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## Deadlines are Fast Approaching for Fiscal Year 22 Funding

Agricultural producers and forest landowners can submit applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) at any time, but to be considered for Fiscal Year 22 funding, applications must be submitted by November 15th.

- [EQIP Sign Up](#)

The same goes for eligible agricultural producers in Hawai'i that are interested in submitting applications for Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA). The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will evaluate applications submitted by November 15<sup>th</sup> to be considered for fiscal year 2022 funding.

- [AMA Sign Up](#)

Agricultural producers looking to restore and protect wetlands and protect productive agricultural lands and grasslands through Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) have until November 30<sup>th</sup> to submit applications enrollment for funding consideration in FY 22.

- [ACEP Sign Up](#)



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## Noninsured Crop Coverage Helps Producers Manage Risks

The Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) helps you manage risk through coverage for crop losses due to natural disasters. The eligible or "noninsured" crops include agricultural commodities not covered by federal crop insurance.

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*You must be enrolled in the program and have purchased coverage for the eligible crop in the crop year in which the loss incurred to receive program benefits following a qualifying natural disaster. December 31, 2021 is the deadline to sign-up for 2022 coverage for vegetables, fruits, grass and honey.*

### **NAP Buy-Up Coverage Option**

NAP offers higher levels of coverage, from 50 to 65 percent of expected production in 5 percent increments, at 100 percent of the average market price. Buy-up levels of NAP coverage are available if the producer can show at least one year of previously successfully growing the crop for which coverage is being requested.

Producers of organics and crops marketed directly to consumers also may exercise the “buy-up” option to obtain NAP coverage of 100 percent of the average market price at the coverage levels of between 50 and 65 percent of expected production.

NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production.

Buy-up coverage is not available for crops intended for grazing.

### **NAP Service Fees**

For all coverage levels, the NAP service fee is the lesser of \$325 per crop or \$825 per producer per county, not to exceed a total of \$1,950 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

### **NAP Enhancements for Qualified Military Veterans**

Qualified veteran farmers or ranchers are eligible for a service fee waiver and premium reduction, if the NAP applicant meets certain eligibility criteria.

Beginning, limited resource and targeted underserved farmers or ranchers remain eligible for a waiver of NAP service fees and premium reduction when they file form CCC-860, “*Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource and Beginning Farmer or Rancher Certification.*”

For NAP application, eligibility and related program information, contact your [local FSA County USDA Service Center](#) for more information or visit [fsa.usda.gov/nap](https://fsa.usda.gov/nap).

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## **USDA Unveils New Climate Partnership Initiative, Requests Public Input**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is committed to partnering with agriculture, forestry and rural communities to develop climate solutions that strengthen rural America. The Department has outlined and requested public comments on a new climate partnership initiative designed to create new revenue streams for producers via market opportunities for commodities produced using climate-smart practices.

Guided by science, USDA will support a set of pilot projects that provide incentives to implement climate-smart conservation practices on working lands and to quantify and monitor the carbon and greenhouse gas benefits associated with those practices. The Department published a Request for Information (RFI) seeking public comment and input on design of the new initiative. Stakeholders interested in providing comments may do so on or before 11:59 p.m. EST on November 1, 2021, via the [Federal Register, Docket ID: USDA-2021-0010](#).

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# Progression Lending from FSA

Farm Service Agency (FSA) farm loans are considered progression lending. Unlike loans from a commercial lender, FSA loans are intended to be temporary in nature. Our goal is to help you graduate to commercial credit, and our farm loan staff is available to help borrowers through training and credit counseling.

The FSA team will help borrowers identify their goals to ensure financial success. FSA staff will advise borrowers on developing strategies and a plan to meet your goals and graduate to commercial credit. FSA borrowers are responsible for the success of their farming operation, but FSA staff will help in an advisory role, providing the tools necessary to help you achieve your operational goals and manage your finances.

For more information on FSA farm loan programs, contact your [local Farm Service Agency County USDA Service Center](#) or visit [fsa.usda.gov](https://fsa.usda.gov).

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## Dates to Remember

**November 1, 2021** - Deadline to submit documentation for Reimbursement of Transportation Cost Payment Program. Click here for more information: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/price-support/RTCP-Program/index>

**November 15, 2021** - Deadline to sign up for Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Click here for more information: [AMA Application Sign Up](#) | [EQIP Application Sign Up](#)

**November 30, 2021** - Deadline to sign up for Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP). Click here for more information: [ACEP Application Sign Up](#)

**December 31, 2021** - Deadline to sign up for Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for fruit, grass, honey and vegetable crops. Click here for more information: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/noninsured-crop-disaster-assistance/index>



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