

Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA to Hold Session on Assistance Program for Timber Industry

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ST. PAUL, Minn. — Aug. 30, 2021 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Minnesota will hold a half hour informational webinar on the Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers (PATHH) Program on Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. central. The program provides financial relief to timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses that experienced losses in 2020 due to COVID-19. The goal of the webinar is to provide an overview of the program and instructions on how to apply by the Oct. 15 application deadline. USDA staff will be available to answer questions at the end of the session.

Webinar on Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers Tuesday, September 14, 6:00-6:30 p.m. (CDT)

To attend the webinar: Click Here

Join by phone by calling: 1-202-650-0123, Conference ID: 685 599 547#

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact Daniel Mahoney at (651) 602-7710, or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, or email daniel.mahoney@usda.gov by Sept. 10, 2021.

PATHH provides up to \$200 million to support timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses that experienced a loss of at least 10 percent gross revenue from Jan. 1 through Dec. 1, 2020, compared to the same period in 2019. Loggers and truckers can apply for assistance through USDA's Farm Service Agency through Oct. 15, 2021. Individual loggers or truckers, or legal entities, may be eligible for up to \$125,000 in financial assistance through this program.

FSA will issue an initial payment of no more than \$2,000 shortly after application approval. A final payment will be made after the signup period ends to applicants whose expected total payment exceeds \$2,000. The sum of both payments will not exceed \$125,000, and USDA may prorate final payments if total calculated payments nationally exceed the \$200 million in funding allocated for PATHH. For more details, please visit farmers.gov/pandemic-assistance or your local USDA Service

Center.

Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools. Because of the pandemic, some <u>USDA Service Centers</u> are open to limited visitors. Contact your Service Center to set up an in-person or phone appointment. Additionally, more information related to USDA's response and relief for producers can be found at <u>farmers.gov/coronavirus</u>.

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