



Wolf Compensation Trust

Our goal is to shift economic responsibility for wolf recovery away from the individual rancher and toward the millions of people who want to see wolf populations restored. When ranchers alone are forced to bear the cost of wolf recovery, it creates animosity and ill will toward the wolf. Such negative attitudes can result in illegal killing

TOTAL PAYMENTS FROM 1987 TO OCTOBER 2009*	\$1,368,043
TOTAL NUMBER OF PAYMENTS TO LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS	893
TOTAL NUMBER OF DEPREDATION INCIDENTS:	
	CATTLE 1,306
	SHEEP 2,421
	OTHER** 105

SUMMARY BY YEAR

2009	\$143,387*	59 Payments	81 Cattle, 213 Sheep, 5 Other
2008	\$226,891*	131 Payments	195 Cattle, 238 Sheep, 22 Other
2007	\$239,862	152 Payments	235 Cattle, 309 Sheep, 6 Other
2006	\$181,765	101 Payments	195 Cattle, 205 Sheep, 8 Other
2005	\$101,086	75 payments	102 Cattle, 83 Sheep, 6 Other
2004	\$138,091	94 Payments	108 Cattle, 452 Sheep, 9 Other
2003	\$63,145	53 Payments	52 Cattle, 210 Sheep, 14 Other
2002	\$64,174	46 Payments	75 Cattle, 133 Sheep, 8 Other
2001	\$53,297	34 Payments	67 Cattle, 149 Sheep, 2 Other
2000	\$50,446	38 Payments	36 Cattle, 105 Sheep, 13 Other
1999	\$35,937	40 Payments	51 Cattle, 108 Sheep, 6 Other
1998	\$17,483	17 Payments	27 Cattle, 13 Sheep, 5 Other
1997	\$26,065	21 Payments	24 Cattle, 152 Sheep
1996	\$7,483	9 Payments	8 Cattle, 49 Sheep
1995	\$1,633	2 Payments	4 Cattle
1994	\$5,701	8 Payments	12 Cattle
1993	0	0	0
1992	\$374	1 Payment	1 Cattle
1991	\$1,250	3 Payments	2 Cattle, 1 Sheep
1990	\$4,100	3 Payments	8 Cattle
1989	\$1,730	2 Payments	8 Cattle
1988	0	0	0
1987	\$3,049	3 Payments	5 Cattle, 9 Sheep

COMPENSATION PAYMENTS BY STATE

STATE	CATTLE	SHEEP	OTHER	PAYMENTS
Montana*	353	656	28	\$429,880
Wyoming	391	368	32	\$360,301
Idaho	376	1,314	22	\$433,384
Arizona	74	10	6	\$47,756
New Mexico	94	0	4	\$67,910
Oregon	1	24	0	\$3,900

COMPENSATION PAYMENTS BY WOLF RECOVERY AREA

RECOVERY AREA	CATTLE	SHEEP	OTHER	PAYMENTS
Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem	503	932	63	\$542,426
Northwest Montana	218	136	12	\$152,428
Central Idaho	411	1,314	23	\$454,482
Southwest, Mexican Wolves	168	10	10	\$115,666
Utah	0	15	0	\$1,830
Pacific Northwest	1	24	0	\$3,900

* In 2008 and 2009, Defenders of Wildlife contributed two payments totaling \$100,000 to the state of Montana for use in initiating a new state-managed program to compensate livestock owners for losses of livestock due to wolf predation.

**Other includes sheep, cattle, horses, mules, goats, llamas, donkeys, pigs, chickens, geese, turkeys, herding dogs and livestock guarding dogs.

Note: Locations depict livestock owners' mailing locations, not necessarily the location of the depredation sites as some occur on public lands, grazing leases or privately leased pastures.

What Others Say About Defenders of Wildlife's Wolf Compensation Program

"By stepping forward, checkbook in hand, Defenders has gone a long way toward diffusing the loudest and most emotional critics of restoration of free-ranging wolves...Defenders has created a responsible and refreshing alternative to traditional and often inefficient government programs."

The Missoulian

"This program should be a model for others who want positive solutions for complex environmental issues. The livestock compensation program certainly made wolves much more tolerable to livestock producers...and has made wolf recovery more easily attainable."

Ed Bangs, Wolf Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

"I'm satisfied because Defenders has compensated for what they have agreed to compensate for. While it doesn't cover all the losses, they have been honest in how they have dealt with us."

Idaho rancher

"In my case, I received the value of the lost calf as if he was already 6 months old and ready to wean. I think that's fair."

Wyoming rancher

"Purebred registered sheep involved. I set a high but fair value together with documented [market value] justification. There was no quibbling from the program."

Montana rancher

"The compensation program really speaks to the commitment of Defenders to assist ranchers with the impacts of wolf reintroduction."

Jan Holder, Arizona rancher and former member of Defenders' Livestock Producer Advisory Council.

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