

HF 3420 – Comparison, MDA-RFA Drought Relief Provisions

Item	House (2 nd engrossment)	Senate (2 nd unofficial engross.)
Total appropriation, grants	\$5.1 million	\$7 million
Allocations	\$1 million livestock, \$1 million specialty crops, \$500k farmers' market vendors, \$100k livestock hay/forage. MDA may reallocate based on demand	\$5.5 million livestock, \$1.5 million livestock or specialty crops (up to \$100k of \$1.5m for livestock feed transport)
Max per farmer	\$10,000	\$5,000
Farmer payment determination, generally	Drought-related expenses incurred 4/1/21 to 5/1/22	Attested value of loss suffered due to drought
Livestock feed transport payments	Reimburse up to \$6/loaded mile of drought-related costs to transport hay/forage up to 25 miles to farm	Reimburse \$6.60/mile to obtain or transport feed/feed ingredients up to 25 miles to and from farm, if not reimbursed under USDA ELAP
Farmer location	Any livestock or specialty crop farmer impacted by drought in 2021	Located in county designated by USDA as primary natural disaster area 7/20/21 – 12/31/21
Preference	Counties designated D4 in 2021, then D3-D2, with payments randomized if demand exceeds funding	First-come, first-served
MDA administrative costs	6.5%	NA
Outreach required	Emerging farmers	NA
Reporting	NA	Yes
RFA Disaster Recovery Loans	\$5 million	\$1.5 million; reporting

Other items

Senate only – VDL equipment funding, MDA Ag. Emergency Account funding

House only – RFA Disaster Recovery Loan eligibility, Article 2 DNR funding