



COMMUNITY ALLIANCE WITH FAMILY FARMERS

## New Farmer Eligibility for Federal Funds

This week the Senate passed the latest aid package, which is now on its way to the House for a vote. This means that the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) as well as the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) *could* reopen as early as THIS FRIDAY.

### Two wins here for farmers:

1. This bill will allow agricultural operations with fewer than 500 employees to qualify for the EIDL, which offers emergency grants of up to \$15,000.
2. It also will replenish the now-depleted Paycheck Protection Program, which provides forgivable loans to small businesses (including farmers) to keep their workers on the payroll.

### What you should do NOW:

If you want to access this funding, contact your bank, local credit union or other lender ASAP to get your ducks in a row. As we saw in the last round of aid, these funds won't last long. If you don't have access to a traditional lending source, contact the good folks at [California FarmLink](#) who are assisting farmers in need.



**MORE COVID-19 UPDATES:**



## USDA Farm Stimulus Packages

On Friday, the White House announced \$19 billion in funds to aid farmers and ranchers during this crisis. CAFF and our allies in D.C. are awaiting more details and will keep you updated on what this will mean for California family farms and local systems. For now, [click here](#) to read what we do know.

## Farm Workers During COVID-19

As essential workers, farm employees continue their vital role on CA farms and ranches. To ensure these workers' voices are helping to shape COVID-19 policies and response efforts, CAFF has joined a coalition of researchers and farmworker advocates to collect data on the impact of this crisis on these communities. [Learn more here.](#)



## New Farmers Market Guidelines

This week, CDFA released its latest guidelines for farmers markets to keep communities safe during the COVID-19 crisis. Managers and vendors, [read the 3-page update here.](#)

## More farm grants for farmers

We encourage farmers to apply for CAFF's Emergency Fund before the end of April. To learn more, apply or to donate and help support the most vulnerable farmers, [click here](#).



## CLIMATE SMART FARMING GOES VIRTUAL!



THURSDAY, APRIL 30  
9 – 10:30 AM

### Cover Cropping in Orchards: Spring Management

CAFF's practical, farmer-to-farmer field days are moving from the field to the web, starting with a free webinar on cover crop management for spring, including tips and perspectives from both experts and growers.

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## FARMING DURING COVID-19



## WEBINAR #4: FARM LABOR

The 4th webinar in our series took place yesterday, exploring Farm Labor. Hear employers & farmworkers discuss the unique challenges of keeping our agricultural workers safe and our farms operating during COVID-19.

[RECORDING HERE](#)

## PAST WEBINARS RECORDINGS:

#1 [Creative Solutions to Market Instability](#)  
([En Español](#))

#2 [On-Farm Food Safety](#)

#3 [Financial Relief Opportunities & Farm Policy](#)

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