



## Coronavirus Food Assistance Program For Livestock Producers

### What is CFAP? (Coronavirus Food Assistance Program)

CFAP is a program facilitated by the United States Department of Agriculture and 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 to provide relief to direct support agricultural producers as well as the Farmers to Families Food Box Program.

CFAP will provide vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a 5% or greater price decline or who had losses due to market supply chain disruptions due to COVID-19 and face additional significant market costs.

#### **Eligible Commodities Include:**

Non Specialty Crops: Malting Barley, Canola, Corn, Upland Cotton, Millet, Oats, Soybeans, Sorghum, Sunflowers, Durum Wheat, and Hard Red Spring Wheat.

**Livestock: Cattle, hogs, and sheep (lambs and yearlings only)**

#### **Dairy & Wool**

Specialty Crops: Of significance to North Carolina: Apples, Blueberries, Peaches, Strawberries, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Cucumbers, Garlic, Lettuce, Green Onions, Dry Onions, Potatoes, and Sweet Potatoes

Applications are processed through your local Farm Service Agency office beginning May 26<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup>.

### What Do I Need?

Producers must provide the following information for CFAP:

- Total sales of eligible livestock, by species and class, between January 15, 2020 to April 15, 2020 of owned inventory as of January 15, 2020 including any offspring from that inventory; and
- Highest inventory of eligible livestock, by species and class, between April 16, 2020 and May 14, 2020.

CFAP is a self-certification program, this documentation will not need to be submitted with the application. Applicants are subject to spot check and will be required to provide documentation, this information should be retained. If a producer willfully makes and represents as true any verbal or written declaration that the producer knows not to be true, in the course of applying for or participating in CFAP, the producer will be subject to prosecution.

Find your local Farm Service Agency Office at [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap)

\*Please note that most FSA Offices are open by phone appointment only due to COVID-19

Livestock	Eligible Livestock	Unit of Measure	CARES Act Part 1 Payment Rate	CCC Part 2 Payment Rate
<b>Cattle</b>	Feeder Cattle: Less than 600 Pounds	Head	\$102.00	\$33.00
	Feeder Cattle: 600 Pounds or More	Head	\$139.00	\$33.00
	Slaughter Cattle: Fed Cattle	Head	\$214.00	\$33.00
	Slaughter Cattle: Mature Cattle	Head	\$92.00	\$33.00
	All Other Cattle	Head	\$102.00	\$33.00
<b>Hogs and Pigs</b>	Pigs: Less than 120 Pounds	Head	\$28.00	\$17.00
	Hogs: 120 Pounds or More	Head	\$18.00	\$17.00
<b>Lambs and Yearlings</b>	All Sheep Less than 2 Years Old	Head	\$33.00	\$7.00

Eligible Livestock and Payment Rates for CFAP

Encourage producers to get their inventory records in order in the case of spot checks. Even a list of the amount of head and a designation (cow, heifer, calf) in each pasture and listing out pasture locations will be helpful at this time.

## CFAP Eligibility

Eligible producers (person or legal entity) of specified agricultural commodities outlined above who have suffered a 5% of greater price decline as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and who face substantial marketing costs for inventories, are eligible for CFAP payments.

To be eligible for payments, a person or legal entity must have an average adjusted gross income of less than \$900,000 for tax years 2016, 2017, and 2018. However, if 75% of their adjusted gross income comes from farming, ranching, or forestry, the AGI limit of \$900,000 does not apply.

Persons and legal entities also must:

- Comply with the provisions of the “Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation” regulations, often called the conservation compliance provisions
- If a foreign person, provides land, capital, and a substantial amount of active personal labor to the farming operation; and
- Not have a controlled substance violation.

For Example:

A livestock producer has 50 head of brood cows that calved in late spring 2019. Sold 38 calves at the stockyard in February 2020 averaging 650lbs. Kept 12 heifer calves. His estimated payment would be:

38 head @ \$139/head = \$5282

Inventory on May 1: 50 cows + 12 heifers = 62 head @ \$33/head = \$2046

Total: \$7,328

## New to the FSA Office?

Your local FSA staff will work with you to apply for the program and through forms that will ask for the following:

- Name and Address
- Personal Information, including your Tax ID number or SSN
- Farm Operating Structure (Individual, LLC, Corp)
- Adjusted Gross Income compliance certification to ensure eligibility, including farm income reported in 2016, 2017, & 2018. This is verified with the IRS.
- Direct deposit to enable payment processing

These forms are available on the farmers.gov/cfap and include:

- CCC-901
- CCC-941
- AD-1026 \* as determined by the Natural Resource Conservation Service
- AD-2047
- SF-3881

Do NOT send info to any Farm Service Agency office unless you have spoken to the office and they have requested the information.

## What About Dairy, Wool, & Contract Growers?

Dairy payments will equal the first quarter production of calendar year 2020 multiplied by the payment rate of \$4.71 per hundred weight. Dairy production second quarter is calculated from the first quarter production; second quarter calculated production is then multiplied by \$1.47 per hundred weight. Dumped milk in the months of January, February, and March is eligible for assistance.

Wool payments are the sum of unpriced inventory (must be subject to price risk) on January 15, 2020, not to exceed 50% of 2019 total production, multiplied by the payment rate of \$0.71/ lb graded, cleaned, \$0.36/lb non-graded, greasy.

A contract grower who does not own the livestock is eligible only if the contract allows the grower to have price risk in the livestock.