

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2.0 - Additional Assistance and the Quality Loss Adjustment Program

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Topics for Today

- Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP2) – Additional Assistance
- Quality Loss Adjustment (QLA) Program
- Programs not for today:
 - Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)
 - Economic Injury Disaster Loan
- Check out the UGA Small Business Development Center for more <https://www.georgiasbdc.org/2nd-round-covid-funding-webinars/#>





Important Dates

CFAP2 application period closed Dec 11, 2020 for most producers.

Deadline to **modify** CFAP2 applications or submit applications for **Additional Assistance** is **Feb 26, 2021**.

Funding is frozen, but Applications are being Accepted.

QLA applications due **Mar 5, 2021**.



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Application and Necessary Information

Producers can manually complete a CFAP 2 Form or Apply Online with level 2 eAuthentication through USDA <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap/apply>

- 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

CCC-901 – Identifies members of a farm or ranch that is a legal entity.

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



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Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP2)

- Link to FSA Fact Sheet with everything a producer needs to know:
<https://www.farmers.gov/sites/default/files/documents/CFAP2-GeneralFactSheet-09222020.pdf>
- We had Brett Martin & Terri Riley from Georgia State USDA FSA Office provide a training October 2:
https://kaltura.uga.edu/media/t/1_i9y23g25





CFAP2-Additional Assistance



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Expanded Eligibility (Livestock by Contract Producers)

Eligible producers must:

- have raised broilers, pullets, layers, chicken eggs, turkeys, hogs or pigs under a contract in 2019 and 2020.
- demonstrate a drop in revenue Jan 1-Dec 27, 2020, as compared to the period from Jan 1-Dec 27, 2019.
- provide a copy of their contract.



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Example Payment: Livestock Contract Producers

Payments based on eligible revenue Jan 1-Dec 27, 2019, minus eligible revenue for Jan 1-Dec 27, 2020, multiplied by up to 80 percent.

Eligible Revenue 1/1/19-12/27/19:	\$100,000
Minus Eligible Revenue 1/1/20-12/27/20:	<u>\$ 90,000</u>
	\$ 10,000
Multiplied by <u>up to 80%</u> (\$25,000 x 0.80) =	\$ 8,000



Expanded Eligibility (Pullets)

Pullet producers are now eligible for assistance through CFAP.

Payments for pullets will be equal to:

1. The amount of the producer's eligible sales in calendar year 2019, multiplied by
2. The payment rate for that range.

2019 Sales Range	Percent Payment Factor
\$0-\$49,999	10.6%
\$50,000-\$99,999	9.9%
\$100,000-\$499,999	9.7%
\$500,000-\$999,999	9.0%
>\$1 million	8.8%



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Expanded Eligibility (Turfgrass)

Turfgrass sod producers are now eligible for assistance through CFAP.

Payments for turfgrass sod will be equal to:

1. The amount of the producer's eligible sales in calendar year 2019, plus crop insurance indemnities, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+) payments received for the 2019 crop year, multiplied by
2. The payment rate for that range.



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Example Payment: Pullets or Turfgrass Producers

2019 Sales of \$75,000

$$\begin{aligned} & \$49,999 \times 10.6\% = \$5,300 \\ + & \underline{\$25,001 \times 9.9\% = \$2,475} \\ \text{Total Payment} & \quad \$7,775 \end{aligned}$$

2019 Sales Range	Percent Payment Factor
\$0-\$49,999	10.6%
\$50,000-\$99,999	9.9%
\$100,000-\$499,999	9.7%
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CFAP 1 Top Up Payments for Swine

- CFAP 1 payment rates increased from 25 percent to 50 percent
- Payments based on hog and pig inventory owned between Apr 16-May 14, 2020, multiplied by a payment rate of \$17 per head.
- A new application for the top-up payment is not needed.
- Producers who did not apply by the CFAP 1 deadline are not eligible for the swine top-up payment.



Modification of Existing CFAP 2 Applications

- FSA adjusted CFAP 2 payment calculation for sales-based commodities to account for crop insurance indemnities, NAP payments and WHIP+ payments in crop year 2019
 - Impacts specialty crops, aquaculture, tobacco, specialty livestock, floriculture and nursery crops.
- Updated payment calculation for producers who had crop insurance but did not have an available 2020 APH approved yield. FSA is now using 100 percent of the 2019 ARC-CO benchmark yield for CFAP 2 applications, rather than the original 85 percent.
 - Impacts producers of barley, corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, upland cotton and wheat.



