

ADVISORY

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CORRECTION: USDA RELEASES CFAP PROGRAM CRITERIA

Following remarks this morning this morning by President Trump on “Supporting our Nation’s Farmers, Ranchers, and Food Supply Chain, USDA released eligibility requirements for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) for agricultural producers impacted by the effects of COVID-19. Livestock producer assistance currently available under the CARES Act is focused on those who suffered a 5% or greater price decline through the sale of livestock between January 15 and April 15.

Additional payments will be made utilizing CCC funds for significant costs incurred in marketing due to the unexpected surplus and disrupted markets. The CCC payments will be based on the highest inventory number of livestock, including calves between April 16 & May 14 which are not subject to an agreed upon price.

This payment is available to all cattle producers.

There is an overall payment limit of \$250,000 per person or legal entity. However, an entity with two or three shareholders contributing substantial labor or management may be eligible for up to \$500,000 or \$750,000, respectively.

Payment rates are as follows:

Livestock	Eligible Livestock	Unit of Measure	CARES Act Part 1 Payment Rate	CCC Part 2 Payment Rate
Cattle	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
Hogs and Pigs	Pigs: Less than 120 Pounds	Head	\$28.00	\$17.00
	Hogs: 120 Pounds or More	Head	\$18.00	\$17.00
Lambs and Yearlings	All Sheep Less than 2 Years Old	Head	\$33.00	\$7.00

The initial payment will be made at 80% of the eligible amount. Payment of the balance will be dependent on the availability of funds. Payments are also available for wool under a separate schedule.

It is important to note that the regulations released today do not provide any assistance for losses due to price declines occurring after April 15th. However, they do provide for the \$33 per head payment to all producers.

WSGA WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO ASSURE THAT ADDITIONAL MARKET PRICE BASED PAYMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO PRODUCERS SELLING OUTSIDE OF THE INITIAL JANUARY—APRIL WINDOW.

Producers can apply for funding beginning on May 26th by contacting their local FSA office by phone.

A complete copy of the rule can be accessed at <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap/livestock>.