

## 6/9/20 CFAP Webinar for specialty crops

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**Eligible producers:**

- Must have ownership risk of identified commodities that suffered a 5% or greater national price decline as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic or had substantial marketing costs of inventories\*
- Produce or own one of the following commodities:
  - Milk
  - Livestock
  - Non-Specialty Crops
  - Wool
  - Specialty Crops
- Visit <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap> to see the full list of eligible commodities

\*not applicable for specialty crops categories 2 and 3

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- Producer does NOT need to be an existing USDA customer
- Producers must own or share in the risk of the commodity and have a share of the commodity available for marketing
- Producer can participate in PPP or EIDL or USDA programs (including loans or risk management programs), if eligible, without conflict.

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Entity eligibility info

- \$250,000 per person and legal entity payment limitation
- Unlike other FSA programs, special payment limitation rules are applied to participants that are corporations, limited liability companies, and limited partnerships (corporate entities).
- Can receive up to \$750,000 based upon the number of shareholders (not to exceed three shareholders) who are contributing at least 400 hours of active person management or personal active labor.

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Commodities NOT Eligible

Commodities that did not suffer a five percent-or-greater price decline from mid-January 2020 to mid-April 2020 are not eligible for CFAP except for 2 categories of specialty crops.

Commodities not eligible:

- Sheep more than 2 years old, eggs/layers, soft red winter wheat, hard red winter wheat, white wheat, rice, flax, rye, peanuts, feed barley, Extra Long Staple (ELS) cotton, alfalfa, forage crops, hemp, and tobacco.

Note: USDA may reconsider the excluded commodities if credible evidence is provided that supports a five percent price decline.

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## CFAP Payments

- Will be processed and paid immediately after the application is approved.
- Will not be withheld to satisfy prior USDA debts nor offset by Treasury.

**Note:** This is not a loan program and payments do not have to be repaid (unless there has been an error or fraud). There is no fee to apply for this program.

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## Additional Commodities to be Considered for CFAP

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)  
requests info and data from stakeholders  
and producers on other commodities by  
**June 22, 2020**

- Seeks data on any commodity not currently eligible for CFAP
- Specific emphasis on data for nursery and aquaculture, and cut flower products

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Quantity and price of crop on April 15, without crop insurance

Quantity and price of crop that did not leave farm by April 15

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## Payment

- Each crop qualifies for one or more categories of payment.
- Approved applications result in ONE total payment.
- Eligible specialty crops are those that experienced immediate losses, a price decline, spoiled, were unpaid, or were unharvested due to market conditions between January 15, 2020, and April 15, 2020.
- Producers can only apply for payment for their portion of ownership in a crop.

Crop	Category 1 (Price Decline)	Category 2 (Delivered and spoiled, or unpaid)	Category 3 (Not delivered)
Almonds	✓	✓	✓
Apples		✓	✓
Artichokes	✓	✓	✓
Asparagus		✓	✓
Avocados		✓	✓

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## Category 1: Price Decline

Payments for crops that had a five percent-or greater reduction in sales price between January 15, 2020, and April 15, 2020.

Payment offsets 80% of national price decline for a producer's eligible and unpriced production

- Eligible crops: <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap/specialty>
- What goes on the application:** Producers certify their volume of production in pounds that was sold between Jan. 15-April 15, 2020, for each eligible crop
  - Only production subject to price risk can be reported
  - Only producer's portion of ownership interest can be reported
- Documentation to collect:** Producers must maintain records, such as a bill of sale, documenting the price received for the crop

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**Category 1: Price Decline Example 1**

Frances Farmer has a vegetable operation and grows high tunnel tomatoes for sale to restaurants and the farmers market in a nearby city.

Frances Farmer has 100 percent ownership interest in about 2,000 pounds of tomatoes that were sold between Jan. 15 and April 15, 2020.

Frances Farmer will certify to 2,000 pounds (100 percent of 2,000 pounds) as the Volume of Production Sold on the CFAP application form (AD-3114, item 32).

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**Category 1: Price Decline Example 2**

Farmer Alex has a vegetable operation and grows asparagus for sale to restaurants and the farmers market in a nearby city.

