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| |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | --- | | US Department of Agriculture | | **Maine USDA Service Center Newsletter**  June 2023 | |  | | [**Farm Service Agency**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffsa.usda.gov%2F%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902635823%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Gp%2BvWFIKpLE8v0gOrDOLUfzqoq28w06QCwY7EzvyYpI%3D&reserved=0)**|**[**Natural Resources Conservation Service**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nrcs.usda.gov%2Fwps%2Fportal%2Fnrcs%2Fsite%2Fnational%2Fhome%2F%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902635823%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Sp5i5aY7MCJS1YRTNjYSazmm6npDxGIPMLPhXuqlXyo%3D&reserved=0)**|**[**Risk Management Agency**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frma.usda.gov%2F%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902635823%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SV%2BFYdH%2FaITNhfusaBJfsSpjPh4ngIRXhHieQP6cVCU%3D&reserved=0) | | In This Issue:  * [Dates to Remember](#link_7) * [USDA Reminds Maine Producers to File Crop Acreage Reports](#link_12) * [FSA Offers Joint Financing Option on Direct Farm Ownership Loans](#link_11) * [USDA Offers Disaster Assistance for Producers Facing Inclement Weather](#link_9) * [USDA Simplifies Application Process for Noninsured Crops for Underserved Producers; Improves Risk Management Accessibility](#link_5) * [Preauthorized Debit Available for Farm Loan Borrowers](#link_8) * [USDA Extends Application Deadline for Revenue Loss Programs to July 14](#link_10) * [Borrower Training for Farm Loan Customers](#link_4)  Dates to Remember  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **July 14** | [Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase Two](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2FAssets%2FUSDA-FSA-Public%2Fusdafiles%2FFactSheets%2F2023%2Ffsa_erp_factsheet_22.pdf%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902635823%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=toG97twFz2l6dQiQse8sbAUQP2hvlYM1KuorDmDfi%2BM%3D&reserved=0)   and  [Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program](https://www.farmers.gov/sites/default/files/documents/farmersgov-parp-factsheet.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) | | **July 17** | Acreage Reporting deadline for most crops | | **July 26** | [Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2Fnews-room%2Fnews-releases%2F2023%2Fusda-offers-assistance-to-help-organic-dairy-producers-cover-increased-costs%3Futm_campaign%3D051923organicdairyassist%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902635823%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2%2FXaCJEybQU9uB3z%2Bc3Hcro9wHjMHroZNcWAZTSUzc8%3D&reserved=0) (ODMAP) | | **July 31** | Clear 30 for Producers with Expiring CRP Acres | | **Aug 1** | County Committee Nomination Period  [County Committee Elections (usda.gov)](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2Fnews-room%2Fcounty-committee-elections%2Findex%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902635823%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7J3g0%2BmJLmmEq%2B1WRrjHSZQfve5nZSBgVpVt3YrKzOo%3D&reserved=0) | | **Sept 30** | 2024 Non-Insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage  deadline for Perennial Forages and Value Loss Crops (Includes Aquaculture, Christmas trees, Turfgrass sod) | | **Oct 31** | Organic Certification Cost Share Program -[OCCSP](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2Fprograms-and-services%2Foccsp%2Findex%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902635823%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JhDFIMoJQQ8Sn1SbAYVFM50l6N0Z%2BoxtQLtoIMgxZOI%3D&reserved=0) webpage | | **Jan 31, 2024** | Food Safety Certification from Specialty Crop Program | | **Ongoing** | [**Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) - Continuous**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2FAssets%2FUSDA-FSA-Public%2Fusdafiles%2FFactSheets%2Fcrp-continuous-enrollment-period-factsheet.pdf%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902635823%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2B%2BQnuGIukNgisODLpo6Z17zmu7VmP9CgFpaIcE6re%2Fo%3D&reserved=0) Enrollment |  |  | | --- | |  |  USDA Reminds Maine Producers to File Crop Acreage Reports  |  | | --- | | Agricultural producers in State who have not yet completed their [crop acreage reports](https://www.farmers.gov/crop-acreage-reports?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) after planting should make an appointment with their U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) service center before the applicable deadline.  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There are three types of Direct Farm Ownership Loans: regular, down payment and joint financing. FSA also offers a [Direct Farm Ownership Microloan](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2Fprograms-and-services%2Ffarm-loan-programs%2Fmicroloans%2Findex%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=L69mk1mJrqy6FKu%2BWzooQ%2BKiqwiwqgxzTOvEmkwWmqM%3D&reserved=0) option for smaller financial needs up to $50,000.  