

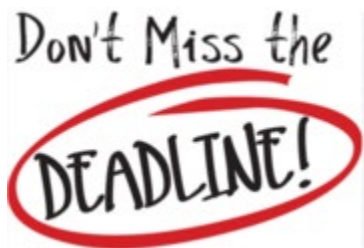


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## FSA Reminds Hawaii and Pacific Basin Producers to File Crop Acreage and Production Report



Agricultural crop producers in Hawaii and the Pacific Basin who have not yet completed their [crop acreage reports](#) after planting or submitted their yearly production reports should make an appointment with their Farm Service Agency (FSA) office before the applicable deadline.

An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses can prevent the loss of benefits.

### How to File a Report

The deadline to submit production and acreage reports for fruits and vegetable crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is March 31, 2024. Contact your FSA county office for a full list of applicable crops.

To file a crop acreage report, you will need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety.
- Intended use of the crop.
- Number of acres of the crop.
- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop.
- Planting date(s).

- Planting pattern, when applicable.
- Producer shares.
- Irrigation practice(s).
- Other information as required.

More Information For questions or to make an appointment, please contact your local FSA office. To locate your local FSA office visit <https://farmers.gov/service-center-locator>.

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## USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Partners with Guam and CNMI to Strengthen Food Supply Chain Infrastructure

[Click here for the full press release for Guam](#). Those interested in receiving a subaward should apply directly through the [Guam Department of Agriculture](#) beginning April 1 through April 30, 2024.

[Click here for the full press release for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands](#). Those interested in receiving a subaward should apply directly through the [CNMI Division of Agriculture Office](#) by April 29, 2024. Request an application by contacting [cnmirfsi@gmail.com](mailto:cnmirfsi@gmail.com).

AMS encourages applications that serve smaller farms and ranches, new and beginning farmers and ranchers, underserved producers, veteran producers, and underserved communities.

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## FSA Investing in Resilience

The programs FSA offers can often be the best news possible for a producer living in that uncertainty. In 2023, investments from our programs made positive impacts on the lives of many agricultural producers, including those experiencing distress or those picking up the pieces after natural disasters — investments that will pay dividends for many years to come.

Our dedicated employees delivered more than \$16.9 billion in farm programs and farm loans throughout the year. Some noteworthy accomplishments included helping distressed borrowers, improving our processes and programs, and providing support to our producers in times of hardship. These accomplishments were borne out of our concerted effort to approach our policies and programs with fresh eyes, creative ideas and a common purpose guided by the goal of fairly and equitably delivering the most assistance to the most producers possible.

We're proud of our work in 2023, and our efforts to support our nation's farmers and ranchers complement the hard work of the Biden-Harris Administration over the past three years.

Read more about FSA's successes in 2023 by visiting [farmers.gov/blog/fsa-investing-in-resilience](https://farmers.gov/blog/fsa-investing-in-resilience).

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## USDA Expands Insurance Option for Nursery Growers to All States

USDA is expanding crop insurance tailored for nursery producers to all counties in all states. [Nursery Value Select](#) (NVS) is a pilot program that enables nursery producers to select the dollar amount of coverage that best fits their risk management needs. Its expansion is part of USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) efforts to provide insurance options for a broader group of producers, including specialty crop producers.

NVS provides similar but improved coverage to the longstanding Nursery Field Grown and Container (FG&C) program. NVS also covers field grown and containerized nursery plants and offers coverage levels between catastrophic and 75 percent.

Prior to this expansion, NVS was only available in select counties in these states: Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Michigan, New Jersey, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington. Beginning with the 2025 crop year, NVS will now be available in all counties in all states. The sales closing date for the 2025 crop year is May 1, 2024, or September 1, 2024, as provided in the actuarial documents.

NVS was first available in the 2021 crop year, and producers insured more than \$460 million in liabilities in crop year 2023.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the [RMA Agent Locator](#). Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at [rma.usda.gov](https://rma.usda.gov) or by contacting your [RMA Regional Office](#).

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# USDA Accepting Applications for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production



USDA is accepting applications for grants to support urban agriculture and innovative production. The competitive grants will support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production projects through Planning Projects and Implementation Projects.

[Learn more.](#)

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## Dates to Remember

**March 31, 2024** - Deadline to submit production and acreage reports for crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), fruits and vegetables. Contact your [county office](#) for a full list of applicable crops.

**April 5, 2024** - Deadline to submit an application for the Emergency Conservation Program for damages from Typhoon Bolaven in Guam County.

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## March 2024 Interest Rates

Farm Operating - Direct 4.875%  
Farm Operating - Microloan 4.875%  
Farm Ownership - Direct 5.250%  
Farm Ownership - Microloan 5.250%  
Farm Ownership - Direct, Joint Financing 3.250%  
Farm Ownership - Down Payment 1.500%  
Emergency Loan - Amount of Actual Loss 3.750%



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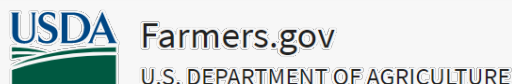
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