



DISASTER ASSISTANCE

SDRP – Supplemental Disaster Relief Program: Stage 1 Quality Loss Payments

Background

Authorized by the American Relief Act, 2025, the Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP) provides disaster relief payments to eligible producers who suffered revenue, quality, or production losses to crops, trees, bushes, or vines due to qualifying disaster events in calendar years 2023 and 2024.

SDRP Stage 1 Quality Loss Enrollment Jan. 9, 2026 – April 30, 2026.

Overview

SDRP provides additional disaster assistance to producers who experienced eligible **quality losses** on APH yield-based insured crops or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) yield-based crops in calendar years 2023 and 2024. The SDRP Final Rule (Nov. 18, 2025) added a Stage 1 Quality Loss component to compensate producers for quality reductions not fully addressed by crop insurance or NAP.

Stage 1 Quality Loss:

- Compensates for **documented quality reductions** associated with the production used to determine the crop insurance indemnity or NAP payment.
- Ensures benefits do not duplicate indemnities or payments already provided by only covering quality losses in excess of what crop insurance or NAP already applied.
- Relies on verifiable documentation to support producer certified quality loss percentage.

Eligibility

Producers must meet all of the following:

1. Have an Insured APH Yield-Based or NAP Yield-Based Crop Loss

The crop/unit must have received:

- An indemnity under an **APH yield-based Federal crop insurance plan**, OR
- NAP **yield-based payment**.

Eligible Insured APH Yield-Based Plans

The following RMA plans are eligible:

Plan Code	Plan Name
01	Yield Protection
02	Revenue Protection
03	Revenue Protection — Harvest Price Exclusion
21	Production and Revenue History Yield Protection
22	Production and Revenue History Plus
23	Production and Revenue History Revenue
90	Actual Production History
91	Actual Production History — Price Component



2. Qualifying Disaster Event Occurred Prior to Harvest

The qualifying disaster event must occur prior to harvest, and the resulting quality loss reflected in the harvested production.

3. Submit FSA-526Q, SDRP Stage 1 Application for Quality Losses

A completed **FSA-526Q** must be filed by the application deadline.

4. Provide Third-Party Verifiable Documentation

Documentation must support the **Producer Certified Quality Loss percentage** certified on the FSA-526Q, including:

- Grading factors (for all crops other than forage), or
- Nutritional tests (for forage crops)

Documentation must be dated, and contain all information necessary to substantiate the loss in value due to quality.

5. Producer Verification

Producers must provide total production records to support the certified percentage is accurately weighted against all production, not just the affected production.

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Ineligible Losses

A producer is not eligible for Stage 1 Quality Loss if:

- The quality loss was already fully compensated under crop insurance or NAP.
- The quality reduction was not caused by a qualifying disaster event.
- Production was unharvested, destroyed, or never tested.
- No third-party verifiable quality loss documentation exists.
- Documentation cannot support the certified percentage.
- Documentation is incomplete, unreliable, or cannot be verified.

The following are ineligible for an SDRP Stage 1 quality loss payments:

- Value-loss crops;
- Maple sap;
- Honey;
- Crops for which the producer previously received a federal crop insurance indemnity, NAP payment, or Stage 1 payment for which the crop production was reported as salvage value or secondary use;
- Crops that were destroyed;
- Crops that were prevented from being planted;
- Losses that could have been mitigated through reasonable and available measures;
- Crops that were previously adjusted for a quality loss under NAP;
- The portion of quality adjustment previously included in a crop insurance indemnity;
- Trees, bushes, and vines;
- Sugar beets for which a member of a cooperative processor received a payment for the same loss through a block grant or cooperative agreement; and
- Crops that were unharvested.

Documentation Requirements

Producers must provide third-party verifiable documentation that includes:

For crops other than forage:

- The grading factor(s) used by the buyer/processor
- The related price reduction due to quality

For forage crops:

- Nutritional test results showing the crop's nutritional value for the application year

All documentation must be dated and contain all information required to substantiate the loss in value.

A producer without verifiable proof of the quality discount is NOT eligible for a Stage 1 Quality Loss payment.

Determining the Quality Loss Percentage

1. Insured APH Yield-Based Crops

SDRP compares two percentages:

- Producer-Certified SDRP Quality Loss percentage, and
- RMA Quality Adjustment percentage (already applied in indemnity calculation)

If the SDRP Quality Loss percentage is greater, the difference becomes the eligible quality loss percentage.

2. NAP Yield-Based Crops

FSA uses the producer certified quality loss percentage.

Payment Calculations

A. Insured APH Yield-Based Crops

1. Eligible % = Producer Certified Quality Loss % - RMA Quality Adjustment%
2. Eligible Amount = Eligible % × Revenue to Count × Share
3. Final Payment = Eligible Amount × 35% payment factor

An SDRP payment factor of 35 percent will be applied to all SDRP payments. If additional SDRP funds remain, FSA may issue a second payment.

B. NAP Yield-Based Crops

Final Payment = Revenue to Count × Producer Certified Quality Loss % × Share × 35% payment factor.

How to Apply

A Stage 1 application (FSA-526) must already be on file before a producer can apply for Stage 1 Quality Loss. FSA will generate a pre-filled FSA-526Q, Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP) Stage 1 Quality Loss Application, which includes the producer's information that is already on file with USDA.

Producers must contact their FSA county office to obtain their pre-filled FSA-526Q.

The following information is prefilled by FSA

- State and county codes
- Primary policyholder and SBIs or producer as applicable
- **Insured** — crop and unit information, practice and unit of measure, production to count before quality adjustment and the RMA quality loss percentage
- **NAP** — pay group and pay crop, unit, crop and crop type, intended use, practice, organic status and production to count

FSA will generate pre-filled applications. The following information must be completed by the producer

- Agree to Purchase Crop Insurance or NAP
- Disaster Event
- Share % or Percent Share of Crop, as applicable
- Producer Certified Quality Loss %