USDA Reopens Acreage Reporting Period for Specialty Crop Farmers Impacted by Unfair Market Disruptions

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Specialty Crops Acreage Reporting Deadline for 2025 is Now April 24

Washington, D.C., March 31, 2026 - The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced the agency is reopening the 2025 crop acreage reporting period required for specialty crop producers who want to apply for the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers (ASCF) program. Announced by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins on Feb. 13, the ASCF program is designed to help address market disruptions, elevated input costs, persistent inflation, and market losses from foreign competitors engaging in unfair trade practices that impede exports. Specialty crop producers now have until April 24, 2026, to report 2025 acres to FSA.

"After full consideration of requests from specialty crop producers, industry leaders and members of Congress, Secretary Rollins made a responsive, Farmers First decision to reopen the acreage reporting period for the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers program," said FSA Administrator Bill Beam. "We're committed to doing what it takes to keep specialty crop producers economically viable and gathering accurate acreage reporting data is critical to making sound FSA program policy decisions. Reopening the reporting period ensures that every eligible producer has a fair opportunity to participate and that we deliver assistance where it's needed most."

The ASCF program is authorized under the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act.

Eligible Specialty Crops

ASCF-eligible specialty crops include: ***(A)*** *Almond, Apple, Apricot, Aronia berry, Artichoke, Asparagus, Avocado* **(B)** *Banana, Bean (Snap or green; Lima; Dry edible), Beet (Table), Blackberry, Blueberry, Breadfruit, Broccoli (including Broccoli Raab), Brussels Sprouts* **(C)** *Cabbage (including Chinese), Cacao, Carrot, Cashew, Cauliflower, Celeriac, Celery, Cherimoya, Cherry, Chestnut (for Nuts), Chive, Citrus, Coconut, Coffee, Collards (including Kale), Cranberry, Cucumber, Currant* **(D)** *Date,* **(E)** *Eggplant, Endive* **(F)** *Feijou, Fig, Filbert (Hazelnut)* **(G)** *Garlic, Gooseberry, Grape (including Raisin), Guava* **(H)** *Horseradish* **(K)** *Kiwi, Kohlrabi* **(L)** *Leek, Lettuce, Litchi* **(M)** *Macadamia, Mango, Melon (All Types), Mushroom (Cultivated), Mustard and Other Greens* **(N)** Nectarine **(O)** *Okra, Olive, Onion,* **(P)** *Papaya, Parsley, Parsnip, Passion Fruit, Pea (Garden; English or Edible Pod; Dry edible), Peach, Pear, Pecan, Pepper, Persimmon, Pineapple, Pistachio, Plum (including Prune), Pomegranate, Potato, Pumpkin* **(Q)** *Quince* **(R)** *Radish (All Types), Raspberry, Rhubarb, Rutabaga* **(S)** *Salsify, Spinach, Squash (Summer and Winter), Strawberry, Suriname Cherry, Sweet Corn, Sweet Potato, Swiss Chard* **(T)** *Taro, Tomato (including Tomatillo), Turnip* **(W)** *Walnut, Watermelon*

**Dry edible beans and peas covered by the Farmer Bridge Assistance program will not be eligible for ASCF. Commodities covered by FBA will not be eligible for ASCF.*

Program Participation

ASCF payments are based on reported 2025 planted acres. Eligible farmers should ensure their 2025 acreage reporting is factual and accurate by Friday, April 24, 2026. USDA will release commodity-specific payment rates soon after the acreage reporting deadline.

Following completion of acreage reporting, producers are encouraged to prepare for the eventual announcement of the ASCF program application period by creating a Login.gov account. Doing so ensures that once FSA starts taking ASCF program applications, those producers who wish to apply online will experience an expedited application and payment process. Assistance will also be available through local FSA county offices.

Login.gov is the public's one account for government engagement. Producers can use one account and password for secure, private access to participating government agencies, including FSA. Begin the Login.gov process by visiting fsa.usda.gov/fba to create a Login.gov account. Producers who have an existing Login.gov account can work with FSA using their existing account. For assistance creating a login.gov account, visit https://login.gov/help/.

Crop insurance linkage will not be required for the ASCF program. However, USDA strongly urges producers to take advantage of the new One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) risk management tools to best protect against price risk and volatility in the future.

More information on ASCF is available online at www.fsa.usda.gov/fba. Producers can contact their local FSA county office to make an appointment to complete their 2025 crop acreage report.

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