COVID-19 Assistance for Farmers and Producers

Indiana Grown is working hard to get the most detailed and up-to-date resources about COVID-19 assistance in the hands of Indiana farmers and producers. Please see the below information related to the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) and share with anyone you know who might benefit as well.

CLICK HERE for an overview of the CFAP program or to complete an application. The deadline to apply is August 28, 2020.

CFAP provides direct payments to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline or who had losses due to market supply chain disruptions due to COVID-19 and face additional significant market costs. In Indiana, farmers have received over $157M in direct payments of which just under $500k has gone to specialty crops. State-specific information can be found on the CFAP Dashboard and is updated each Monday at 2 p.m. (EDT). Please see the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program FAQs for additional information.

Information on Payments/Eligibility for Specialty Crop Producers

- Additional information for specialty crop producers is available in USDA’s fact sheet, Coronavirus Food Assistance Program for Specialty Crops. Watch the CFAP for Specialty Crop Producers Webinar to learn more about the program.

Payment Calculator

- This Excel workbook allows you to input information specific to your operation to determine estimated payments and populate the application form, which you can then print, sign, and submit to the FSA office at your local USDA Service Center. A video preview with more information is available here.

Available Assistance

- Please call the FSA office at your local USDA Service Center to schedule an appointment if you would like assistance or have questions. You can find contact and status information for your local USDA Service Center at the bottom of this page.
- A CFAP Call Center is available for producers who would like additional one-on-one support with the CFAP application process. Please call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to help.

Indiana Grown also has two very important surveys that require your attention:

- In order to most effectively help your farm/business, Indiana Grown would like to hear how COVID-19 has impacted you. CLICK HERE to let us know.
- Do you have an online store or sell on an online sales platform? CLICK HERE to be added to our online sales map.

For additional COVID-19 resources, CLICK HERE. Please contact Indiana Grown Program Director Heather Tallman with questions at htallman@isda.in.gov or 317-697-5863.
ABOUT INDIANA GROWN

Indiana Grown is administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture in partnership with the lieutenant governor’s office. The initiative educates consumers on the importance of buying Indiana Grown products, helps Indiana farmers and producers sell more products and supports Indiana processors in their effort to process more Indiana Grown products. Indiana Grown members and partners include farmers, producers, processors and artisans, as well as retailers, grocers, hospitals and restaurants. For more information, visit www.indianagrown.org.