Farmer Alex has 100 percent ownership interest in about 3,000 pounds of asparagus that were harvested and sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020.

Asparagus is not eligible for payment in Category 1 of CFAP for specialty crops, so Farmer Alex is not eligible for compensation for price decline.

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## Category 2: Delivered and spoiled or unpaid

Payments for crop shipments that left the farm between January 15 and April 15, 2020, and spoiled or were unpaid due to no market.

Payments offset 30% of the national sales value that was lost on crops that shipped from the farm but were spoiled or unpaid

- Eligible crops: <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap/specialty>
- What goes on the application:** Producers certify their total volume of production in pounds that is shipped but not sold (unpaid) between January 15-April 15, 2020 for each eligible crop
  - Only producer's portion of ownership interest can be reported
- Documentation to collect:** Producers must obtain documentation such as a letter from the buyer explaining nonpayment or other record validating nonpayment. This applies to producers who have met contractual obligations in delivering the crop to the buyer, but have not been paid.

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## Category 2: Delivered and spoiled or unpaid example 1

Frances Farmer had 50 pounds of tomatoes delivered to one local restaurant on the 1st and 15th of each month from January 15, 2020, through April 15, 2020.

The restaurant paid for the shipments received during January and February 2020, but beginning with the March 2020 shipments, the restaurant had limited customers, the tomatoes spoiled, and Frances Farmer was not paid.

Frances Farmer will certify to 200 pounds as the Volume of Production Shipped but Not Sold and Unpaid on the CFAP form (AD-3114, item 33).

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## Category 2: Delivered and spoiled or unpaid example 2

Farmer Alex had 100 pounds of asparagus delivered to one local restaurant on the 1st and 15th of each month from February 15, 2020, through April 15, 2020.

The restaurant paid for the shipment received during February 2020, but beginning with the March 2020 shipments, the restaurant had limited customers, the asparagus spoiled, and Alex Farmer was not paid.

Alex Farmer will certify to 400 pounds as the Volume of Production Shipped but Not Sold and Unpaid on the CFAP form (AD-3114, item 33).

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## Category 3: Not delivered

Payments for crop shipments that did not leave the farm by April 15, 2020, (for example, were harvested but sitting in crates on the farm), or mature crops that were unharvested by that date (for example, were plowed under) due to lack of buyers, and which have not been and will not be sold.

Payments offset 5.875% of the national value of unpriced crops that were undelivered and will not be sold.

- Eligible crops: <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap/specialty>
- **What goes on the application:** Producers certify to the total number of acres left in the field or harvested but not shipped between January 15-April 15, 2020 for each eligible crop
  - Only producer's portion of ownership interest can be reported
- **Documentation to collect:** Examples of acceptable documentation include planting records, seed and fertilizer records, any harvest records if crops were harvested, and records documenting if crops were donated due to loss of market

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### Category 3: Not delivered example 1

The restaurants that Frances Farmer sold her tomatoes to all closed in March 2020, leaving her with an additional eighth of an acre of tomatoes that were unable to be marketed to any other buyer before they spoiled. The tomatoes remained unharvested and on the farm.

Frances Farmer will certify to 1/8 acre as the Acres with Production Not Shipped or Sold on the CFAP form (AD-3114, item 34).

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### Category 3: Not delivered example 2

The farmers markets where Farmer Alex sells asparagus closed due to the pandemic. This left Farmer Alex with an acre of asparagus in production that was unable to be marketed to any other buyer before they spoiled because both the restaurants and markets were no longer viable outlets. The asparagus was harvested, and some was donated to a food bank, but the majority was composted on the farm.

The farmer will certify to one acre as the Acres with Production Not Shipped or Sold on the CFAP form (AD-3114, item 34).

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### General Info

- No separate organic payment rate
- Do not include ineligible crops on your application
- If you have eligible commodities, apply now. You can amend later if more commodities are made eligible though NOFA
- Producers self-certify that their application is accurate
  - Keep your documentation! Be prepared for spot checks.
  - A producer's reported quantities may be adjusted upon review by USDA if the quantity is determined to be unreasonable or inaccurate, or reflect the actual production and acres based upon submitted evidence.
- Diversified operations:
  - Producers who use the CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator spreadsheet should report all their eligible crops in the same file in order to populate one CFAP application.

