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BLACK VULTURE NECROPSY REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

Request Reimbursement for Loss due to Black Vultures:

1. Call your licensed veterinarian to schedule a necropsy of the deceased animal.
 - a. Necropsy must be performed within 24 hours of finding the deceased animal. If necropsy is not obtainable within the 24 hours, the producer must preserve and protect the deceased animal from predators, weather extremes and further decay. Any deceased animal the veterinarian deems to be beyond determination will not be eligible for indemnity.
2. A licensed veterinarian will perform the necropsy and determine cause of death.
 - a. USDA-Fish & Wildlife Services officials may also perform necropsy. Call **573-449-3033 x10** to coordinate with a USDA official.
3. The veterinarian will bill the producer for necropsy services.
4. The producer will pay the veterinarian directly for necropsy services.
5. If the veterinarian determines the cause of death to be unrelated to a black vulture, no further action is required.
6. If the veterinarian determines the cause of death to be from a black vulture:
 - a. The producer should submit a paid invoice for the necropsy, including any related farm call charges, and a cause of death statement from the veterinarian to the Missouri Department of Agriculture. The cause of death statement must include: age, sex, weight and breed of animal. The following information should also be submitted:
 - Name of owner
 - Mailing address of owner
 - Location of loss, if different from mailing address
 - Phone number of owner
 - E-mail address of owner
 - b. Upon receipt of the required information:
 - MDA will issue a payment to the owner for the cost of the necropsy and associated costs, not to exceed \$200 total.
 - Payments from MDA will be made as long as funds are available.
7. Owners or contract growers may apply for livestock indemnity benefits at their local USDA-FSA offices.



Submit documentation to the Missouri Department of Agriculture at:

Missouri Department of Agriculture
Animal Health Division
1616 Missouri Boulevard
P.O. Box 630
Jefferson City, MO 65109

Contact the MDA Animal Health Division at (573) 751-3377 with further questions.



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