

CORONAVIRUS FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM for Livestock Producers

USDA is providing critical support to our nation's farmers and ranchers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP). CFAP provides vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities with financial assistance that gives them the ability to absorb sales declines and increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Overview

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability Act (CARES Act) and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act authorized the funds for the CFAP.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) administer the program.

FSA is accepting applications for CFAP from **May 26, 2020, to August 28, 2020.**

Who is Eligible?

CFAP assistance is available to livestock producers who have an ownership interest in eligible livestock that have suffered a five percent-or-greater price decline as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and face additional significant costs in marketing their inventories due to unexpected surplus and disrupted markets.

A contract grower who does not own livestock is eligible if the contract allows the grower to have price risk in the livestock.

Eligible Livestock

- Hogs
 - Pigs (< 120 lbs.)
 - Hogs (> 120 lbs.)
- Cattle
 - Feeder Cattle (<600 lbs.)
 - Feeder Cattle (> 600 lbs.)
 - Slaughter Cattle: Fed Cattle
 - Slaughter Cattle: Mature Cattle
 - All Other Cattle (not including livestock used, or intended for, dairy production.)
- Sheep
 - Lambs and yearlings (less than 2 years of age)



CFAP payments for eligible livestock are based on:

- the actual sales between January 15, 2020, to April 15, 2020, of owned inventory as of January 15, 2020, including any offspring from that inventory, and
- the highest inventory between April 16, 2020 and May 14, 2020.

Producers must provide the following information for CFAP:

- Total sales of eligible livestock, by species and class, between January 15, 2020, to April 15, 2020, of owned inventory as of January 15, 2020, including any offspring from that inventory, and
- highest inventory of eligible livestock, by species and class, between April 16, 2020, and May 14, 2020.

The following table lists livestock payment rates for CFAP.

| 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 & Pigs | Pigs: Less Than 120 Pounds | Head | \$ 28.00 | \$17.00 |
| | Hogs: 120 Pounds or More | Head | \$ 18.00 | \$17.00 |
| Lambs & Yearlings | | Head | \$ 33.00 | \$ 7.00 |

Payment Limitations

CFAP payments are subject to a per person and legal entity payment limitation of \$250,000. This limitation applies to the total amount of CFAP payments made with respect to all eligible commodities.

Unlike other FSA programs, special payment limitation rules will be applied to participants that are corporations, limited liability companies, and limited partnerships (corporate entities). These corporate entities may receive up to \$750,000 based upon the number of shareholders (not to exceed three shareholders) who are contributing at least 400 hours of active person management or personal active labor.

For a corporate entity:

- With one such shareholder, the payment limit for the entity is \$250,000;
- With two such shareholders, the payment limit for the entity is \$500,000 if at least two members contribute at least 400 hours of active personal labor or active personal management, or combination thereof, with respect to the operation of the corporate entity; and
- With three such shareholders, the limit is \$750,000 if at least three members contribute at least 400 hours of active personal labor or active personal management, or combination thereof, with respect to the operation of the corporate entity.

Payment Structure

To ensure the availability of funding throughout the application period, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment, up to the payment limit, upon approval of the application. The remaining portion will be paid at a later date as funds remain available.

How to Apply

FSA staff at your local USDA Service Center will work with producers to file applications. Applications may be submitted via mail, fax, hand delivery, or via electronic means. Please call your office prior to sending applications electronically.

The CFAP application and associated forms are available online at farmers.gov/cfap.

More Information

This fact sheet is for informational purposes only; other restrictions may apply. For more information about the CFAP program, visit farmers.gov/cfap or contact your local FSA office. Additionally, producers in search of one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance.

To find your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/cfap.