Injured and Value of Direct Loss

Provide estimated fair market value (if possible) for each animal to be considered for compensation. Attach documentation such as USDA or local auction value determinations (current pricing or from time incident occurred), executed sales contract, or executed sale contract for similar animals. Calculation of fair market value is not required. If not provided, we will apply a flat rate.

If you are requesting reimbursement for injuries, please attach records of veterinary bills with specific charges associated with the treatments for injured animal(s) included in the CDFW investigation clearly identified. If you do not have veterinary records but would like to request reimbursement for injuries, please describe the nature and severity of the injuries and estimated labor and material costs.



Animal	Type / Breed	Mortality or Injury?	Value Method (USDA, sales contract, flat rate)	Price per Pound	Weight (lbs)	Estimated Fair Market Value or Flat Rate
<i>Example</i>	<i>calf</i>	<i>mortality</i>	<i>Flat rate</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>\$850</i>
<i>Example</i>	<i>Black Angus cow</i>	<i>mortality</i>	<i>Sales contract</i>	<i>\$1.25</i>	<i>1,600</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>Example</i>	<i>calf</i>	<i>injuries</i>	<i>Vet bill</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>\$153</i>
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
TOTAL REQUESTED						

If veterinary records are not available, please describe severity of injuries and labor/material costs associated with the value requested above.

Were any depredation deterrent methods in place at the time of incident (yes/no)? If so, please describe.

Have any depredation deterrent methods been implemented since the incident? If so, please describe the method, ease of installation/maintenance, perceived effectiveness, etc.



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Is there anything you would like us to know about your experience? Do you have any suggestions on how best this program can serve you?

PLEASE ATTACH COPIES OF CDFW LIVESTOCK LOSS INVESTIGATION REPORT(S), DOCUMENTATION USED TO DETERMINE FAIR MARKET VALUE (IF USED), AND ANY VETERINARY BILLS WITH ASSOCIATED CHARGES CLEARLY IDENTIFIED. APPLICATIONS CAN BE MAILED OR EMAILED TO THE ADDRESSES ABOVE.

California Wolf Foundation is a nonprofit organization with limited funding. We will consider applications in the order they are received. Our Board of Directors will evaluate each application individually; authorization of grants and the amount of grants is at the discretion of the Board. Submittal of this application does not guarantee funding.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In order to review the accuracy of your application, **California Wolf Foundation will share details of your application with the Department of Fish and Wildlife** livestock depredation investigators. Submittal of this application grants California Wolf Foundation permission to share this application and any supporting documentation with CDFW as necessary to verify your application. California Wolf Foundation may be required to disclose records of payment distributions to the Franchise Tax Board and/or Internal Revenue Service. **California Wolf Foundation will not share any personal or otherwise identifying information of applicants beyond what is required by law and/or as stated above.** Applicant contact information (phone, email, address) will only be used to communicate about the status of your application.

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 1. The information provided on this application is true and correct, AND**
- 2. I have read and understand the Disclosure Statement above.**

Printed Name	Title
Signature	Date