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To require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide payments to cattle producers to offset losses due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. WYDEN) 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. CATTLE PRODUCER PAYMENTS TO OFFSET**
4 **LOSSES DUE TO COVID-19.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture, act-
6 ing through the Administrator of the Farm Service Agen-
7 cy (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”), shall
8 make payments to producers that sold feeder cattle or live

1 cattle during any month in calendar year 2020 if the Sec-
2 retary determines that—

3 (1) in the case of feeder cattle, the average na-
4 tional sale price per hundredweight for feeder cattle
5 for that month is less than \$150; and

6 (2) in the case of live cattle, the average na-
7 tional sale price per hundredweight for live cattle for
8 that month is less than \$121.

9 (b) PAYMENT AMOUNT.—The amount of a payment
10 provided under subsection (a) shall be equal to—

11 (1) in the case of feeder cattle, the product ob-
12 tained by multiplying—

13 (A) the difference between—

14 (i) \$150; and

15 (ii) the average national sale price per
16 hundredweight for feeder cattle for the ap-
17 plicable month; and

18 (B) the quantity of feeder cattle sold by
19 the applicable producer during the applicable
20 month, expressed in hundredweight; and

21 (2) in the case of live cattle, the product ob-
22 tained by multiplying—

23 (A) the difference between—

24 (i) \$121; and

1 (ii) the average national sale price per
2 hundredweight for live cattle for the appli-
3 cable month; and

4 (B) the quantity of live cattle sold by the
5 applicable producer during the applicable
6 month, expressed in hundredweight.

7 (c) LIMITATIONS.—

8 (1) PAYMENT LIMITATION.—A producer may
9 receive payments under subsection (a) for not more
10 than 10,000 head of cattle in calendar year 2020.

11 (2) OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENT.—To be eligible
12 to receive a payment under subsection (a), a pro-
13 ducer shall have owned the cattle described in that
14 subsection for not less than 30 days before the date
15 on which the cattle were sold.

16 (d) FUNDING.—Of the funds of the Commodity Cred-
17 it Corporation, the Secretary shall use such sums as are
18 necessary to carry out this section.

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