

COVID-19 UPDATE



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY! CFAP 2 APPLICATION DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

The deadline for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP) program is **December 11th**.

CFAP 2 payments will provide eligible producers with financial assistance that gives them the ability to absorb some of the increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 outbreak. USDA has incorporated improvements in CFAP 2 based on stakeholder engagement and public feedback to better meet the needs of impacted farmers and ranchers.

Additional commodities are eligible in CFAP 2 that were not included in the first round of the program. CFAP 2 payments will be made for three categories of payment calculations:

- Sales Commodities, including specialty crops, tobacco, and aquaculture, use a sales-based approach, where producers are paid based on five payment gradations associated with their 2019 sales.
- Price trigger commodities, including row crops, livestock, and dairy, are major commodities that meet a minimum 5-percent price decline from January through July.
- Flat-rate row crops that do not meet the 5-percent price decline trigger or do not have data available to calculate a price change will have payments calculated based on eligible 2020 acres multiplied by \$15 per acre.

Wild Rice has been included in CFAP 2. A complete list of eligible commodities, payment rates and calculations can be found on www.farmers.gov/cfap.

Producers can apply for assistance through USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). Customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP 2 application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages with the team at the FSA county office. More information can be found at www.farmers.gov/coronavirus. ***Please notify the CWRAB office if you plan to or have already applied for the CFAP 2 program so that we can communicate our industry's participation level with local government representative contacts.***

REGIONAL STAY AT HOME ORDER IN EFFECT ACROSS CALIFORNIA

The [Regional Stay Home Order](#), announced December 3, 2020, and a supplemental order, signed December 6, 2020, will go into effect at 11:59 PM the day after a region has been announced to have less than 15% ICU availability. In the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California regions, this order went into effect at 11:59 PM on Sunday, December 6, 2020.

Regions

The state released a map of the five regions being measured. When a region first falls below 15% ICU bed availability, the Regional Stay Home Order goes into effect there the next evening at 11:59 PM.

Northern California: Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity

Bay Area: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma

Greater Sacramento: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba

San Joaquin Valley: Calaveras, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Benito, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne

Southern California: Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

This Order requires many non-essential businesses to close and prohibits private gatherings of any size. It allows access to (and travel for) critical services and allows outdoor activities to preserve Californians' physical and mental health. Businesses permitted to remain open are required to enforce 100% masking and physical distancing. All non-essential travel is temporarily restricted statewide.

Sectors that will be temporarily closed in affected regions include:

- Indoor and outdoor playgrounds
- Indoor recreational facilities
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Personal care services
- Museums, zoos and aquariums
- Movie theaters
- Bars, breweries and distilleries
- Wineries
- Family entertainment centers
- Cardrooms and satellite wagering
- Limited services
- Live audience sports
- Amusement parks

The following sectors will have additional modifications in addition to 100% masking and physical distancing:

- Outdoor recreational facilities: Allow outdoor operation only without any food, drink or alcohol sales. Additionally, overnight stays at campgrounds will not be permitted.

- Retail: Allow indoor operation at 20% capacity with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- Shopping centers: Allow indoor operation at 20% capacity with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- Hotels and lodging: Allow to open for critical infrastructure support only.
- Restaurants: Allow only for take-out, pick-up, or delivery.
- Offices: Allow remote only except for critical infrastructure sectors where remote working is not possible.
- Places of worship and political expression: Allow outdoor services only.
- Entertainment production including professional sports: Allow operation without live audiences. Additionally, testing protocol and “bubbles” are highly encouraged.

The following sectors are allowed to remain open when a remote option is not possible with appropriate infectious disease preventative measures including 100% masking and physical distancing:

- Schools that are already open for in-person learning
- **Critical infrastructure**
- Non-urgent medical and dental care
- Child care and pre-K

To keep up with the State’s response to COVID-19, please visit their website at [covid19.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19.aspx).