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### Forms & Documentation

When applying, farmers will need to complete the following forms:

- CFAP Application – AD-3114** (automatically generated from the CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator)
- Member Information – CCC-901\*
- Adjusted Gross Income – CCC-941\*
- Income from Farming – CCC-942\*
- Highly Erodible Land / Wetlands – AD-1026\*
- Customer Information – AD-2047\*
- Direct Deposit – SF-3881\*

Existing customers: Many of these documents may already be on file with FSA.

A CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator is available to assist with the CFAP application process.

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## Applying for CFAP: Helpful tools

- **Questions?** FAQs at <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap/faq> are updated often!
- CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator helps you fill out your application and determine estimated payments
- FSA posts our program policy handbooks and notices online for transparency
  - Handbook: 1-CFAP
  - Notice: CFAP-1

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## Applying for CFAP: Get help!

You can ask for and receive help in filling out your application

- Call the CFAP Call Center staffed by FSA employees
- Offices are open for PHONE appointments only
- Language interpretation available for non-English speakers
  - USDA videos posted to Youtube offer closed-captioning in different languages
- Call-center users should press 1 and identify the language they need- Spanish speakers press 2
- Fact sheets available in Spanish

USDA partner organizations have experience working with FSA

- Organizations receiving funding from USDA often offer free technical assistance to producers

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### Utilizing the Customer Call Center

- New FSA customers can call: **877-508-8364**
- Work one-on-one with an employee and get a direct transfer to the applicable Service Center

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### New to USDA?

- No farm number needed to apply and receive payment
  - FSA may follow up with certain producers after CFAP to establish a farm record in order to fulfill Highly Erodible Conservation and Wetland Conservation requirements
- Ask for help with your application
  - Phone appointment
  - CFAP Call Center
- Demographic and operation information forms needed. Producers will need to provide:
  - Name and address
  - Personal information, including your Tax Identification Number
  - Farm operating structure
  - Adjusted Gross Income compliance certification to ensure eligibility
  - Direct deposit information to enable payment

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## Order of events for farmers

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graph TD; A[1) Access application online or request by phone, mail or electronically] --> B[1) Schedule an appointment with your local office (not required to apply for CFAP)]; B --> C[1) Begin filling out application, using call center for immediate assistance, starting with the payment calculator tool]; C --> D[1) Submit completed and signed application and required forms so they can be reviewed/begin processing (in advance of your appointment)]; D --> E[Attend your scheduled appointment to get tailored assistance with your program application, if needed, and cancel if you don't need it to complete your application.]; E --> F[Application is reviewed for approval or disapproval and 80% of eligible payment is processed if approved.];
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## What happens after I sign my application?

- Producers have 60 days from signing their CFAP application to resolve any eligibility issues with their local office
- Local office begins reviewing a producer's application after the producer signs it, and will follow up with questions or missing information
- Approved applications are sent to processing for payment
- Producers will be notified and provided opportunity to respond to adjustments to production or acreage by USDA that affect a producer's payment

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## Tips for success

- Visit: [www.farmers.gov/cfap](http://www.farmers.gov/cfap)
  - Video of CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator available
- Utilize call center for initial application questions
- Take advantage of virtual applications
  - If needed, can be mailed
- Submit information through NOFA process for unlisted crops to be considered

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**Section f of application. How do you figure out values of sales & inventory**

The Notice of Funding Availability and Cost Benefit Analysis, both of which have links available on the [farmers.gov/CFAP](https://farmers.gov/CFAP) website, provide insight.

**If a farmer meets the AGI limitations for 2017, 2018 and 2019, but does not meet the limitation for 2016, 2017 and 2018, should they still apply?**

The applicable AGI years for CFAP are 2016, 2017, and 2018. A farmer should always apply for CFAP, even though there will be no current eligibility for payment.

**For the Adjusted Gross Income limitations, must all shareholders of a S-Corp also complete CCC-941/942? Or is at the entity level only?**

Adjusted gross income forms must be completed by the S-Corp and all members.

