



USDA Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) Direct Payments Frequently Asked Questions Updated May 21, 2020

Q: *What is the timeframe for eligible losses?*

A: Losses must have occurred between January 15, 2020 and April 15, 2020.

Q: *Who can apply?*

A: Producers (person or legal entity) of specified crops who have suffered a 5% or greater price decline as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and/or who face substantial marketing costs for inventories. Packers, processors or shippers **without** a growing operation are not eligible.

Q: *Is there an adjusted gross income (AGI) limit?*

A: **YES.** Any person or legal entity with an AGI of more than \$900,000 is ineligible **UNLESS** 75% of the income comes from farming, ranching, or forestry.

Q: *What crops are eligible?*

A: An eligible crop must have suffered a 5% or greater sales price loss due to COVID-19 between January 15, 2020 and April 15, 2020.

This includes: almonds; apples; artichokes; asparagus; avocados; beans; blueberries; broccoli; cabbage; cantaloupe; carrots; cauliflower; celery; cucumbers, eggplant; garlic; grapefruit; kiwifruit; lemons; lettuce, iceberg; lettuce, romaine; mushrooms; onions, dry; onions, green; oranges; papayas; peaches; pears; pecans; peppers, bell; peppers, other; potatoes; raspberries; rhubarb; spinach; squash; strawberries; sweet corn; sweet potatoes; tangerines; taro; tomatoes; walnuts; and watermelons.

Click [here](#) for more information on USDA's calculated per-commodity rates.

Q: *What types of losses are covered?*

A: There are three types of January 15-April 15 losses that are covered:

- Crops that left the farm and were sold, but experienced a 5%-or-greater price decline;
- Crops that left the farm but were unsold and spoiled due to loss of markets; and
- Crops that did not leave the farm or were unharvested due to loss of markets.

Q: *Is there a payment limit?*

A: **YES.** The maximum payment is \$250,000 per person. For corporations, LLCs, and limited partnerships, a maximum of three shareholders can apply and receive a payment, thus imposing a maximum limit of \$750,000 on such operations.





Q: *My operations is a corporations/LLCs/limited partnership. Are there eligibility requirements for corporate shareholders?*

A: **YES.** Each shareholder must have actively participated in the farm, which entails at least 400 hours of active personal labor or management with respect to the operation of the corporate entity.

Q: *What other requirements should I be aware of?*

A: By accepting the funds your operation must comply with USDA conservation compliance requirements. Click [here](#) for more details.

Q: *How do I start applying?*

A: The application period is from May 26 to August 28, 2020. You must contact your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to start and work through the process. Click [here](#) to locate your local FSA office, and please note that you must schedule by phone appointment only.

Q: *I've been approved for a CFAP payment. When can I expect it to arrive?*

A: Payments are tentatively expected to be issued within 7-10 days of when the application is received.

It is important to note that initial payments will be 80% of an eligible participant's calculated CFAP payment. If funds remain available after the initial payouts, USDA will disburse the remaining available funding, and funds may be prorated if necessary.

For additional questions regarding the application process and necessary documentation, please contact your local FSA office.

For questions about the USDA announcement, other USDA programs, or other WG COVID-19 resources, please contact Dennis Nuxoll (dnuxoll@wga.com) or Tracey Chow (tchow@wga.com).

