



Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

Frequently Asked Questions

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General

Q: Are the stimulus funds taxable and if so then on what level - state, federal, social security?

A: Taxation is a decision made by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). FSA will provide tax information to program participants at the end of the tax year based on IRS guidelines.

Q: Must the stimulus money be paid back by a certain future date?

A: Rules for CFAP are forthcoming.

Q: This is the first time a producer has worked with the Farm Service Agency. What should they know?

A: Once the application period opens, your local FSA staff will work with you to apply for the program. Producers can find the contact information for their local FSA county office, forms, and other information on farmers.gov/CFAP.

Q: Can a borrower pledge a payment for a loan?

A: That decision is in the hands of the applicable lending institution. CFAP applicants will be able to assign CFAP payments to 3rd parties, such as a lending institution.

Applying for CFAP

Q: How does a farmer apply?

A: Once the application period opens, you will work with your FSA county office to schedule an appointment. Producers can find the contact information for their local FSA county office, forms, and other information on farmers.gov/CFAP.

Q: Will the application process be supported with real human beings for help?



A: USDA Service Centers are currently open for business by phone appointment only. Once the application period opens, you will work with your FSA county office to schedule an appointment. FSA staff is working with our agricultural producers by phone and using email, fax, mail, and online tools to accept applications. Producers can find the contact information for their local FSA county office, forms, and other information on farmers.gov/CFAP.

Q: Is any documentation required for the application?

A: Your local FSA staff will work with you to apply for the program, and ask you to complete various other forms to obtain necessary information such as:

- Contact name, address, email, and telephone number
- Personal, including your Tax Identification Number
- Farming operating structure
- Adjusted Gross Income eligibility
- Direct deposit to enable payment

Q: How does a producer find their local Farm Service Agency office?

A: Producers can find their local USDA Service Center at farmers.gov/service-locator.

Q: What forms will I need to complete to apply for CFAP?

A: In addition to the application form, our staff will work with you to complete portions of the CCC-902 – Farm Operating Plan – if necessary. Additionally, one or more of the following forms will be needed for CFAP; if you are an existing customer this information is likely on file at your local Service Center.

- CCC-901 – Identifies members of a farm or ranch that is a legal entity. Member Information will be completed by legal entities and joint operations to collect the following:
 - member names, addresses and Tax Identification Numbers
 - citizenship status
- CCC-941 - Reports your average adjusted gross income for programs where income restrictions apply.
- CCC-942 – If applicable, this certification reports income from farming, ranching and forestry for those exceeding the adjusted gross income limitation.



- AD-1026 - Ensures compliance with highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation.
- AD-2047 – Provides basic customer contact information.
- SF-3881 – Collects your banking information to allow USDA to make payments to you via direct deposit.

Eligibility

Q: Are Conservation Reserve Program acres eligible for CFAP?

A No

Q: Are beginning farmers and ranchers eligible?

A: Yes.

Small Business Administration Programs

Q: If a producer received assistance through the Payment Protection Program (PPP) or Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), is he/she eligible for CFAP?

Participation in SBA's PPP or EIDL program does not impact producer eligibility for CFAP or for any USDA farm program. The PPP duplicate benefit provision does not have an impact on FSA farm programs or farm loan programs.

Q: How is CFAP different to the SBA loan I applied for already?

CFAP provides direct relief to producers who have suffered losses due to COVID-19 in the first half of calendar 2020.