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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 341

By: Senator Irvin  
By: Representative Talley

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE AN INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR PAYMENTS  
FROM AGRICULTURAL DISASTER PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO CREATE AN INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR  
PAYMENTS FROM AGRICULTURAL DISASTER  
PROGRAMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 51, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26-51-314. Payments from an agricultural disaster program to a cattle farmer or cattle rancher.

(a) As used in this section, "agricultural disaster program" means a program that provides compensation to a cattle farmer or cattle rancher who has suffered a loss as the result of an emergency, a disaster, or declining market prices or value, including without limitation the following programs:

(1) Livestock Forage Disaster Program;

(2) Livestock Indemnity Program;

(3) Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish;

(4) Emergency Conservation Program;

(5) Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program;

(6) Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Pilot Insurance Program;



(7) Annual Forage Pilot Program;

(8) Livestock Risk Protection Insurance Plan; and

(9) Livestock Gross Margin insurance plan.

(b) There is allowed an exemption from the income tax imposed by the Income Tax Act of 1929, § 26-51-101 et seq., for payments made to a *cattle farmer or cattle rancher from an agricultural disaster program.*

(c) *Expenses for losses related to the receipt of a payment from an agricultural disaster program to a cattle farmer or cattle rancher are not deductible or otherwise permitted to offset any other income from the tax year in which the loss or expenses are incurred.*

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

*/s/Irvin*

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