



Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

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Today's Discussion

- What is the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program?
- Eligibility and Payments
- Forms and Documents
- How producers apply
- Supporting new FSA customers
- Commodities Covered

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

Goal: Relief for a producer's operations impacted by COVID-19

Provides direct payments to producers of eligible commodities

- Addresses price declines and supply chain disruptions
- Partial compensation
- 80% of eligible payment now
- Funding sources: CARES Act & CCC

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

- CFAP sign up runs from **May 26, 2020 - August 28, 2020**
- Producers must submit all eligibility forms within 60 days of signed application
- Producers self-certify to their losses but should have documentation available

Eligibility

Eligible producers:

- Must have ownership risk of identified commodities that suffered a 5% or greater national price loss as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic or had substantial marketing costs of inventories
- Produce or own one of the following commodities:
 - Milk
 - Livestock
 - Non-Specialty Crops
 - Wool
 - Specialty Crops

Eligibility continued

- Producer does NOT need to be an existing USDA customer
- Producers must own or share in the risk of the covered commodity
- Producer can participate in PPP or EIDL or USDA programs (including loans or risk management programs), if eligible, without conflict.

Additional commodities to be considered for CFAP

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) requests info from stakeholders and producers on other commodities by **June 22, 2020**

- Seeks producer data on any commodity not currently eligible for CFAP
- Specific emphasis on data for nursery and aquaculture products

CFAP Payments

- For approved applications will be processed on a rolling basis
- Are being made to offset producers' losses.
- There is no fee to apply for this program.
- Do not come with stipulations.
- Will not be withheld to satisfy prior USDA debts.

Note: This is not a loan program and payments do not have to be repaid (unless there has been an error or fraud)

Payment Limitation

- In general, the total amount of CFAP payments that a person or legal entity (excluding general partnerships and joint ventures) may receive is \$250,000.
- There are exceptions for multi member entities, which could be eligible for increased payment limitations. However, this will have no bearing on how the payment is calculated.
 - Corporations
 - Limited Liability Companies
 - Limited Partnerships
 - 400 hours of personal labor or management

Forms & Documentation

When applying, farmers may need to complete the following forms:

- **CFAP Application – AD-3114** (automatically generated from the payment calculator)
- **Member Information – CCC-901***
- **Adjusted Gross Income – CCC-941***
- **Income from Farming – CCC-942***
- **Highly Erodible Land / Wetlands – AD-1026***
- **Customer Information – AD-2047***
- **Direct Deposit – SF-3881***

[A CFAP Payment Calculator](#) is available to assist with the CFAP application process.

AD-3114 CFAP Application

- **One application per producer, listing all applicable commodities**
- **Producer Certification**
 - Documentation is only required upon spot check or when requested by COC.
- **Form AD-3114 can be accessed from farmers.gov/cfap**

Customer Call Center

- New FSA Producers can call: **877-508-8364 or their local office.**
- Work one-on-one with an employee and get a direct transfer to the applicable service center
- Staffing of FSA offices varies by county & state. Clinton and Franklin County offices are both operating with regular staffing. Open by phone, mail, email only. Producers can pickup paperwork outside.

What Should New Customers Do?

- ✓ Review CFAP Information and Eligibility Guidelines
- ✓ Download the application or request the application by mail
- ✓ Can call the hotline to get information about the program **877-508-8364**
- ✓ Producers can apply by mail, fax, hand delivery/drop-off, or electronically. Contact your local service center for more information
- ✓ If producers need assistance with an application, they can make an appointment with their local office
- ✓ New producers don't need a farm number, but they will need all the application forms and to be able to provide:
 - ✓ **Name and address**
 - ✓ **Personal information, including your Tax Identification Number**
 - ✓ **Farm operating structure**
 - ✓ **Adjusted Gross Income compliance certification to ensure eligibility**
 - ✓ **Direct deposit information to enable payment**

Eligible Commodities

- Produce or own one of the following commodities:
 - Milk
 - Livestock
 - Non-Specialty Crops
 - Wool
 - Specialty Crops

MILK - What's Covered?

MILK

CFAP payments are eligible to all dairy operations with milk production in January, February, and/or March 2020. Any dumped milk production during those months is also eligible for assistance.

PAYMENTS:

- Producer's certification of milk production for the first quarter of calendar year 2020 multiplied by \$4.71 per hundred weight.
- A national adjustment to each producer's production in the first quarter to account for spring flush, multiplied by \$1.47 per hundred weight.

LIVESTOCK

Livestock eligible for CFAP include cattle (includes culled dairy cows and dairy bull calves), hogs, and sheep.

- **Pigs** means any swine weighing less than 120 pounds.
- **Hogs** means any swine 120 pounds or more.
- **Lambs and yearlings** mean all sheep less than 2 years old.

Definitions

- **Feeder cattle less than 600 pounds** means cattle weighing less than 600 pounds.
- **Feeder cattle 600 pounds or more** means cattle weighing more than 600 pounds but less than slaughter cattle-fed cattle as defined.
- **Slaughter cattle—fed cattle** means cattle with an average weight in excess of 1,400 pounds which yield average carcass weights in excess of 800 pounds and are intended for slaughter.

