

2025-2026 Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation

Black Vulture Depredation Sub-Permit Notification, Application and Approval Process

1. Kentucky Farm Bureau has received a statewide depredation permit that allows for a limited number of black vulture “takes” where black vultures are depredating on livestock. Livestock producers who are experiencing depredation may apply for a Livestock Protection depredation sub-permit that, if approved, will allow producers to protect livestock against black vulture attacks. This program allows for takes of black vultures or incidental takes of turkey vultures only. ***No other protected migratory bird species is authorized to be taken under this program.***
2. The Kentucky Farm Bureau Commodity Division will manage the statewide depredation permit and sub-permit program. All applications and reports will be made direct to Fran McCall, Commodity Specialist, either by email at Fran.McCall@kyfb.com or by phone at 502-495-5000.
3. Applications must be fully completed, signed, and dated by the livestock producer with the applicant agreeing to the terms and conditions of the original statewide depredation permit. Applications must be returned for consideration to the Commodity Division. Because of the limited number of “takes” Kentucky Farm Bureau is issued, all applications will be considered based on past livestock losses, number of livestock on the applicant’s farming operation, number of black vulture roosts, and approximate number of birds in the immediate vicinity. Only one sub-permit will be allowed per farming operation. A maximum of 3 takes may be issued to an approved applicant and will be determined by the criteria listed above.
4. ALL approved applicants are required to report the date and number of birds killed under their approved sub-permit. Applicants are not allowed to kill any birds in excess of the number approved in the sub-permit, or of any other migratory bird species.
5. Livestock producers may apply to amend their original sub-permit to include additional “takes” but must first receive official approval before taking additional black vultures. The sub-permit contains an area at the bottom of the page to record approved “takings” of black vultures.
6. Producers cannot be issued a depredation permit by USFWS **and** apply for and be approved for a KFBF depredation sub-permit. Any livestock producer experiencing severe depredation from black vultures is encouraged to apply for an individual migratory bird depredation permit from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and/or work with USDA APHIS Wildlife Services (WS) to address their specific situation. More information can be found [here](#).
7. The Migratory Bird Depredation Permit is a Federal permit, and all livestock producers applying for and receiving approval of a KFBF Livestock Protection Depredation Sub-Permit will be required to follow ALL USFWS Migratory Bird Depredation Permit rules and regulations. Failure to do so could result in Federal citations and fines.