



Instructions for livestock owners who are seeking compensation for wolf-related losses

To process a compensation claim for wolf depredations on livestock, we need the following information:

___ A copy of the Wildlife Services investigation report (including any additional written information) for *confirmed and/or *probable losses due to wolf predation. These reports must be detailed enough to provide a record of evidence based on the criteria for classification established by WS in WY and ID. The report must contain a complete record of this evidence or it will be returned without payment to the livestock owner with instructions to contact their field investigator to complete the claim. We do not pay for possible or unconfirmed losses.

___ Complete contact information including the livestock owner's name, phone number, mailing address, and zip code. If possible, please include a preferred time that we can call if additional information is needed.

___ A federal tax ID number if payment is being made to a company - or a social security number if payment is being made to an individual livestock owner.

The report must include the market value (usually Fall market value from the year prior if claim is made before October of the present year) of the livestock killed or injured. If the value is higher than the average market value, copies of recent sales records must accompany the claim to verify higher value.

We do not compensate for livestock that are also covered by insurance, for illegally present livestock, or if dead or dying livestock attracted wolves and possibly caused the depredation. We pay 100% of the market value for confirmed losses up to \$2000 per animal and 50% of the value for probable losses. We pay for livestock and livestock guarding or herding dogs killed or injured by wolves. Most claims are processed in less than 6 weeks. Claims must be submitted within one year after the depredation event to be eligible for compensation.

It is our intent to offer this compensation in the spirit of helping reduce wolf-related economic losses for family ranchers and farmers. We can often assist with nonlethal deterrents to help livestock owners reduce future conflicts with wolves. Please contact me for more information.

Reports can either be mailed or faxed to:

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Defenders of Wildlife
P.O. Box 773
Boise, ID 83701
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*Confirmed means there is reasonable physical evidence to prove that a wolf made the attack on a living (and otherwise healthy) livestock or livestock working dog. *Probable is based on the same strong evidence, but lacks exclusive proof.