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S. 2707

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) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1501(a)(4)(A) of the Ag-
9 ricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9081(a)(4)(A)) is amend-

1 ed by inserting “and unweaned cattle” after “dairy cat-
2 tle”.

3 (b) LIVESTOCK FORAGE DISASTER PROGRAM.—Sec-
4 tion 1501(c)(3) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C.
5 9081(c)(3)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (C)(iii)(I)—

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

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

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

12 “(cc) the national average
13 corn price per bushel for the 3-
14 month period immediately pre-
15 ceding that March 1; by”; and

16 (2) in subparagraph (D)(ii)(II)—

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

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

21 (C) in item (cc), by striking “an amount
22 equal to” and all that follows through the pe-
23 riod at the end and inserting the following: “an
24 amount equal to—

1 “(AA) in the case of a
 2 county with a normal graz-
 3 ing period of not less than 8
 4 months, 8 monthly pay-
 5 ments using the monthly
 6 payment rate determined
 7 under subparagraph (B); or

8 “(BB) in the case of a
 9 county with a normal graz-
 10 ing period of less than 8
 11 months, 1 monthly payment
 12 for each month of the nor-
 13 mal grazing period for that
 14 county, using the monthly
 15 payment rate determined
 16 under that subparagraph.”.

17 (c) EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK,
 18 HONEY BEES, AND FARM-RAISED FISH.—Section
 19 1501(d) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C.
 20 9081(d)) is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (1)—

22 (A) by inserting “(including drought)”
 23 after “adverse weather”; and

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

- 1 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “(including
- 2 transportation costs)” after “shortages”.

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