

For: State and County Offices

CFAP Activity Updates

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1 Overview

A Background

Updated regulations at 7 CFR Part 9 were published in the Federal Register January 19, 2021, to incorporate additional assistance for both CFAP 1 and CFAP 2. Although sign up was not required for the additional top up payment for hogs and pigs under CFAP 1, sign up did begin on January 19, 2021, for the following additional assistance under CFAP 2:

- contract producers
- the addition of turfgrass sod and pullets
- the inclusion of risk protection payments for sales commodities
- using 100 percent of the 2019 weighted ARC-CO benchmark yield for insured producers without an APH approved yield.

The following handbook amendments were published to include the provisions from the updated regulation:

- 1-CFAP, Amendment 10
- 3-CFAP, Amendment 4
- 4-CFAP, Amendment 2.

As noted in the announcement by USDA on January 26, 2021, [[www.farmers.gov/cfap](http://www.farmers.gov/cfap)] some activities have been suspended during the transition between Administrations. This routine action was taken to provide an opportunity for the incoming Administration to understand and evaluate the features of CFAP, including recent statutory provisions included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

B Purpose

This notice advises State and County Offices of suspended activity for the additional assistance under CFAP 1 and 2.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
August 1, 2021	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 2 Policy Implementation

#### A CFAP 1 – Top-up Payment for Hogs and Pigs

Handbook 1-CFAP, paragraph 22 provides policy for additional assistance for hogs and pigs. There is no action required by producers; however, the County Office would be responsible for certifying and signing the payments.

The payment process may begin after the evaluation period. Offices will be notified when and if the payments become available for certification and signature.

#### B CFAP 2 – Suspended Activities

Handbook 3-CFAP, Amendment 4 provides policy to allow new or modified CFAP 2 applications to be completed between January 19 and February 26, 2021, according to the updated regulations at 7 CFR Part 9.

Handbook 4-CFAP, Amendment 2 provides information on the software updates to accommodate the policy. As of January 20, 2021, the software was revised to preclude COC approval and payment processing. See Information Bulletin 9983 for additional information.

#### C CFAP – Applications Unrelated to Additional Assistance

The routine transition-related suspension of the additional assistance contained in the January 19, 2021, regulation **does not** require suspension of CFAP 2 applications that were not modified by the regulation such as those on registers or related to appeals from the prior sign-up period. But the combined application and payment processes have resulted in a temporary suspension of all activities including some applications that are unaffected by the January 19, 2021, regulation. Assessment is ongoing in order to determine if there are methods to allow batching of unaffected contracts during the suspension period. A subsequent notice will provide details on any such process.

### 3 Action

#### A State Office Action

State Offices must ensure County Offices follow the provisions of this notice and the CFAP handbooks.

#### B County Office Action

County Offices must:

- continue accepting new or modified applications as authorized in 3-CFAP, Amendment 4
- not approve CFAP 2 applications until authorized to do so.