Assistance with Applying

- <https://www.farmers.gov/CFAP>
- Eligible producers should call the FSA office at their local USDA Service Center to schedule an appointment to apply for CFAP2 or modify an existing application.
- Call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to help



Producer Eligibility

- Must be in the business of farming at time of application submission
- Assistance only available for commercially produced commodities
- AGI < \$900,000 for tax years '16, '17, '18 unless 75% of AGI comes from farming, ranching or forestry related activities
- Comply with conservation regulations
- Have no controlled substance violations
- If not a US Citizen, person must provide significant contribution of capital, land and personal labor



Payment Limits

CFAP1 and CFAP2 have separate payment limits

Payment limits are \$250,000 per person or legal entity

- A joint venture, limited partnership or corporation may receive \$250,000 per individual owner or legal entity who provided at least 400 hours of active personal labor or management in producing the 2019 commodities, up to \$750,000 for the corporate entity



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Application and Required Documents

Producers can apply until February 26

- Funds are first-come, first-serve until fully obligated

Required documentation includes:

- Farm Operating Plan
- Form CCC-901 Member Information for Legal Entities (if applicable)
- AGI statement for 2020; Form CCC-941 AGI Consent to Disclose Tax Info
- (optional) Form CCC-942 Certification of Income from Farming, Ranching & Forestry
- Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification




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Self-Certification

- Producers will provide self certification of their eligible sales
- Producers must keep the documentation of this information incase of audit or spot check





Quality Loss Adjustment Program

<https://www.farmers.gov/sites/default/files/documents/QLA-Program-Factsheet-01052021.pdf>



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Crop Eligibility

- Crops covered by federal crop insurance or NAP coverage are generally considered eligible
- An eligible crop must have:
 - suffered a quality loss due to a qualifying disaster event **and**
 - had a five-percent-or-greater quality discount due to the qualifying disaster event.
- Eligible crops may have been sold, fed on-farm to livestock or in storage at time of application.
- *Ineligible crops include grazed crops, honey, maple sap, aquaculture, floriculture, mushrooms, ginseng root, ornamental nursery, sea grass and sea oats, Christmas trees and turfgrass sod.*



Producer Eligibility

Eligible producers include individuals or legal entities who are:

- entitled to an ownership share **and** at-risk in the agricultural production and marketing of crops

To be eligible for payments, a person or legal entity must either:

- AGI < \$900,000 for tax years '18 and '19 **or** derive at least 75% of their AGI from farming, ranching, or forestry-related activities.

Persons and legal entities also must:

- have control of the crop acreage on which the commodity was grown at the time of the disaster;
- be in compliance with conservation provisions;
- not have a controlled substance violation; **and**
- be a citizen of the United States or a resident alien. All entities consisting of more than one person must solely include United States citizens or resident aliens.



Qualified Disaster Events

Crops must have suffered a quality loss due to one or more of the following disaster events during calendar year 2018 or 2019

- Tornado, Typhoon, Volcanic activity, Snowstorm, Wildfire, Hurricane, Flood, Excessive Moisture or Qualifying Drought

Crop quality loss must have occurred in a county that received a qualifying Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration or Secretarial Disaster Designation



QLA Payments – Non-Forage Crops

- Non-forage crops with verifiable documentation of grading factors and the total dollar value loss due to quality

QLA Payment = Total Dollar Value Loss on Affected Production x 0.7

- Non-forage crops without dollar value loss due to quality, but with documentation of grading factors due to quality

QLA Payment = Total Affected Production x County Average Loss Per Unit of Measure x 0.7 x 0.5



QLA Payments – Forage Crops

Forage crops with Documentation of Nutrient Factors for Affected Production and Historical Nutrient Factors

QLA Payment = Total Affected Production x Verifiable % Loss x Average Market Price x 0.7

Forage Crops with Documentation of Nutrient Factors for Affected Production Without Historical Nutrient Factors

QLA Payment = Total Affected Production x County Average % Loss x Average Market Price x 0.7 x 0.5



QLA Payments

- The base price per pound may be the price before discount if sold under a marketing contract or the CCC base loan rate of \$0.52 for 2018 and 2019.
- If the average loss in aggregate value is 5% or greater than the base price, the producer will receive a maximum payment on his total quality loss multiplied by 70%. If the loss of value is less than 5%, the grower will not receive a QLA payment.
- For example, a grower has 100 bales under contract at a \$0.70 base price. 80 bales received a premium value above \$0.70 and 20 bales receive an eligible discount below \$0.70. Only the 20 bales receiving the eligible discount are compiled and averaged to compute whether the grower meets the 5% quality loss threshold.



