



Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) April 8, 2021

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- Questions should be submitted through the chat box
- Questions as applicable, will be answered and added to the CFAP FAQ page:
<https://www.farmers.gov/>



Today's Discussion

- **Administrator Remarks**
- **American Rescue Plan**
- **Pandemic Assistance Program**
- **Cooperative Agreements: How your organization can help**
- **What's new with CFAP2?**
- **What's next?**

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Containing the Pandemic

USDA Top Priority New Pandemic Assistance for Producers

- \$6 billion for new programs
- \$500 million for existing programs

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American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

COVID-19 exacerbated the impacts of longstanding and historic disadvantages faced by farmers and ranchers.

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.

USDA is now reviewing the statute and working to implement the Act. More guidance will be forthcoming.

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American Rescue Plan Act

Producers who have worked with USDA's Farm Service Agency previously may have their ethnicity and race on file.

A borrower can call or visit their local USDA Service Center to verify or update their race and ethnicity designation using the AD-2047.

Find Service Center information at farmers.gov/service-locator.



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FSA Outreach and Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreements

FSA is accepting Outreach and technical assistance cooperative agreement support projects that:

- Increase access and participation of socially disadvantaged applicants in FSA programs and services.
- Improve technical assistance for socially disadvantaged applicants related to FSA programs, including loan, disaster assistance, conservation and safety-net programs



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FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2

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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





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**

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

A Note on Farm Numbers

A farm number is not required for application and payment

- Producers who are not able to check the 5a or 5b box on the AD-1026 will be contacted by their local office at a later date for records establishment.

5. Check one of these boxes if the statement applies; otherwise continue to Part B.

- A. The producer in Part A does not have interest in land devoted to agriculture. Examples include bee keepers who place their hives on another person's land, producers of crops grown in greenhouses, and producers of aquaculture AND these producers do not own/lease any agricultural land themselves. **Note:** Do not check this box if the producer shares in a crop.
- B. The producer in Part A meets all three of the following:
- does not participate in any USDA program that is subject to HELC and WC compliance except Federal Crop Insurance.
 - only has interest in land devoted to agriculture which is exclusively used for perennial crops, except sugarcane, and
 - has not converted a wetland after February 7, 2014.

Perennial crops include, but are not limited to, tree fruit, tree nuts, grapes, olives, native pasture and perennial forage. A producer that produces alfalfa should contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service at the nearest USDA Service Center to determine whether such production qualifies as production of a perennial crop.

Note: If either box is checked, and the producer in Part A does not participate in Farm Service Agency (FSA) or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs, the full tax identification number of the producer must be provided, but establishment of detailed farm records with FSA is not required. Go to Part D and sign and date.

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



Utilizing the Customer Call Center

- CFAP applicants can call: **877-508-8364**
- Work one-on-one with an employee, get help filling out an application, and get a direct transfer to the applicable service center
- Language interpretation: Call-center users should press 1 and identify the language they need. Spanish speakers press 2

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

Forms & Documentation

Gathering the following types of documents and information will help producers fill out their application.

Livestock	Contract Growers	Specialty Crops (Sales Commodities)	Dairy
Inventory records	Grower Agreements	2019 Sales Records	Milk marketing statements for April – August 2020
	2019 and 2020 Revenue Records	Crop insurance, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, or Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program payment documents	Records of dumped milk for April – August 2020

What happens after I sign my application?

- Producers have 60 days from signing their CFAP application to resolve any eligibility issues with their local office
- Local office begins reviewing a producer's application after the producer signs it, and will follow up with questions or missing information
- Approved applications are processed for payment
- Producers will be notified and provided opportunity to respond to adjustments by USDA that affect a producer's payment



Partnering with FSA

Outreach and Technical Assistance
Cooperative Agreements NFO closes
5/5/2021.

www.fsa.usda.gov/cooperativeagreements

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Stakeholder Toolkit

Available on farmers.gov/cfap



Contents to help you amplify the program:

- Key Messaging Points
- Newsletter Article
- Sample posts for social media activity
- Helpful links to factsheets, and Program FAQ.

Activities for Partnership with FSA

- **Co-hosting webinars**
- **Holding virtual "Office Hours" with FSA**
- **Reaching producers without internet**





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