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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 15059 - Emergency Livestock Credit Act extension. This bill extends, from December 31, 1976 to September 30, 1978, the Emergency Livestock Credit Act of 1974.

Under provisions of the Emergency Livestock Credit Act of 1974, the Secretary of Agriculture is directed to provide loan guarantees covering up to 90 percent of the loss on private lender loans which are made to bona fide farmers and ranchers who have substantial operations in breeding, raising, fattening, or marketing livestock. The total loans guaranteed for any loan applicant may not exceed \$350,000, and the aggregate of such loans may not exceed \$1.5 billion at any one time. The Federal Financing Bank is authorized to hold the guaranteed portion of these loans. The loans must be repaid within 7 years with Secretarial discretion to renew for up to 3 additional years. Eligible loan purposes include beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, chicken, turkey, sheep and goats. The authority to make new guaranteed loans expires on December 31, 1976.

The bill will amend the Emergency Livestock Credit Act of 1974 to extend the authority to make new loan guarantees to September 30, 1978.

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