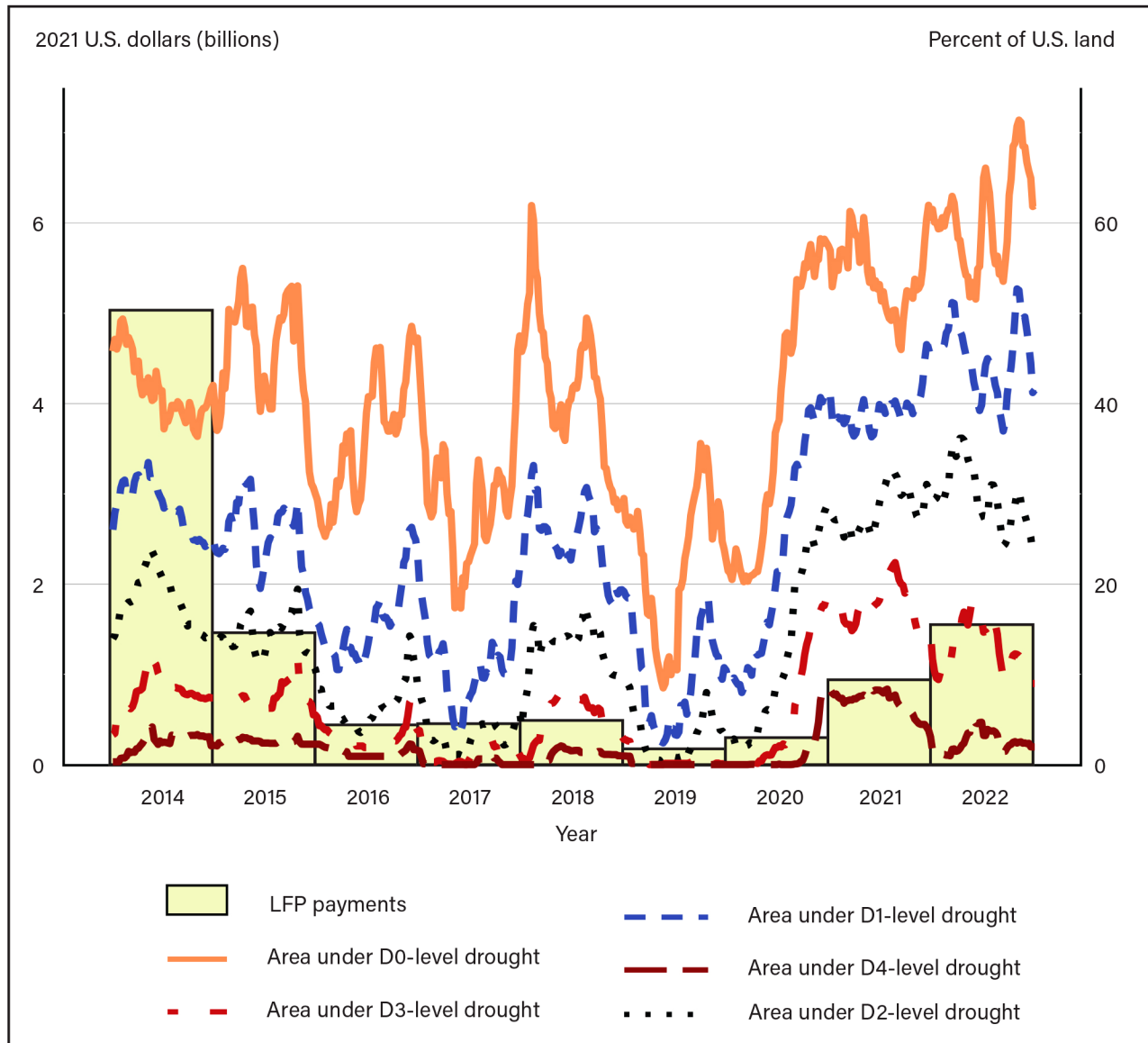


Figure 10
Livestock Forage Disaster Assistance Program payments and prevailing drought conditions, 2014–21



LFP = Livestock Forage Disaster Assistance Program.

Note: The U.S. Drought Monitor classifies drought conditions into five categories, ranging from D0 (abnormally dry) up to D4 (exceptional drought). For more information on drought classifications, see the U.S. Drought Monitor’s documentation (National Drought Mitigation Center, 2022).

The authors inflated past payments to 2021 values using the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The left axis represents LFP payments in the year the payments were disbursed and may not necessarily be an accurate representation of when losses occurred that prompted disaster assistance. The right axis represents the percent of U.S. land area under the stated drought level or higher-level drought.

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service calculations using data from USDA, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Drought Monitor, and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.