Pandemic Assistance for Producers & Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2

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Introduction

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Today’s Discussion

• Pandemic Assistance Program
• What’s new with CFAP2?
Containing the Pandemic

USDA Top Priority
New Pandemic Assistance for Producers

• $6 billion for new programs
• $500 million for existing programs
These efforts will include assistance for:

- Dairy farmers through the Dairy Donation Program or other means:
- Euthanized livestock and poultry;
- Biofuels;
- Specialty crops, beginning farmers, local, urban and organic farms;
- Costs for organic certification or to continue or add conservation activities
- Other possible expansion and corrections to CFAP that were not part of prior announcement such as to support dairy or other livestock producers;
- Timber harvesting and hauling;
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other protective measures for food and farm workers and specialty crop and seafood producers, processors and distributors;
- Improving the resilience of the food supply chain, including assistance to meat and poultry operations to facilitate interstate shipment;
- Developing infrastructure to support donation and distribution of perishable commodities, including food donation and distribution through farm-to-school, restaurants or other community organizations; and
- Reducing food waste.
Containing the Pandemic

• $100 million in additional funding for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), which enhances the competitiveness of fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops.

• $75 million in additional funding for the Farmers Opportunities Training and Outreach program, administered by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement, which encourages and assists socially disadvantaged, veteran, and beginning farmers and ranchers in the ownership and operation of farms and ranches.

• $100 million in additional funding for the Local Agricultural Marketing Program, administered by the AMS and Rural Development, which supports the development, coordination and expansion of direct producer-to-consumer marketing, local and regional food markets and enterprises and value-added agricultural products.

• $75 million in additional funding for the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program, administered by the NIFA, which provides funding opportunities to conduct and evaluate projects providing incentives to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables by low-income consumers.
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- $20 million for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to improve and maintain animal disease prevention and response capacity, including the National Animal Health Laboratory Network.
- $20 million for the Agricultural Research Service to work collaboratively with Texas A&M on the critical intersection between responsive agriculture, food production, and human nutrition and health.
- $28 million for NIFA to provide grants to state departments of agriculture to expand or sustain existing farm stress assistance programs.
- Approximately $80 million in additional payments to domestic users of upland and extra-long staple cotton based on a formula set in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 that USDA plans to deliver through the Economic Adjustment Assistance for Textile Mills program.
Debt relief for borrowers who are Black/African American, American Indian or Alaskan native, Hispanic or Latino, and Asian American or Pacific Islander.

Borrowers are those with direct and guaranteed loans as well as Farm Storage Facility Loans.

More information: [www.farmers.gov/AmericanRescuePlan](http://www.farmers.gov/AmericanRescuePlan)
Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2

Goal: Relief for producers impacted by COVID-19

Provides direct payments to producers of eligible commodities

- Addresses price declines and supply chain disruptions, and additional marketing costs
- 100% of eligible payment now
- Apply from April 5, 2021
- No fee to apply
- Payments are not loans and do not have to be repaid (unless there is error or fraud). Payments are processed and paid immediately after an application is approved. Payments are not withheld to satisfy prior USDA debts nor offset by Treasury

Re-opened!
Eligible Commodities

- Aquaculture
- Broilers, Eggs, Pullets
- Dairy
- Floriculture/Nursery Crops
- Livestock
- Livestock by Contract Growers
- Row Crops
- Specialty Crops (turfgrass sod recently added)
- Specialty Livestock (pullets recently added)
- Tobacco
- Wool
Contract Producers

• **Eligible Commodities**
  - Broilers, Pullets, Layers, Turkeys
  - Chicken Eggs
  - Hogs & Pigs

• **Loss in 2020 Eligible Revenue Compared to 2019 Eligible Revenue**
Ineligible Commodities

- Hay (except alfalfa) and crops intended for grazing
- All equine, breeding stock, companion and comfort animals, pets and animals raised for hunting or game purposes.
- Clover,
- cover crop
- Fallow
- Forage soybeans,
- Gardens (commercial and home)
- Pollinators
- And more are listed online. View complete listing at www.farmers.gov/cfap
What’s New with CFAP

• CFAP 1 top-up payment for cattle
• Eligible CFAP 2 flat-rate or price trigger crops top-up payment of $20/acre
• No action/application changes needed by producer for these top-up payments
CFAP Additional Assistance

USDA will finalize routine decisions and minor formula adjustments in the following categories:

- Applications filed for pullets and turfgrass sod;
- A formula correction for row-crop producer applications to allow producers with a non-Actual Production History (APH) insurance policy to use 100% of the 2019 Agriculture Risk Coverage-County Option (ARC-CO) benchmark yield in the calculation;
- Sales commodity applications revised to include insurance indemnities, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program payments, and Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus payments, as required by statute; and
- Additional payments for swine producers and contract growers under CFAP Additional Assistance remain on hold and are likely to require modifications to the regulation as part of the broader evaluation and future assistance; however, FSA will continue to accept applications from interested producers.
Eligibility

• Producer does NOT need to be an existing USDA customer
• Producers can apply for assistance for only commercially produced commodities.
• Conservation compliance required
• Non-citizens with an I-551 must provide significant contribution to capital, land and active personal labor to be eligible.
Payment Limitations

$250,000 per person and legal entity payment limitation

• Unlike other FSA programs, special payment limitation rules are applied to participants that are corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships (corporate entities), trusts and estates
Application Options

• Options for applying
  • Producers with an e-Authentication account can apply online.
  • Download application form, complete and submit to county office. and work with your local office through mail, online tools, or fax.
  • Work with county office to complete. Most offices are open for PHONE appointments only, with some offices available for in-person appointments. Check out the USDA Service Center Dashboard for your local office’s operating status, farmers.gov/coronavirus/service-center-status
Limited English Proficiency Resources

Forms in Spanish:
• AD-3114; CCC-901; CCC-941; AD-1026
• Fact sheets in Spanish

YouTube Video, Updated CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator:
• Settings for Captions in different languages

Call Center: Press 2 for Spanish
Documentation

Producers self-certify that their application is accurate

- Keep your documentation! Be prepared for spot checks
- The following documents are recommended to assist producers in providing accurate information on their CFAP form:
  - Marketing statements
  - Contracts
  - Sales receipts