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To amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to improve a program that provides livestock disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Livestock Disaster Re-
5 lief Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPLEMENTAL AGRICULTURAL DISASTER ASSIST-**
7 **ANCE.**

8 (a) **DEFINITION OF LIVESTOCK.**—Section
9 1501(a)(4)(A) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C.

1 9081(a)(4)(A)) is amended by inserting “and unweaned
2 cattle” after “dairy cattle”.

3 (b) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE LIVESTOCK PRO-
4 DUCER.—Section 1501(e)(1)(C)(i)(I) of the Agricultural
5 Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9081(e)(1)(C)(i)(I)) is amended by
6 inserting “, including through a lease or rental agreement
7 under which payment is based, in whole or in part, on
8 the number of units of livestock per a specified period of
9 time” before the semicolon at the end.

10 (c) LIVESTOCK FORAGE DISASTER PROGRAM.—Sec-
11 tion 1501(e)(3) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C.
12 9081(e)(3)) is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (C)(iii)(I)—

14 (A) in item (aa), by striking “or” at the
15 end;

16 (B) in item (bb), by striking “by” at the
17 end and inserting “or”; and

18 (C) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(cc) the national average
20 corn price per bushel for the 3-
21 month period immediately pre-
22 ceding that March 1; by”; and

23 (2) in subparagraph (D)(ii)(II)—

24 (A) in item (aa), by striking “3” and in-
25 serting “4”;

1 (B) in item (bb), by striking “4 monthly”
 2 and inserting “6 monthly”; and

3 (C) in item (cc), by striking “an amount
 4 equal to” and all that follows through the pe-
 5 riod at the end and inserting the following: “an
 6 amount equal to—

7 “(AA) in the case of a
 8 county with a normal graz-
 9 ing period of not less than 8
 10 months, 8 monthly pay-
 11 ments using the monthly
 12 payment rate determined
 13 under subparagraph (B); or

14 “(BB) in the case of a
 15 county with a normal graz-
 16 ing period of less than 8
 17 months, 1 monthly payment
 18 for each month of the nor-
 19 mal grazing period for that
 20 county, using the monthly
 21 payment rate determined
 22 under that subparagraph.”.

23 (d) EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK,
 24 HONEY BEES, AND FARM-RAISED FISH.—Section

1 1501(d) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C.
2 9081(d)) is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (1)—

4 (A) by inserting “(including drought)”
5 after “adverse weather”; and

6 (B) by striking “, that are not covered
7 under subsection (b) or (c)”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (2)—

9 (A) by inserting “(including transportation
10 costs for feed, water, and livestock)” after
11 “shortages”;

12 (B) by inserting “, at a minimum,” before
13 “inspections”;

14 (C) by striking “reduce losses” and insert-
15 ing the following: “reduce—

16 “(A) losses”; and

17 (D) in subparagraph (A) (as so des-
18 ignated), by striking “fever.” and inserting the
19 following: “fever; and

20 “(B) winter stockpile grazing losses.”.

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