Joint financing allows FSA to provide more farmers and ranchers with access to capital. FSA lends up to 50 percent of the total amount financed. A commercial lender, a State program or the seller of the property being purchased, provides the balance of loan funds, with or without an FSA guarantee. The maximum loan amount for a joint financing loan is $600,000, and the repayment period for the loan is up to 40 years.  The operation must be an eligible farm enterprise. Farm Ownership loan funds cannot be used to finance nonfarm enterprises and all applicants must be able to meet general eligibility requirements. Loan applicants are also required to have participated in the business operations of a farm or ranch for at least three years out of the 10 years prior to the date the application is submitted. The applicant must show documentation that their participation in the business operation of the farm or ranch was not solely as a laborer.  For more information about farm loans, contact your local County USDA Service Center or visit [fsa.usda.gov](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2F%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bELVkZjTaBc9RNvkqjFEmtiOIm3ZfL999Kx3SGis%2Bmk%3D&reserved=0).   |  | | --- | |  |  USDA Offers Disaster Assistance for Producers Facing Inclement Weather Severe weather events create significant challenges and often result in catastrophic loss for agricultural producers. Despite every attempt to mitigate risk, your operation may suffer losses. USDA offers several programs to help with recovery.  **Risk Management**  For producers who have risk protection through [Federal Crop Insurance](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rma.usda.gov%2FFederal-Crop-Insurance-Corporation%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LgD4ckQ6rXE0lwrkbv1xcoSKr9nQ1RsJg3db4VJfVcw%3D&reserved=0)or the [Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2Fprograms-and-services%2Fdisaster-assistance-program%2Fnoninsured-crop-disaster-assistance%2Findex%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fdbik37N0KHFiGx6MWAThl0UUSp9ounH1%2BjgVMoLAyc%3D&reserved=0) (NAP), we want to remind you to report crop damage to your crop insurance agent or the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.  If you have crop insurance, contact your agency within 72 hours of discovering damage and be sure to follow up in writing within 15 days. If you have NAP coverage, file a Notice of Loss (also called Form CCC-576) within 15 days of loss becoming apparent, except for hand-harvested crops, which should be reported within 72 hours.  **Disaster Assistance**  USDA also offers disaster assistance programs, which is especially important to livestock, fruit and vegetable, specialty and perennial crop producers who have fewer [risk management options](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rma.usda.gov%2FTopics%2FSpecialty-Crops%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Tc%2FOmPdeiAjcolJkJPMb2B7UgADbGx%2FGNDoNRZmRYLo%3D&reserved=0).  First, the [Livestock Indemnity Program](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2Fprograms-and-services%2Fdisaster-assistance-program%2Flivestock-indemnity%2Findex%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=QkNDX40Bx%2Fk822I19lD%2FWOfZ2sw%2BX89j86jAnz3SfVY%3D&reserved=0) (LIP) and [Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybee and Farm-raised Fish Program](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2Fprograms-and-services%2Fdisaster-assistance-program%2Femergency-assist-for-livestock-honey-bees-fish%2Findex%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gCQPXj8AvwQK%2FzmB9LMfEmYwI7dRX0nTKaiIbn8xjwc%3D&reserved=0) (ELAP) reimburses producers for a portion of the value of livestock, poultry and other animals that died as a result of a qualifying natural disaster event or for loss of grazing acres, feed and forage. And, the [Livestock Forage Disaster Program](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2Fprograms-and-services%2Fdisaster-assistance-program%2Flivestock-forage%2Findex%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=r1Tb4y8%2BXn%2FiyP4ApWfpqSipkgxMdcwQ3gvPVLO8Zjg%3D&reserved=0) (LFP) provides assistance to producers of grazed forage crop acres that have suffered crop loss due to a qualifying drought.  Livestock producers suffering the impacts of drought can also request [Emergency Haying and Grazing](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2Fprograms-and-services%2Fconservation-programs%2Fconservation-reserve-program%2Femergency-haying-and-grazing%2Findex%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OgWJAiEqc3tNds9ZTwBKzsSw5pGID0c3m%2F4hbtyEKAo%3D&reserved=0) on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres.  