

For: State and County Offices

2008 Aquaculture Grant Program (AGP)

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Program



1 Overview

A Background

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law on February 17, 2009. Recovery Act, Section 102(d) provides \$50 million to administer AGP. AGP’s purpose is to assist aquaculture producers who incurred losses associated with high feed input costs during the 2008 calendar year.

B Purpose

This notice provides guidance to State and County Offices when asked to provide information about AGP.

2 Administering AGP

A Role of State Departments of Agriculture

The Recovery Act specifically states that AGP grants shall be made to States. CCC will provide block grants to State Departments of Agriculture, or similar State offices that are designated by the Governor of States, that agree to provide assistance to eligible aquaculture producers.

B Role of State and County Offices

State and County Offices will **not** be involved with administering AGP.

C Referring Producers

All inquiries received by State and County Offices about AGP shall be referred to their respective State Department of Agriculture for additional guidance.

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