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USDA Opens Signup for Market Facilitation Program

Enrollment Open through Dec. 6

Signup is ongoing for the Market Facilitation Program (MFP), a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program to assist farmers who continue to suffer from damages because of unjustified trade retaliation from foreign nations. Through MFP, USDA will provide up to \$14.5 billion in direct payments to impacted producers, part of a broader trade relief package announced in late July. **The sign-up period runs through Dec. 6, 2019.** MFP payments will be made to producers of certain non-specialty and specialty crops as well as dairy and hog producers.

Non-Specialty Crops MFP payments will be made to Campbell County producers of alfalfa hay, barley, corn, millet, oats, sorghum/sudan, triticale, and wheat. MFP assistance for 2019 crops is based on a single county payment rate multiplied by a farm's total plantings to the MFP-eligible crops in aggregate in 2019. Those per acre payments are not dependent on which of those crops are planted in 2019. A producer's total payment-eligible plantings cannot exceed total 2018 plantings. [View payment rates by county.](#) **Dairy and Hogs** Dairy producers who were in business as of June 1, 2019, will receive a per hundredweight payment on production history, and hog

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producers will receive a payment based on the number of live hogs owned on a day selected by the producer between April 1 and May 15, 2019.

More Information MFP payments are limited to a combined \$250,000 for non-specialty crops per person or legal entity. MFP payments are also limited to a combined \$250,000 for dairy and hog producers and a combined \$250,000 for specialty crop producers. However, no applicant can receive more than \$500,000. Eligible applicants must also have an average adjusted gross income (AGI) for tax years 2015, 2016, and 2017 of less than \$900,000, or 75 percent of the person's or legal entity's average AGI for those tax years must have been derived from farming and ranching. Applicants must also comply with the provisions of the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation regulations.

More information can be found on farmers.gov/mfp, including payment information and a program application.

2019 NAP Production Reporting & 2020 NAP Coverage Purchase Deadline

Producers are reminded, it is time to complete your 2019 Production Reports. As soon as harvest is completed, you need to call for an appointment to report your 2019 NAP crop production. Producers were provided maps of your fields to record your production on. Please contact the county office if you have any questions regarding production reporting.

2019 Deadline to purchase NAP on Fall seeded and Perennial forage crops December 1, 2019 – Is the deadline to purchase NAP Coverage for fall seeded and perennial forage crops (including Native grazing) for crop year 2020. December 1st is also the deadline to purchase NAP coverage for honey.

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, before the crop deadline of December 1.

Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural adversities such as drought, hail and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available, including perennial grass forage crops, grazing crops and honey.

The following are some of the crops in Campbell County that have a NAP application deadline of **December 1, 2019:** Native Range intended for grazing Grass hay crops Fall planted Small grain crops intended for hay Honey production

Please call the county office for more information and if you have any questions regarding if NAP coverage is available for YOUR crops.

Contact Federal Crop insurance regarding deadlines on the crops insured by RMA.

New Farmers.gov Feature Helps Producers Find Farm Loans that Fit Their Operation

A new online tool can help farmers and ranchers find information on U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) farm loans that may best fit their operations. USDA has launched the new *Farm Loan Discovery Tool* as the newest feature on farmers.gov, the Department's self-service website for farmers.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers a variety of loan options to help farmers finance their operations. From buying land to financing the purchase of equipment, FSA loans can help. Compared to this time last year, FSA has seen an 18 percent increase in the amount it has obligated for direct farm ownership loans, and through the 2018 Farm Bill, has [increased the limits](#) for several loan products.

USDA conducted field research in eight states, gathering input from farmers and FSA farm loan staff to better understand their needs and challenges.

How the Tool Works

Farmers who are looking for financing options to operate a farm or buy land can answer a few simple questions about what they are looking to fund and how much money they need to borrow. After submitting their answers, farmers will be provided information on farm loans that best fit their specific needs. The loan application and additional resources also will be provided.

Farmers can download application quick guides that outline what to expect from preparing an application to receiving a loan decision. There are four guides that cover loans to individuals, entities, and youth, as well as information on microloans. The guides include general eligibility requirements and a list of required forms and documentation for each type of loan. These guides can help farmers prepare before their first USDA service center visit with a loan officer.

Farmers can access the *Farm Loan Discovery Tool* by visiting farmers.gov/fund and clicking the "Start" button. Follow the prompts and answer five simple questions to receive loan information that is applicable to your agricultural operation. The tool is built to run on any modern browser like Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or the Safari browser, and is fully functional on mobile devices. It does not work in Internet Explorer.

About Farmers.gov

In 2018, USDA unveiled farmers.gov, a dynamic, mobile-friendly public website combined with an authenticated portal where farmers will be able to apply for programs, process transactions, and manage accounts.

The *Farm Loan Discovery Tool* is one of many resources on farmers.gov to help connect farmers to information that can help their operations. Earlier this year, USDA launched the *My Financial Information* feature, which enables farmers to view their loan information, history, payments, and alerts by logging into the website.

USDA is building farmers.gov for farmers, by farmers. In addition to the interactive farm loan features, the site also offers a Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool. Farmers can visit farmers.gov/recover/disaster-assistance-tool/#step-1 to find disaster assistance programs that can help their operation recover from natural disasters.

With feedback from customers and field employees who serve those customers, farmers.gov delivers farmer-focused features through an agile, iterative process to deliver the greatest immediate value to America's agricultural producers – helping farmers and ranchers do right, and feed everyone.

For more information or to locate your USDA Service Center, visit farmers.gov.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 14, 2019 – County Office Closed – Columbus Day Holiday

Nov. 11, 2019 -- County Office Closed – Veterans Day Holiday

Nov. 15, 2019 - Deadline to file Fall Planted Acreage reports

Nov. 28, 2019 – County Office Closed – Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Dec. 1, 2019 – Deadline to Purchase 2020 NAP Coverage

Dec. 6, 2019 – Deadline to Enroll in 2019 Market Facilitation Program

IMMEDIATELY --Contact County office within 15 Days of any losses of crops and/or livestock due to weather

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