Next, the [Tree Assistance Program](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2Fprograms-and-services%2Fdisaster-assistance-program%2Ftree-assistance-program%2Findex%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6%2B2OZgkJzCsZ2LsW5t3d9XCGR4UOrfZqDJpSaKivycs%3D&reserved=0)(TAP) provides cost share assistance to rehabilitate and replant tree, vines or shrubs loss experienced by orchards and nurseries. This complements NAP or crop insurance coverage, which cover the crop but not the plants or trees in all cases.  For LIP and ELAP, you will need to file a Notice of Loss for livestock and grazing or feed losses within 30 days and honeybee losses within 15 days. For TAP, you will need to file a program application within 90 days.  **Documentation**  It’s critical to keep accurate records to document all losses following this devastating cold weather event. Livestock producers are advised to document beginning livestock numbers by taking time and date-stamped video or pictures prior to after the loss.  Other common documentation options include:   * Purchase records * Production records * Vaccination records * Bank or other loan documents * Third-party certification   **Other Programs**  The [Emergency Conservation Program](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2Fprograms-and-services%2Fconservation-programs%2Femergency-conservation%2Findex%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=GxPsxU3k9E8kjDBsdHUrQElm45eg1vxu3Jz2bSUKXdM%3D&reserved=0) and [Emergency Forest Restoration Program](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2Fprograms-and-services%2Fdisaster-assistance-program%2Femergency-forest-restoration%2Findex%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=88Nvq%2FTHUjOQovkvWXZoBp082lH8WNDEQe7asaZgecs%3D&reserved=0) can assist landowners and forest stewards with financial and technical assistance to restore damaged farmland or forests.  Additionally, FSA offers a variety of loans available including emergency loans that are triggered by disaster declarations and operating loans that can assist producers with credit needs.  You can use these loans to replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, or refinance farm-related debts, and other needs.  Meanwhile, USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides financial resources through its [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nrcs.usda.gov%2Fwps%2Fportal%2Fnrcs%2Fmain%2Fnational%2Fprograms%2Ffinancial%2Feqip%2F%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=AFN1BUHeRAWhuoI4ZRJvJp4ZH3cOcZKIlZCRKzRxGlk%3D&reserved=0) to help with immediate needs and long-term support to help recover from natural disasters and conserve water resources. Assistance may also be available for emergency animal mortality disposal from natural disasters and other causes.  **Additional Resources**  Additional details – including payment calculations – can be found on our [NAP](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2FAssets%2FUSDA-FSA-Public%2Fusdafiles%2FFactSheets%2Fnoninsured_crop_disaster_assistance_program-nap-fact_sheet.pdf%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=P4hhqBJ7P7u6SzbtM%2FkyaY7GivkOgBSVgyKXdXKVNso%3D&reserved=0), [ELAP,](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2FAssets%2FUSDA-FSA-Public%2Fusdafiles%2FFactSheets%2F2022%2Ffsa_elap_generalfactsheet-22.pdf%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902792057%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=s58t%2BG99JcItTJeAQGQN0OQcYyopqIwmCAd3iE%2FX%2BPc%3D&reserved=0)[LIP](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2FAssets%2FUSDA-FSA-Public%2Fusdafiles%2FFactSheets%2Flivestock_indemnity_program_lip-fact_sheet.pdf%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Qxy%2FpEk9Nt5%2FUMZ8YxE3ir%2FxsiqQs1a2reQJqpmeetw%3D&reserved=0), and [TAP](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2FAssets%2FUSDA-FSA-Public%2Fusdafiles%2FFactSheets%2Ftree_assistance_program-tap-fact_sheet.pdf%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=XqHNPRtqlG9kMhy9J6l%2BlhBO155IamEWm61x4pEcThA%3D&reserved=0) fact sheets. On farmers.gov, the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](https://www.farmers.gov/node/28989?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery), [Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet](https://www.farmers.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/FSA_DisasterAssistance_at_a_glance_brochure_.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery), and [Farm Loan Discovery Tool](https://www.farmers.gov/fund/farm-loan-discovery-tool?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) can help you determine program or loan options.  While we never want to have to implement disaster programs, we are here to help. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact your local USDA Service Center. All[USDA Service Centers](https://www.farmers.gov/service-center-locator?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments because of the pandemic.   |  | | --- | |  |  USDA Simplifies Application Process for Noninsured Crops for Underserved Producers; Improves Risk Management Accessibility A Message from FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux  Earlier this year, Farm Service Agency (FSA) made several updates to disaster assistance programs to give more farmers, ranchers, and Tribes equitable access to recovery programs. Specifically, we made changes to the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and simplified the application process for underserved producers.  This important policy change opens the door to risk management options for producers who may not have previously known about or been able to obtain coverage to protect their crops.  NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when natural disaster events cause low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting.  Our policy improvements mean that, beginning with the 2022 crop year, having a CCC-860 form, Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification, on file with FSA will provide producers with basic NAP coverage for all eligible crops. Specifically, FSA is waiving all NAP-related service fees for basic coverage for producers with a CCC-860 on file prior to the application closing date for each crop. These producers are also eligible to receive a 50% premium reduction if they elect higher levels of coverage before the application closing date for each crop.  At the end of January, FSA notified producers who already have the CCC-860 certification form on file regarding their eligibility for NAP basic coverage for 2022. If you suffered losses from natural disasters in 2022, you will need to contact your local FSA county office to file an acreage report, as well as a notice of loss, and an application for a NAP payment.  If you are interested in NAP coverage for 2023 and future years, your local FSA county office staff will be more than happy to provide information on eligibility, coverage options, and how to apply for additional coverage.  While these recent policy changes are intended to remove barriers to available benefits and help underserved producers manage risk, any producer of noninsurable crops can apply for NAP coverage by completing FSA form [CCC-471](https://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eForms/searchAction.do?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery), Application for Coverage, and paying a service fee. Your local FSA office can verify application closing dates and ensure coverage for your crops is available.  FSA is committed to revisiting program policies and finding ways, within our authorities, to remove obstacles that prevent participation. Expanding NAP to ensure all producers of noninsured crops have access to risk coverage is the result of proactive input from producers and the willingness of FSA employees to think outside of the box for the benefit of the producers we serve.  Please contact your local [USDA Service Center](https://www.farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) for more information on NAP coverage options.   |  | | --- | |  |  Preauthorized Debit Available for Farm Loan Borrowers USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) has implemented pre-authorized debit (PAD) for Farm Loan Program (FLP) borrowers. PAD is a voluntary and alternative method for making weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments on loans.  PAD payments are pre-authorized transactions that allow the National Financial and Accounting Operations Center (NFAOC) to electronically collect loan payments from a customer’s account at a financial institution.  PAD may be useful if you use nonfarm income from regular wages or salary to make payments on loans or adjustment offers or for payments from seasonal produce stands. PAD can only be established for future payments.  To request PAD, customers, along with their financial institution, must fill out form RD 3550-28. This form has no expiration date, but a separate form RD 3550-28 must be completed for each loan to which payments are to be applied. A fillable form can be accessed on the USDA Rural Development (RD) website at [rd.usda.gov/publications/regulations-guidelines](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rd.usda.gov%2Fpage%2Fregulations-and-guidance%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=QRX%2FMD23crBKm3LdZ2fxSPUZ0oJEWdHSwHJvOklZOxo%3D&reserved=0). Click forms and search for “Form 3550-28.”  If you have a “filter” on the account at your financial institution, you will need to provide the financial institution with the following information: Origination ID: 1220040804, Agency Name: USDA RD DCFO.  PAD is offered by FSA at no cost. Check with your financial institution to discuss any potential cost. Preauthorized debit has no expiration date, but you can cancel at any time by submitting a written request to your local FSA office. If a preauthorized debit agreement receives three payment rejections within a three-month period, the preauthorized debit agreement will be cancelled by FSA. The payment amount and due date of your loan is not affected by a cancellation of preauthorized debit. You are responsible to ensure your full payment is made by the due date.  