

Montana Livestock Loss Reduction & Mitigation Program Statistics

MLLRMP began accepting claims April 15, 2008

Wolf numbers have increased up to 34% annually. (FWP 2007 Annual Report)

At a 22% growth rate, 2010 livestock losses could reach 439 confirmed and probable livestock lost to wolves. Some studies indicate for every animal that the owner can find as confirmed or probable loss there are 7 addition losses. This would put Montana's estimated 2010 livestock loss at 3,433 animals. (2009 average of 30 animals per month X 22% = 439)

Livestock owners have the option to turn in a claim to our state program. Actual losses are greater than those listed below. USDA WS livestock loss numbers may exceed LLRMP's livestock loss numbers as not all livestock owners turn in livestock loss claims.

We received our last major donation from Defenders of Wildlife earlier this spring. It was \$50,000 and Montana's legislature put in \$150,000 for this biennium. Some of the DoW donation was used to pay claims that occurred last year and over half of the remaining compensation fund is already spent on this years claims. Because of a lack in funding our board has not been able to fund any loss prevention efforts or pay for any additional losses like veterinarian bills for injured animals.

2008 Totals 238 - \$87,317.68

Cattle 74 - \$52,402.68
Horse 1 - \$5,000.00
Sheep 149 - \$28,140
Goats 8 - \$600.00
Dogs 2 - \$1175.00
Llamas 4 - \$0

2009 Totals 360 - \$137,897.37

Cattle 101 - \$69,144.87
Horse 1 - \$147.50
Sheep 253 - \$66,980.00
Goats 3 - \$225.00
Dogs 2 - \$1,400.00
Llamas 0

Oct 1, 08 to Oct 1, 09 Totals 336 - \$138,010.96
Multiplier 7X Totals 2,352 - \$966,076.72

Apr 15, 08 to Dec 31, 09 Totals 598 - \$225,215.05
Multiplier 7X Totals 4,186 - \$1,576,505.35