Loan Rate Example: Total Production Impacted by Hurricane

Bale # (All bales affected by eligible weather event)	Weight	Base Loan Rate	Actual Loan Rate After Applying Premiums & Discounts	Loan Value at Base Loan Rate	Loan value After Applying Premiums & Discounts
		Per Pound		Per Bale	
A	B	C	D	E = B * C	F = B * D
1	461	\$ 0.520	\$ 0.545	\$ 239.72	\$ 251.25
2	474	\$ 0.520	\$ 0.532	\$ 246.48	\$ 252.17
3	471	\$ 0.520	\$ 0.552	\$ 244.92	\$ 259.99
4	447	\$ 0.520	\$ 0.503	\$ 232.44	\$ 224.84
5	448	\$ 0.520	\$ 0.487	\$ 232.96	\$ 218.18
6	493	\$ 0.520	\$ 0.445	\$ 256.36	\$ 219.39
7	503	\$ 0.520	\$ 0.432	\$ 261.56	\$ 217.30
8	488	\$ 0.520	\$ 0.487	\$ 253.76	\$ 237.66
9	497	\$ 0.520	\$ 0.452	\$ 258.44	\$ 224.64
10	474	\$ 0.520	\$ 0.512	\$ 246.48	\$ 242.69

Total Across Eligible Bales \$ 1,742.00 \$ 1,584.69

Loss in Value for Eligible Bales \$ (157.31)

Loss in Value as % of Base Value -9.0%

Eligible for QLA if Total Loss in Value Exceeds 5% YES

Highlighted bales included in QLA calculations since loan value is below \$0.52

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Total Across Eligible Bales \$ 1,742.00 \$ 1,662.01

Loss in Value for Eligible Bales \$ (79.99)

Loss in Value as % of Base Value -4.6%

Eligiible for QLA if Total Loss in Value Exceeds 5% NO

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Payment Limits

- For each crop year, 2018 and/or 2019, the maximum payment limit that a person or legal entity may receive, directly or indirectly, is \$125,000
- Payments made to a joint operation, including a general partnership or joint venture, will not exceed the total of \$125,000 multiplied by the number of persons and legal entities included in the ownership of the joint operation.



Distribution of Payments

Issued after application period ends on March 5.

- Enables FSA to calculate county averages and total scope of QLA payments requested.
- If total amount of needed QLA payments exceeds amount of funding available, FSA will prorate payments to all producers by a national factor.
 - For example, if the national factor is 75%, all producers participating in the program will receive 75% of their calculated payment.



Future Insurance Coverage Requirements

- All producers receiving QLA payments are required to purchase federal crop insurance or NAP coverage for the next 2 available crop years at the 60% coverage level or higher in the county for which the producer was issued a QLA payment.



Application <https://www.farmers.gov/quality-loss>

FSA-898, Quality Loss Adjustment Program Application

FSA-899, Historical Nutritional Value Weighted Average Worksheet (if applicable) **Note:** FSA-899 is applicable for forage crops with verifiable documentation of historical nutrient factors from the three preceding crop years.

FSA-895, Crop Insurance and/or NAP Coverage Agreement

FSA-578, Report of Acreage

Verifiable documentation of the quality loss



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Additional Required Documentation

Examples of acceptable documentation include:

- Sales receipts from buyers
- Settlement sheets
- Truck or warehouse scale tickets
- Written sales contracts
- Records that represent actual and specific quality loss information
- Forage tests for nutritional values

If requested by FSA, an applicant must provide documentation that establishes the quality loss and applicant's ownership share and value at-risk in the crop.



How can you help your clientele?

- Primarily inform them about the opportunities to apply for these programs
 - Feb 26 for CFAP 2 Additional Assistance
 - Mar 5 for QLAP
- Remind them of the importance of keeping documentation for self-certification and





Thank you!

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