

Navajo Nation \$4 Million Agriculture Infrastructure

Fund Distribution

Livestock Hay/Feed Distribution Guideline

April 2021

The Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture (NNDA) is requesting the chapters receiving funds from the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund for the purchase livestock feed for distribution to ranchers and livestock owners through the Sihasin Fund Pasture Range and Forage Expenditure Plan utilize the following community distribution guideline.

Recipient Requirements:

- Certificate of Indian Blood to indicate Navajo Nation membership.
- Valid Grazing Permit with the name of the person received livestock feed.
- Active producer with 2021 Livestock Inventory.

For the Chapter to purchase livestock feed, the Division of Community Development (DCD) must have:

1. Two contact individuals that have phone (landline, mobile) numbers;
2. Of the two above contact individuals, one must be a District Grazing Committee Member (DGCM);
3. The DGCM must keep a detailed record of the producers receiving hay, grazing and/or livestock feed. Data captured:
 - a. date, time, name;

- b. amount of hay, grain and livestock feed received;
- c. Grazing Permit number, number and type of livestock.

Livestock feed distribution will be recorded on the attached form with copies maintained by the DGCM and chapter officials. Final copy to be provided to the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture upon completion of livestock feed distribution.

4. The DGCM must submit the above record to the DCD within two days of livestock feed distribution.
5. The chapter must work with their DGCM to identify the valid and non-valid grazing permittees living, and/or locating their livestock, within the Navajo Nation.
6. Distribution will be consistent with 2020 and/or 2021 Livestock Inventory (permitted livestock numbers) and/or at the discretion of the DGCM if the supply is limited (distribution can be in equal amounts).
7. Should supplies remain after serving the valid grazing permittees, the DGCM may distribute to livestock owners with NO valid grazing permit.
8. Physical distribution will occur with the DGCM and another individual such as a neighboring area DGCM and/or Ranger and/or Chapter Official to assure fairness in livestock feed distribution.

The hay, grain and livestock feed will be distributed to livestock producers who:

1. Have a valid grazing permit. Valid is defined as:

- **original (no copies) grazing permit; if original grazing permit is not available then an official copy stamped by the Bureau of Indian Affairs can be used.**
- **Official seal on the grazing permit;**
- **2020 and/or 2021 Livestock Inventory;**
- **Livestock Inventory indicates the producers have livestock within permitted numbers;**
- **should there be more than one name on the grazing permit, the producers shall have equal distribution for the number of livestock tallied and allowed by the grazing permit.**
- **other indicators of a valid grazing permit as defined by Navajo Nation law.**

Name of Chapter: _____

Name of Individuals Distributing Feed: (1) _____ (2) _____

No.	Date	Time	Producer Name	No. Received			Grazing Permit No.	Number of			
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