



Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Details

Today, USDA [announced](#) full details regarding the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP). This \$19 billion immediate relief program includes direct support to agricultural producers, including [livestock producers](#).

Farm Service Agency staff at local USDA Service Centers will work with producers to file applications. USDA will begin accepting applications on **May 26, 2020**.

Eligibility:

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. Livestock eligible for CFAP include cattle, hogs, and sheep. Cattle are specifically defined as follows:

- 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).

CFAP Payments for Livestock

A single payment for livestock will be calculated using the sum of the producer's number of livestock sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020, multiplied by the payment rates per head, and the highest inventory number of livestock between April 16 and May 14, 2020, multiplied by the payment rate per head.

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 eligible livestock and payment rates for CFAP.

Eligible Livestock	Unit of Measure	CARES Act Part 1 Payment Rate	CCC Part 2 Payment Rate
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

Payment Limits

There is a payment limitation of \$250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Applicants who are corporations, limited liability corporations, or limited partnerships may qualify for additional payment limits where members actively provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation.

Prepare to Apply

Beginning May 26, USDA's Farm Service Agency will be accepting applications from agricultural producers who have suffered losses. **The application form and a payment calculator for producers will be available online once signup begins.**

While the application process has not yet started, you can start gathering and understanding your farm's recent sales and inventory.

Your local FSA staff will work with you to apply for the program, and through forms that will ask for the following information:

- Name and address
- Personal information, including your Tax Identification Number
- Farm operating structure
- Adjusted Gross Income compliance certification to ensure eligibility
- Direct deposit to enable payment processing

Please do not send any personal information to USDA without first initiating contact

through a phone call. You can find contact information for your local USDA Service Center here: <https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>

Additional CFAP Information

USDA is also establishing a process for the public to identify additional commodities for potential inclusion in the program. Visit farmers.gov/cfap for additional information on the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, other eligible commodities, CFAP eligibility, payment limitations and structure, and how to apply.

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