USDA’s Coronavirus Farm Payment Program: Is it Right for You?

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• This webinar presents information CFSA has been able to learn about the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) application process.

• If you seek specific legal advice about your farm or your application, you should retain the services of an attorney competent in farm business planning.
CFAP 2 ‘Sales Commodities’

- CFSA list of commodities eligible for payment based on revenue: https://bit.ly/3jgAu64

- USDA CFAP 2 website: www.farmers.gov/cfap
Key Eligibility Requirements

- Must be farming in 2020
- Crops claimed must have been ‘commercially produced’
- Average adjusted gross income over the three years 2016-18 must have been less than $900,000
- Must have been ‘at risk’ in production of 2019 crops
- No convictions related to growing controlled substances since 2014
If you farm under your Social Security Number, you can apply online

- If you need to create farmers.gov account: https://www.farmers.gov/sign-in

If you have a tax ID (Employer Identification Number/EIN) for your farm, you must...
Two Ways to Apply, con’td.

Download application and hand deliver, mail, or email to your local FSA office

• Application form AD-3117:

• AD-3117 instructions:

• Find location, contact info for local FSA office:
  https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app

NOTE: Due to coronavirus, you will need to make an appointment if you want to hand-deliver.
Documents to Prove Sales

- schedule F from your tax return
- sales receipts
- other sales documents indicating when a commodity was forward priced
- ledgers of income
- income statements of deposit slips
- register tapes
- invoices for custom harvesting
- records to verify production costs
- contemporaneous measurements
- truck scale tickets
- contemporaneous diaries
Required Documents

AD-2047 (Basic Contact Information)
- Straightforward form to collect basic contact information
- Title identifies form as “Change in Business Partner,” but new producers should also fill out

SF-3881 (Banking Information for Direct Deposit)
- Fill out your contact information in payee section
- If you include a cancelled check with the form, no other sections of form need to be completed
- If you don’t agree to direct deposit, any payment will be significantly delayed

CCC-901 (Basic Info, Tax ID#, etc.)
- Straightforward identification form
- Used to determine legal ownership of farm
- Inapplicable if your farm doesn’t have its own tax identification number (EIN)
Required Documents, cont’d.

AD-1026 (Conservation Compliance)

CCC-902 (Farm Operating Plan)
• Discloses basic operational information about your farm operation
• Call your county FSA office to complete this form over the phone

CCC-941 (Adjusted Gross Income)
• Reports your average adjusted gross income for tax years 2016-18
• Confirms that your IRS-reported average AGI is under $900,000
Share Your Experience

- Email us about your CFAP experience: policyteam@carolinafarmstewards.org
- www.farmers.gov/cfap
- USDA Hotline: 877-508-8364
- Local USDA Service Office Finder: https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app