**I send my fruit to a packing house. How do I determine if my crops were affected? I have no way of knowing how many pounds have been sold so far and how many are remaining and even how many pounds were affected during that Jan 15-April 15th timeline.**

It is our understanding that usually the packing house would provide a prorated number. The house can see how much they sold during that timeframe and then prorate among all the producers they have.

**Crops like apples or kiwifruit still in cold storage after 4/15/2020. Are they available for payment under Cat 3 if they are unable to be sold?**

CFAP is specific to the timeframe of January 15, 2020, through April 15, 2020. Specialty crops in inventory or in storage facilities that may be sold after April 15, 2020, are not eligible.

**Are unharvested potatoes acres eligible?**

Only crops that are mature and available for harvest by April 15, 2020, are eligible. Additionally, specialty crops in inventory or in storage facilities that may be sold after April 15, 2020, are not eligible.

**If I am a Grower of Almonds, and then my buyer has all of my crop. How do we know what amount of our crop should have been sold in that time period that qualifies in category 1?**

It is our understanding that usually the almond handler would provide a prorated number. The handler can see how much they sold during that timeframe and then prorate among all the producers they have.

**In the case of a legally established partnership, which files tax returns and has dealt with USDA as a partnership, is the partnership, rather than the individual partners, the proper entity to apply?**

The CFAP application must be filed by the legal entity, which in this case appears to be the partnership.

**do you apply for each individual in a Partnership, LLC or Corporation or can you file for the business**

The application must be filed by the grower / producer with an interest in the crop. If the grower is a Partnership, LLC, or Corporation, the application must be filed by the legal entity.

**What type of information is acceptable to show the 5% or greater loss? Can USDA terminal market reports suffice? If so, will one industry submission per crop, tracking losses through USDA-AMS market reports be enough?**

It is critical that national market rates be used. A single submission may be sufficient if national price information already exists through USDA-AMS. The Notice of Funding Availability provides further insight and is available at [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap).

**How is "farm" defined? If the grower retains ownership but the fruit is stored offsite at a cold storage facility or packing house would this fruit still be considered as being on the farm?**

If the offsite storage is not under the control of the applicant, it would generally be considered to not be stored on the farm, even if the grower retains ownership of what is in cold storage.

**Do you have any guidance on pooled crops such as almonds and how we are to record lbs sold?**

It is our understanding that usually the almond handler would provide a prorated number. The handler can see how much they sold during that timeframe and then prorate among all the producers they have.

**My almond crop is put into a pool to be sold and have been told by my handler there is no way to identify my specific amount of lbs sold in that time frame. What should I do to still receive assistance?**

It is our understanding that usually the almond handler would provide a prorated number. The handler can see how much they sold during that timeframe and then prorate among all the producers they have.

**Can you explain again, how some special crops were not eligible for category 1?**

Category 1 crops are those that suffered a five percent-or-greater reduction in sales price between mid-January and mid-April as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Cost Benefit Analysis as well as the Notice of Funding Availability (links available at [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap)) both provide further insight as to how the crops currently eligible for category 1 were determined.

**Can you go over the different categories that the crops fall under once more?**

There are 3 categories for crops. Payments will be available for eligible specialty crops for which a producer has production not subject to an agreed-upon price through a forward contract, agreement, or similar binding document. Payment details for eligible specialty crops are as follows: 1. Payments for crops that had a five percent-or-greater price decline in sales price between January 15, 2020, and April 15, 2020. Producers must maintain records, such as a bill of sale, documenting the price received for the crop. 2. Payments for crop shipments that left the farm by April 15, 2020, and spoiled due to no market. Producers must obtain documentation, such as a letter from the buyer, explaining non-payment or other record validating non-payment. This applies to producers who have met contractual obligations in delivering the crop to the buyer, but have not been paid. 3. Payments for crop shipments that did not leave the farm by April 15, 2020, (for example, were harvested but sitting in crates on the farm), or mature crops that were unharvested by that date (for example, were plowed under) due to lack of buyers, and which have not been and will not be sold.