- **Slaughter cattle—mature cattle** means culled cattle raised or maintained for breeding purposes, but which were removed from inventory and are intended for slaughter.
- **All other cattle** mean commercially raised or maintained bovine animals not meeting the definition of another category of cattle in this rule excluding beefalo, bison, and animals used for dairy production or intended for dairy production.

Dairy Cattle Eligibility for CFAP

- Dairy cattle that are no longer used for dairy production and have entered the beef cattle market are eligible for CFAP, for example:
 - Dairy cull cows – “Slaughter Cattle – Mature Cattle”
 - Dairy calves – Feeder Calves < > 600 pounds
- Dairy cattle used for dairy production or intended for dairy production are not eligible for CFAP-Livestock, however milk production from this livestock is eligible for CFAP-Dairy.

LIVESTOCK

Payment for livestock will be calculated using:

- the sum of the producer's number of livestock sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020, multiplied by the payment rates per head
- and the highest inventory number of livestock between April 16 and May 14, 2020, multiplied by the payment rate per head.

LIVESTOCK

Livestock	Eligible Livestock	Unit of Measure	CARES Act Part 1 Payment Rate	CCC Part 2 Payment Rate
Cattle	Feeder Cattle: Less than 600 Pounds	Head	\$102.00	\$33.00
	Feeder Cattle: 600 Pounds or More	Head	\$139.00	\$33.00
	Slaughter Cattle: Fed Cattle	Head	\$214.00	\$33.00
	Slaughter Cattle: Mature Cattle	Head	\$92.00	\$33.00
	All Other Cattle	Head	\$102.00	\$33.00
Hogs and Pigs	Pigs: Less than 120 Pounds	Head	\$28.00	\$17.00
	Hogs: 120 Pounds or More	Head	\$18.00	\$17.00
Lambs and Yearlings	All Sheep Less than 2 Years Old	Head	\$33.00	\$7.00

NON-SPECIALTY CROPS

Non-specialty crops eligible for CFAP payments include malting barley, canola, corn (& silage), millet, oats, soybeans, sorghum, sunflowers, durum wheat, and hard red spring wheat. Inventory must be from the 2019 crop.

Producers need to provide:

- Total 2019 Production Per Eligible Commodity
- How much of that commodity they had on hand as of Jan. 15, 2020, not covered by a forward price contract.

* Max payment 50% of total 2019 crop production.

What's Covered?

WOOL

Producers will be paid based on inventory subject to price risk held as of January 15, 2020. A single payment will be made based on 50 percent of a producer's 2019 total production or the 2019 inventory as of January 15, 2020, whichever is smaller, multiplied by the commodity's applicable payment rate.

Commodity	Unit of Measure	CARES Act Payment Rate	CCC Payment Rate
Wool (graded, clean basis)	pound	\$0.71	\$0.78
Wool (non-graded, greasy basis)	pound	\$0.36	\$0.39

SPECIALTY CROPS

Producers of specialty crops are eligible for CFAP payments in the following three categories:

1. Had crops that suffered a five percent-or-greater price decline between mid-January and mid-April as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,
 - Ex.: spinach or lettuce produced in high tunnels or CEA
2. Had produce shipped but subsequently spoiled due to loss of marketing channel, and
3. Had shipments that did not leave the farm or mature crops that remained unharvested.
 - Does not include crops still viable in cold storage

What's Covered?

Commodity	CARES Act Payment Rate for Sales Losses (\$/lb)	CARES Act Payment Rate for Product that left the farm but spoiled due to loss of marketing channel (\$/lb)	CCC Payment Rate (\$/lb)
Apples	—	\$0.18	\$0.03
Broccoli	\$0.62	\$0.49	\$0.10
Cabbage	\$0.04	\$0.07	\$0.01
Carrots	\$0.02*	\$0.11	\$0.02
Cauliflower	\$0.11	\$0.31	\$0.06
Garlic	—	\$0.85	\$0.17
Lettuce, iceberg	\$0.20	\$0.15	\$0.03
Lettuce, romaine	\$0.07	\$0.12	\$0.02
Mushrooms	—	\$0.59	\$0.11
Onions, dry	\$0.01	\$0.05	\$0.01
Onions, green	—	\$0.30	\$0.06
Potatoes	—	\$0.04	\$0.01
Spinach	\$0.37	\$0.37	\$0.07
Squash	\$0.72	\$0.39	\$0.08
Sweet potatoes	—	\$0.18	\$0.04

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Forms & Documentation

Gathering the following types of documents and information will help with filling out the program application.

Type of Information For Each Commodity:

Livestock	Non-Specialty Crop & Wool	Specialty Crop	Dairy
Sales Records	2019 Total Production Records	Sales Records	Production Records (by lbs)
Livestock inventory	Unsold production as of Jan 15	Quantity of crops unsold	Milk marketing statements
		Quantity of crops shipped but not paid	Records of dumped milk
		Acres of crops unharvested or will not be sold	

Payments will be based on:

- **Specific payment rates by commodity**
- **80% of the calculated payment***

*Subsequent payment maybe issued
at a later date determined by Secretary*

Guidance for producers

- Visit: www.farmers.gov/cfap
 - Video of payment calculator available
- Utilize call center or call the FSA office for initial questions
- Take advantage of virtual applications
 - If needed, can be mailed

Thank you! Questions?

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