

## Farm Service Agency U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## Michigan Timber Harvesters and Haulers to Get Questions Answered about Pandemic Assistance Program

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EAST LANSING, Mich., Sept. 1, 2021 - Timber harvesters and haulers of Michigan are invited to participate in an informational webinar about USDA's Pandemic Assistance for <u>Timber Harvesters and Haulers Program (PATHH)</u> on Sept. 16, 2021, at 9 a.m. EDT.

The webinar will be cohosted by experts from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). Participants can join the meeting by going to https://bit.ly/3gvV2ci.

"We want to ensure all eligible logging and trucking businesses in Michigan can benefit from the program," said David P. Russ, Acting FSA State Executive Director in Michigan. "Our experts at FSA and MDNR will be available to discuss PATHH with Michigan timber harvesters and haulers and answer their questions about the program."

The deadline to apply for PATHH is Oct. 15, 2021. The maximum amount that a person or legal entity may receive directly from PATHH is \$125,000.

To be eligible for PATHH payments, individuals or legal entities must be a timber harvesting or timber hauling business where 50% or more of its gross revenue is derived from one or more of the following:

- Cutting timber,
- Transporting timber, and/or
- Processing of wood on-site on the forest land, such as chipping, grinding, converting to biochar, cutting to smaller lengths, etc.

Businesses and individuals can apply for PATHH by completing form <u>FSA-1118</u>, Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers Program application, and certifying their gross revenue for 2019 and 2020 on the application. Additional documentation may be required.

Applications can be submitted to any local FSA office by mail, fax, hand delivery, or electronic means. Local FSA Service Centers can be found at <a href="https://www.farmers.gov/service-center-locator">www.farmers.gov/service-center-locator</a>.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to participate in the webinar should contact Savannah Halleaux at 517-324-5111 or the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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