**Lemons, Oranges, Tangerines, and Grapefruit harvested and delivered to a packinghouse during Jan 15 to Apr 15, but was not sold and will not be sold covered under category 2?**

Specialty crops in inventory or in storage facilities that may be sold after April 15, 2020, are not eligible. If the lemons, oranges, tangerines and grapefruit are at the packinghouse and have no value, they would be included in category 2; however, if there is any value, they are not eligible..

**How do you define mature crops under category 3**

crops which were ready for harvest

**If there are two owners of an entity, and one owner is ineligible is the other owner eligible for the full amount of CFAP?**

The applicant is the entity and payment is based on the member's ownership interest in the entity. If the owners share 60/40 and only the 60% owner meets all eligibility requirements, the entity payment will be based on the 60% share that meets the eligibility requirements.

**Can Tangelos be included in the Oranges acreage or the Tangerine acres?**

No. Tangelos are a different crop from tangerines and oranges.

**What are the reference prices your are using to determine the 5% decline in fresh produce prices? Are you using shipping point prices reported by USDA? If you are, what time frame are you using to determine the price declines?**

National price information derived from Market News was used. For further insight, review the Cost Benefit Analysis and Notice of Funding Availability, both with links available on the [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap) web page.

**i own three farms under one inc. can i lump all of my Lbs. into one app.?**

There is only one application by producer; therefore, all production or acreage (as applicable) must be included on the application.

**If farm owner is an LLC and 60% of the ownership is beyond the income limit of \$750,000, and the other 40% is below the limit, can the 40% still apply, and does an application still required for the 60%?**

The application is for the LLC. If one or more members of the LLC does not meet the income provisions, the share of LLC ownership associated with the eligible member is all that will be paid.

**how is 5% or greater price decline determined or calculated?**

Thank you for your question. Payment calculations for specialty crops are determined by the following: •The payment rate for specialty crops used prices from AMS Market News to develop a price change for sales occurring between mid-January and early-April that represented an average of all units shipped of domestic production, whether conventional or organic. •For producers of specialty crops that realized a 5-percent-or-greater reduction in sales



price between mid-January and mid-April, the payment rates per pound shipped were determined as 80 percent of the given crop's price change over this time interval. •The payment rate per pound of specialty crops that had been shipped from the farm between January 15, 2020 and April 15, 2020 but subsequently spoiled due to loss of marketing channels is up to 30 percent of the lost value of that shipment. The 30 percent assumes the field value of the crop is 60 percent of the sales value; the field value was then multiplied by a 50 percent coverage level. •The payment rate for specialty crop shipments that did not leave the farm or mature crops that remained unharvested between January 15, 2020 and April 15, 2020 and which have not been and will not be sold is determined as being up to 5.875 percent of the crop's value, where the 5.875 percent was calculated as 25 percent coverage of the average price decline across specialty crops for which data are available. (That average price decline is 23.5 percent).

**If a farmer experiences losses due to a lost market because the buyer decide not to buy the produce due to a trust issues related to workers being infected with COVID-19, will this be an eligible loss for a payment?**

Potentially. Review the requirements associated with eligibility to be included in the 2nd and/or 3rd category of specialty crops.

**Farmer is over \$900,000 AGI average.**

if 75 percent of their adjusted gross income comes from farming, ranching, or forestry, the AGI limit of \$900,000 does not apply.

**What about Floral or Landscape plants that are Specialty Crops? Are they covered under this Assistance Program?**

The question may be best answered with review of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) related to information necessary for nursery crops to potentially be determined eligible for CFAP. See the link to the NOFA at [farmers.gov/CFAP](https://www.farmers.gov/CFAP)

**Do futures contract dates constitute grain sold or do delivery dates constitute grain sold?**

<https://www.farmers.gov/cfap/non-specialty> This site provides a detail on different contract eligibility for CFAP

**What relief is available if we didn't suffer a price/case decline but demand dropped by 75%?**

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) provides guidance of what is considered for determining a crop eligible for CFAP. Additionally, the Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) provides insight. A link to both documents is available at [farmers.gov/cfap](https://www.farmers.gov/cfap)

**What defines date of sale of grain? Date of grain contract under futures, date of delivery, or date of payment for grain?**

Please see contract table here <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap/non-specialty>

**Can a "farmer cooperative" apply for and behalf of its members?**

Thank you for your question. Each grower should apply for assistance separately.

