

Market Facilitation Program (MFP)



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Provides a direct payment to help producers who have been negatively impacted by foreign governments imposing tariffs on U.S. agricultural products, and have disrupted marketing of agricultural commodities beyond the control of producers.



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- Authorized under the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act and is to be administered by FSA
- Not a disaster program



MFP General Information

Eligible commodities produced or marketed for the **2018** crop year:

CROPS

- Soybeans
- Sorghum
- Wheat
- Cotton
- Corn

LIVESTOCK

- Dairy
- Hogs



Commodity Eligibility

- **Crops - corn, cotton, sorghum, soybeans, wheat**
 - **2018** Actual Harvested Production- Harvest must be complete
- **Hogs**
 - Number of head as of **August 1, 2018**. Must be owned by producer.



- **Dairy**
 - Active dairy operations as of **June 1, 2018**
 - Historical production reported for Marginal Protection Program (MPP)
 - Higher of 2011, 2012, or 2013 marketed production
 - Producers not currently enrolled in MPP will follow MPP rules for new dairy operations and complete CCC-781 to establish production history
 - Dairy Operations establishing PH using Rolling Herd Average must use average applicable to the year the operation began marketing milk



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MFP Signup

- Signup started Tuesday, **September 4, 2018**
- Final date to apply is Tuesday, **January 15, 2019**



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MFP payment rates will consist of 2 announced payment rates

- **First Rate - September 4, 2018** is effective date for the first payment rate and applies to 50% of the producer's actual production
- **Second Rate - On or near December 3, 2018**, if applicable, the second payment rate will be announced and will apply to the remaining 50% of the producer's production



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First Payment Rate will be issued on 50% of actual production for 2018

- Soybeans \$1.65 per bushel
- Sorghum \$0.86 per bushel
- Wheat \$0.14 per bushel
- Cotton \$0.06 per pound
- Corn \$0.01 per bushel
- Dairy \$0.12 per cwt
- Hogs \$8.00 per head



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- MFP Payment Limitation has two separate pay limits:
 - \$125,000 for crops
 - \$125,000 for dairy and hogs
- Does **not** count against pay limits established under the 2014 Farm Bill



Producer Eligibility

- The following are **INELGIBLE** to participate in MFP:
 - Foreign Producers
 - Federal, State, and Local governments, including public schools
 - Persons or legal entities who did not report an ownership share in the 2018 commodity



Payment Eligibility

- Must be in compliance with HELC/WC provisions
- Must be actively engaged in farming- N/A for Livestock
- AGI cannot exceed \$900,000 (3 yr. avg. for 2014, 2015 and 2016)
- DCIA provisions apply
- Controlled Substance provisions apply
- FCIC Fraud provisions apply



Accepting CCC-910

Producers will have the option to submit CCC-910's (application) and report production:

- In person
- By mail (must be postmarked by January 15, 2019)
- Electronically:
 - fax, scan, or emailed
 - *Future enhancement* - through www.farmers.gov/MFP portal which requires a Level 2 eAuth account



Production Evidence

- Producer can certify their share of the actual harvested production in the commodity, however records **MUST** be:
 - provided upon request if pulled for a spot check
 - verifiable and reliable.



Production Evidence

- Some Examples of Verifiable and Reliable Production Evidence
 - Receipts of Sale
 - Measurement Service
 - RMA Production Records
 - Combine Yield Monitor
 - Vet records (hogs)
 - Ginning records (cotton)
 - MPP Production will be used for Dairy



- The CCC-910 Application will be available in the future to the public at www.farmers.gov/MFP
- Producers will be able utilize the MFP application portal available at www.farmers.gov/MFP to apply for MFP benefits and to report production.



In future software updates, individual producers who have a Level 2 eAuth account will be able to:

- Apply for MFP online at **www.farmers.gov/MFP**
- Check the status of CCC-910 application
- Reduced or eliminate trips to the office to report production, *and*
- Access & print farm records including maps from **www.fsa.usda.gov/farmplus**



Individual producers can visit www.eauth.usda.gov to register for a Level 2 eAuthentication account.

Can be done right from a cell phone, other mobile device or home/office computer.



After registering on-line will receive a notification email

Next Step:

- Visit a FSA County Office in person
- Present Photo ID with current address
- Employee will activate your access

This is USDA's future. Our farmers' future. It's happening now.



Questions

