

The table below summarizes various U.S. Department of Agriculture programs that provide relief in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic, whether egg and egg product producers are eligible, and program details. As these programs were announced over the past year-and-a-half, UEP provided contemporaneous information on egg eligibility through newsletter articles, e-mails to the membership or both.

PROGRAM	EGG-PRODUCER ELIGIBILITY	DETAILS	APPLICATION PERIOD	PAYMENT INFORMATION
Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)	YES – EGGS	<p>The initial Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, CFAP 1, provided direct relief to producers who faced price declines and additional marketing costs due to COVID-19.</p> <p>USDA is implementing updates to the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program for producers of agricultural commodities marketed in 2020 who faced market disruptions due to COVID-19. This is part of a larger initiative to improve USDA pandemic assistance to producers.</p>	CLOSED	<p>CFAP payments for liquid and frozen eggs will be equal to the sum of the results of the following two calculations:</p> <p>First quarter production, multiplied by the CARES Act payment rate; and First quarter production, multiplied by the CCC payment rate. First quarter production is defined as production during January, February, and March of 2020.</p> <p>Liquid Eggs – CARES Act Payment - \$0.05/Pound, CCC Payment - \$0.02/Pound Frozen Eggs – CARES Act Payment - \$0.06/Pound, CCC Payment - \$0.02/Pound</p>
Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2)	YES – EGGS	<p>CFAP 2 payments are available for eligible producers of eggs, which are categorized as price trigger commodities. Specifically, price trigger commodities suffered a five percent-or-greater national price decline in a comparison of the average prices for the week of January 13-17, 2020, and July 27-31, 2020.</p> <p>Eggs eligible for CFAP 2 include dried, frozen, liquid, and shell eggs.</p>	CLOSED – USDA re-opened CFAP 2 signups for all eligible producers April 5 – October 12, 2021.	<p>Payments for eggs will be equal to 75 percent of the producer’s 2019 egg production multiplied by the Commodity Credit Corporation payment rate. Payments for egg producers who began farming in 2020 and had no production in 2019 will be based on the producer’s actual 2020 egg production as of the producer’s application date.</p> <p>Shell Eggs - \$0.05/Dozen Liquid Eggs - \$0.04/Pound Dried Eggs - \$0.14/Pound Frozen Eggs - \$0.05/Pound</p>

<p>Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP)</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Program Eligibility: - AGI <\$900,000 for tax years 2016, 2018, and 2018 - Payments could cover losses of revenue from birds that were intended for slaughter but were depopulated.</p>	<p>PLIP provides financial assistance to support producers of eligible swine, chickens, and turkeys depopulated from March 1, 2020, through December 26, 2020. To be eligible, depopulation of your poultry or livestock must have been due to insufficient processing access resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Must comply with provisions of the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation regulations</p>	<p>CLOSED – USDA’s Farm Service Agency accepted PLIP applications from July 20 through October 12, 2021.</p>	<p>PLIP payments will compensate eligible producers for 80 percent of the loss of the eligible livestock or poultry, and for the cost of depopulation and disposal, based on a single payment rate per head. Any previous payments you received for disposal of your animals under a state program or USDA’s Environmental Quality Incentives Program will be subtracted from the final PLIP payment amount. The payments will also be reduced by any CFAP 1 and CFAP 2 payments paid on the same inventory of swine that were depopulated. There is no per person or legal entity payment limitation on PLIP payments.</p> <p>Expected PLIP Payment = (PLIP Payment Rate Per Head X # Head Depopulated) – Previous Payments</p> <p>Payment Rate for Chickens (Layers): \$4.94/Head</p>
<p>Pandemic Response and Safety (PRS) Grant Program</p>	<p>NO - Poultry processing plants with less than 1,250 employees are eligible for this program.</p>	<p>The Pandemic Response and Safety (PRS) Grant Program provides grants to food processors, distributors, farmers markets, and producers to respond to coronavirus, including for measures to protect workers against COVID-19</p>	<p>USDA’s AMS will accept applications from September 23 through November 8, 2021</p>	<p>The minimum funding request amount is \$1,500. The maximum funding request amount is \$20,000.</p> <p>Grants cover: Implementing workplace safety measures to protect against COVID-19, Implementing market pivots to protect against COVID–19, Retrofitting facilities for worker and consumer safety to protect against COVID–19, Providing additional transportation options to maintain social distancing and worker and consumer safety to protect against COVID-19, Providing worker housing that protects against COVID-19, Providing health services to protect workers against COVID-19</p>

<p>Pandemic Market Volatility Assistance Program (PMVAP)</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>USDA will provide more than \$350 million in pandemic assistance payments to dairy farmers who received a lower value due to market abnormalities caused by the pandemic and ensuing Federal policies.</p>	<p>Eligible handlers were directly contacted the week of August 23, 2021, regarding participation in the program.</p>	<p>Payments will reimburse qualified dairy farmers for 80 percent of the revenue difference per month based on an annual production of up to 5 million pounds of milk marketed and on fluid milk sales from July through December 2020. USDA will make payments through agreements with independent handlers and cooperatives. Handlers and cooperatives will distribute the monies on the same basis July - December 2020 payments were made to their dairy farmer suppliers. USDA will reimburse handlers and cooperatives for allowed administrative costs.</p>
<p>Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – Emergency Animal Mortality Management</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>NRCS offers assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to help agricultural producers properly dispose of livestock that were depopulated because of impacts from the coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>Through the Emergency Animal Mortality Management practice, NRCS helps producers plan and cover part of the cost for disposing of livestock because of an emergency animal mortality event.</p> <p>To receive assistance, a producer must file both an application and approved early start waiver request with the local NRCS field office prior to disposal of animal carcasses</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Prior to payment, a livestock or poultry mortality certification is required by a veterinarian or animal health specialist. Payment rates for livestock and poultry include:</p> <p>Disposal at landfill or render: \$0.05 per pound (\$0.06 for historically underserved producers) In-house Composting¹: \$76.88 per animal unit (\$92.25 for historically underserved producers) Composting – Purchase Carbon Material & Mobilize Equipment¹: \$162.12 per animal unit (\$277.93 for historically underserved producers) Carcass Disposal – Other¹: \$111.53 per animal unit (\$191.20 for historically underserved producers) Incineration: \$219.88 per animal unit (\$263.86 for historically underserved producers) Burial: \$74.28 per animal unit (\$89.14 for historically underserved producers)</p> <p>¹ – Costs of materials, equipment and mobilization are highly variable. Actual costs may be significantly different from payment rates.</p>

				Conversion factor: 1,000 pounds = 1 animal unit
Additional Pandemic Assistance for Producers	TBD	<p>In March, USDA announced the Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative to support a number of new programs or to modify existing efforts, many of which will be implemented in June and July of 2021. These efforts will continue to focus on filling gaps in previous rounds of assistance and helping beginning, socially disadvantaged, and small and medium sized producers that need support most.</p> <p>USDA will allocate up to \$20 million in additional organic cost share assistance. These funds will be available to organic producers and producers who are transitioning to organic.</p>	TBD	