**If a farm has two owners, one who meets the AGI requirement and one who doesn't, is the owner who meets the requirement eligible for payment?**

CFAP applications are based on the share of the crop applicable to the applicant. Therefore, one owner with a share interest in the crop may apply and/or receive payment and another may not.

**Where do crops like Microgreens that are grown in a greenhouse fall as far as specialty/non-specialty eligibility?**

Microgreens have not currently been determined as an eligible crop for CFAP. Producers should review the information necessary identified for responding to the Notice of Funding Availability and submit information if appropriate.

**Can a farmer apply for 1 of the categories now and then more categories in the future? Can farmers amend their application if their data or rules change?**

Yes.

**Some local FSA offices are suggesting that nurseries go ahead and do the basic paperwork to get "in the system" with FSA. Is that advice applicable nationally?**

It is anticipated that one or more nursery crops may be determined eligible as a result of responses to the Notice of Funding Availability. It may be to the producer's advantage to complete some of the necessary eligibility paperwork

in advance of the commodity being determined eligible. There has been no specific direction that it must be done in advance.

**Told that because I am under contract with a shipper for my walnuts, I do not qualify for the relief. Does that sound correct? The other criteria was met**

Specialty crops in inventory or in storage facilities that may be sold after April 15, 2020, are not eligible for CFAP.

**Are hydroponic lettuce farms eligible for coverage?**

The growing medium is of no consequence for CFAP eligibility if the crop has been determined as eligible.

**I don't see prunes listed as a covered crop, do you know if they are working to add prunes to the list?**

If you are growing a crop or commodity that is not currently on the list for eligible crops, producers and organizations are encouraged to submit a request to the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA). Comments may be submitted through either of the following methods by June 22, 2020: •Federal Rulemaking Portal – Go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for Docket ID FSA-2020-0004. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. •Mail – Director, SND, FSA, US Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Stop 0522, Washington, DC 20250-0522. More information on the NOFA is available here: <https://www.farmers.gov/sites/default/files/documents/nofacfp-05222020.pdf>

**I was unable to sell my almond crop in the time frame given. 1/15/20 to 4/15/20. Is there any assistance for me as a grower.**

Specialty crops in inventory or in storage facilities that may be sold after April 15, 2020, are not eligible for CFAP.

**Can salary/wages be considered farm income? Farmer is over AGI average for CCC-941. He is full time operator of s Corp farming entity. he owns 51% S corp and receives average salary of \$400,000. S Corp net income averages \$750,000, so without considering the salary as farm income, he does not meet the 75% on CCC-942. He has no other income. Any exception to be able to use the wages as farm income?**

Salary and wages are not considered farm income, even if received from a farming enterprise.

**Is a farmer eligible to receive a payment if they have only experienced a 5% or greater price decrease for their crop, but have not experienced the other two qualifying circumstances?**

A farmer may submit an application for one, two, or three specialty crop categories.

**There are 3 categories of losses. Can one apply for losses in more than one category?**

Yes.

**What commodities are eligible?**

Great question. A full list of eligible specialty crops is available on our [farmers.gov/cfap](https://www.farmers.gov/cfap) website here: <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap/specialty>

**Does farm raised shellfish qualify under specialty crops? If not how can we get it to qualify?**

USDA worked with the Department of Commerce to provide non-redundant coverage for the aquaculture industry from the CARES Act. Commerce will cover privately-owned aquaculture businesses growing products in state or federal marine waters of the United States and the hatcheries that supply them under CARES Act Section 12005. This includes all molluscan shellfish and marine algae. Non-salmonid marine finfish grown in marine waters not covered by USDA are eligible for Sec. 12005 funding. USDA will consider information submitted by aquaculture producers in the NOFA for privately-owned aquaculture businesses that propagate eligible (see question below) freshwater and saltwater products in controlled environments (including raceways, ponds, tanks, and recirculating systems). Farmed shrimp and all salmonids (trout and salmon) are included. For more information on shellfish coverage, please refer to the FAQ CFAP webpage here: <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap/faq>