For more information about PAD, contact your local County USDA Service Center or visit [fsa.usda.gov](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2F%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bRy9bZ4Yk4zez351PLWTMGxk8SaktNDV7%2FDr%2B00Y5ZQ%3D&reserved=0).   |  | | --- | |  |  USDA Extends Application Deadline for Revenue Loss Programs to July 14  |  | | --- | | **USDA** is extending the deadline for the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase Two and Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP) to July 14, 2023, to give producers more time to apply for assistance. The original deadline was June 2.    Additionally, USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) is partnering with nine organizations to provide educational and technical assistance to agricultural producers and provide assistance in completing an ERP Phase Two application. The extended deadline will give producers more time to work with these partner organizations and apply for assistance.  **Cooperative Agreements for ERP Phase Two Application Assistance**   Through cooperative agreements with FSA, the following organizations are providing free assistance to producers across the United States and territories.   * [Alabama State Association of Cooperatives](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.alabamastateassociation.coop%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0idJSBhg1ylH9CIUF6-G2pcRBOScGK4uEkeb2Lg3vitb7TCEO6H10JPcs%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TCvWVq%2BJSoW0uQq4LvE5DhXpSjhmo8x%2Fo4TBMJAoWMY%3D&reserved=0) * [Farmers Legal Action Group, INC.](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.flaginc.org%2F%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4ZPgqNOrsx6XlTBDjP0eBjIb1LuxueG00X%2FCgIHXOsU%3D&reserved=0) * [Flower Hill Institute](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fflowerhill.institute%2Fusda-fsa%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=g5ZoDbh%2FJLj0RHRjMLejMT7tcyQpsVchQyV3BckJ8Uw%3D&reserved=0) * [Intertribal Agriculture Council, Inc](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.indianag.org%2Ftechnicalassistance%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gZOFAVT8VezKUnE0mgZmt5gib%2B92ngvrD4qDBw%2FYtkk%3D&reserved=0) * [North South Institute](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nsied.org%2F%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gmc6viU84xew7OyZxPngNDzXobppN6caFelt69vdiGk%3D&reserved=0) * [Renewing the Countryside II](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.renewingthecountryside.org%2F%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JVFLQ%2FxYfwa49kzS03FghreeNYiXYUXkFE5VagcGkSI%3D&reserved=0) * [Rural Advancement Foundation International - USA](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rafiusa.org%2F%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=H%2Bnv5IRJ2wo7wpe9ffEXXt4hXhhRD6E6ac%2FjYzC1KXA%3D&reserved=0) * [Rural Coalition](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ruralco.org%2F%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=e9E%2B6cXxxunIUIe%2BHiKX4vlHsZNFxWxnWd5GdPZEgD8%3D&reserved=0) * [Texas Small Farmers and Ranchers CBO](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftsfrcbo.org%2F%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=XhuHBrYteDyguq3Lw%2BReNEB1GUqxgfzekPsR14z%2BBxY%3D&reserved=0)     Depending on a producer’s location, these nine partners can provide assistance either by phone or through online meeting software like Zoom or Microsoft Teams.  There is never a charge for technical assistance provided by FSA employees or cooperative agreement recipients. These organizations will assist producers with completing the application and any follow-up future insurance coverage requirements. Producers who receive ERP payments are statutorily required to purchase crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for the next two available crop years. These organizations will not collect producer records, complete or sign the application form, or act on the producer’s behalf in any way throughout this process.  Find more information on FSA cooperative agreements and contact information for the nine organizations please visit [fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/cooperative-agreements/index](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2Fprograms-and-services%2Fcooperative-agreements%2Findex%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZvbTj1yyVVFJaKK6PnwgrPneKiaPo8PpYg5W2oeiAPc%3D&reserved=0).  **PARP Application Assistance**  **Eligibility**    To be eligible for ERP Phase Two, producers must have suffered a decrease in allowable gross revenue in 2020 or 2021 due to necessary expenses related to losses of eligible crops from a qualifying natural disaster event. Assistance will be primarily to producers of crops that were not covered by Federal Crop Insurance or NAP, since crops covered by Federal Crop Insurance and NAP were included in the assistance under ERP Phase One.  