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Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Update

On January 15, 2021, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) [announced](#) additional assistance for producers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP). This new assistance includes expanded eligibility for certain commodities and producers established in the stimulus legislation passed by Congress on December 21, 2020, as well as updated payments for producers who were eligible under previous versions of the program. Eligible producers who need to submit a new application or producers who need to modify an existing application have from January 19 through February 26, 2021, to do so. Impacted producers are encouraged to contact their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to discuss eligibility and the application process further. All details about this additional assistance being offered through CFAP may be found at www.farmers.gov/cfap.

Overview of Changes

Expanded Eligibility for CFAP 2.0

Contract producers of swine, broilers, laying hens, chicken eggs, and turkeys who suffered a drop in revenue in 2020, compared to their 2019 revenue, due to the pandemic are now eligible for assistance. Producers could receive up to 80% of their revenue loss, subject to the availability of funds.

Producers of pullets and turfgrass sod are also now eligible for CFAP payments. Payments are based on eligible sales, and the payment calculation includes crop insurance indemnities, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), and Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program – Plus (WHIP+) payments.

Updated Payment Calculations for CFAP 2.0

The FSA has adjusted the payment calculation to use the producer's eligible 2019 calendar year sales, and 2019 crop insurance indemnities, NAP, and WHIP+ payments, multiplied by the applicable payment rate for all sales

commodities, which include specialty crops, aquaculture, tobacco, specialty livestock, nursery crops, and floriculture, for CFAP 2.0.

FSA has also adjusted the payment calculation for certain row crops for CFAP 2.0, specifically those for which a producer had crop insurance coverage but not an available 2020 Actual Production History (APH) approved yield. FSA is now using 100% of the 2019 Agriculture Risk Coverage-County Option benchmark yield to calculate payments when an APH is not available rather than 85%, which was in the original CFAP 2.0 calculations. This calculation change is only for producers with crop insurance coverage who grow barley, corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, upland cotton, and wheat.

CFAP 1.0 'Top-up' Payments for Swine

FSA is providing an additional CFAP inventory payment for swine to help producers who face continuing market disruptions from changes in U.S. meat consumption due to the pandemic. Swine producers with approved CFAP 1.0 applications will soon automatically receive a "top-up" payment of \$17 per head increasing the total CFAP inventory payment to \$34 per head. Producers who did not apply by the CFAP 1.0 deadline, September 11, 2020, are not eligible for the swine top-up payment.

**There are still provisions of the December 2020 [stimulus legislation](#) passed by Congress that need to be implemented. Future updates will be provided on USDA's implementation actions when they become available.*

For additional updates from Kentucky Farm Bureau and resources related to COVID-19 you may visit: <https://www.kyfb.com/federation/covid-19-resources/>.