



## Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

Farmers who have lost income due to COVID-19 will be able to apply for aid under the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. Signup begins soon, but you can start preparing now.

USDA is preparing to open the application period for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, particularly the **payments to agricultural producers** to help offset direct losses as well as additional adjustment and marketing costs.

CFAP will use funding and authorities provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, and other USDA existing authorities. In total, this program will provide up to \$16 billion in direct payments to producers to help offset impacts from the pandemic.

**USDA will soon begin taking applications for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program.** As part of applying for the program, you'll need to contact the Farm Service Agency county office at your local USDA Service Center to schedule an appointment. Find your office at [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap).

Your local FSA staff will work with you to apply for the program, and through forms asking for this type of information:

- Contact
- Personal, including your Tax Identification Number
- Farming operating structure
- Adjusted Gross Income 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.**

FSA has streamlined the signup process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed. If you are an existing customer, this information is likely on file at your local Service Center.

**What Can You Do Now?** While the application process has not started, you can start gathering and understanding your farm's recent sales and inventory.

**How Will USDA Accept Applications?** USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only. Once the application period opens, please call your FSA county office to schedule an appointment.

Our staff are working with our agricultural producers by phone and using email, fax, mail, and online tools to accept applications.

**New to Working with the Farm Service Agency?** FSA has county offices located at USDA Service Centers across the country. To find your office and more information on CFAP, visit [farmers.gov/CFAP](https://farmers.gov/CFAP).

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## Applications Start Soon

**USDA will soon take applications for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), and agricultural producers will apply through USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). For more information, visit [farmers.gov/CFAP](https://farmers.gov/CFAP)**

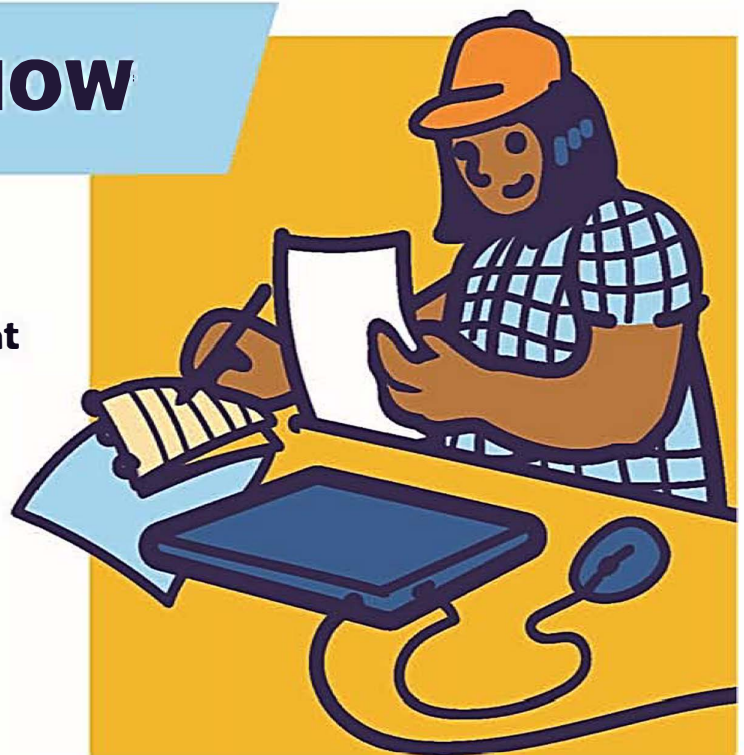
### HOW TO PREPARE NOW

**You can start gathering information on your farm's recent sales and inventory, as well as completing eligibility forms at [farmers.gov/CFAP](https://farmers.gov/CFAP)**

Some of the info you'll need includes:

- Tax Identification Number
- Farming operating structure
- Adjusted Gross Income

If you have worked with FSA previously, much of this information is likely on file.



### HOW TO APPLY ONCE SIGNUP BEGINS

**1. Call your FSA county office to make an appointment.** You can find your local Service Center at [farmers.gov/CFAP](https://farmers.gov/CFAP)

**2. FSA will work with you** via phone, email, fax, mail, or online tools to receive and complete