To be eligible for PARP, an agricultural producer must have been in the business of farming during at least part of the 2020 calendar year and had a 15% or greater decrease in allowable gross revenue for the 2020 calendar year, as compared to a baseline year.  FSA offers an online [ERP tool](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fview.officeapps.live.com%2Fop%2Fview.aspx%3Fsrc%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%252FAssets%252FUSDA-FSA-Public%252Fusdafiles%252Femergency-relief-program%252Fdocs%252Ferp_tool_version_4.xlsm%253Futm_medium%253Demail%2526utm_source%253Dgovdelivery%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%26wdOrigin%3DBROWSELINK&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yac1NXjEqBiEWwkBFTOs687FgItENklsQ%2BtVT94qZNs%3D&reserved=0) and [PARP tool](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fview.officeapps.live.com%2Fop%2Fview.aspx%3Fsrc%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%252FAssets%252FUSDA-FSA-Public%252Fusdafiles%252Ffarmers%252Fdocs%252Fpandemic_rev_program_tool_version_1_2_final.xlsm%253Futm_medium%253Demail%2526utm_source%253Dgovdelivery%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%26wdOrigin%3DBROWSELINK&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Woxs2wLSPMv72biirJOV1FHA5Jc%2F4bU3iIi0lDxms4A%3D&reserved=0) that can help producers determine what is considered allowable gross revenue for each respective program.   Producers should contact their local FSA office to make an appointment to apply for ERP Phase Two and PARP assistance.  Producers should also keep in mind that July 15 is a major deadline to complete acreage reports for most crops. FSA encourages producers to complete the ERP Phase Two application, PARP application and acreage reporting during the same office visit.  **More Information**    For more information, view the [ERP Phase Two Fact Sheet](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fsa.usda.gov%2FAssets%2FUSDA-FSA-Public%2Fusdafiles%2FFactSheets%2F2023%2Ffsa_erp_factsheet_22.pdf%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6b7YfPML80YV2q6MB5sVfTIyKEo0vMXzf1YjcmsQmAQ%3D&reserved=0), [PARP Fact Sheet](https://www.farmers.gov/sites/default/files/documents/farmersgov-parp-factsheet.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery), the [ERP Phase Two-PARP Comparison Fact Sheet](https://www.farmers.gov/sites/default/files/documents/farmersgov-parp-comparison-factsheet.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery), [ERP Phase Two application video tutorial](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%26v%3Dv3R5llZzKBY&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CIIdYFZeFurvqUnSL%2Bc1RgzA4mIE6FBYxByBd4hyKIo%3D&reserved=0), [PARP application video tutorial](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery%26v%3DAIYJo7nCwWs&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916902948270%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9cBc4%2BQOxL2%2FWBud99wPl61wTS1%2Bx1oR3JGpysezFi4%3D&reserved=0), [myth-buster blog](https://www.farmers.gov/blog/myth-busting-fsas-new-revenue-based-disaster-and-pandemic-assistance-programs?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) or contact your local [USDA Service Center](https://www.farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery). |  |  | | --- | |  |  Borrower Training for Farm Loan Customers Borrower training is available for all Farm Service Agency (FSA) customers. This training is required for all direct loan applicants, unless the applicant has a waiver issued by the agency.  Borrower training includes instruction in production and financial management. The purpose is to help the applicants develop and improve skills that are necessary to successfully operate a farm and build equity in the operation. It aims to help the producer become financially successful. Borrower training is provided, for a fee, by agency approved vendors. Contact your local FSA Farm Loan Manager for a list of approved vendors.   |  | | --- | |  |   Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in any meeting/event/function should contact Mary Anne Coffin at 207-990-9140 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339. | |  | | |  | | --- | | Icon  Description automatically generated |   Maine /USDA Service Center 967 Illinois Avenue Bangor, ME  04401     |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Farm Service Agency**  Sherry Hamel, 207-990-9140  State Executive Director  sherry.hamel@usda.gov  Website:  www.fsa.usda.gov/me | **Natural Resources Conservation Service**  Matt Walker, 207- 990-9585  State Conservationist [matt.walker@usda.gov](mailto:matt.walker@usda.gov)  Website:  [www.me.nrcs.usda.gov](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.me.nrcs.usda.gov%2F%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3Dgovdelivery&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4ab5f69a0c4a48c35f4408db765da32b%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C638233916903104498%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6rOMvNPwd1km33OnkRIXlKaMHlPMz1TnbR9afEYiS10%3D&reserved=0) | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | | | |