

NOFA means a Notice of Funding Availability under this part published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Pigs means any swine weighing less than 120 pounds.

Wool means the fiber sheared from a live sheep and includes, unless noted otherwise, graded and nongraded wool. Graded wool is paid on a clean basis, and ungraded wool is paid on a greasy basis.

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§ 9.3 Producer eligibility requirements.

To be eligible for a CFAP payment, a producer must:

(a) Meet all of the requirements in this part;

(b) Be a:

(1) Citizen of the United States;

(2) Resident alien, which for purposes of this part means “lawful alien” as defined in part 1400 of this title;

(3) Partnership of citizens of the United States;

(4) Corporation, limited liability company, or other organizational structure organized under State law;

(5) Indian Tribe or Tribal organization, as defined in section 4(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304); or

(6) Foreign person or foreign entity who meets all requirements as described in part 1400 of this title; and

(c) For payments under § 9.102 of this part, have had a share in the eligible commodity on January 15, 2020, or April 16, 2020, through May 14, 2020.

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§ 9.4 Time and method of application.

(a) A completed application under this subpart must be submitted in person, by mail, email, or facsimile to any FSA county office by the close of business on:

(1) September 11, 2020, for payments issued under § 9.102; and

(2) October 12, 2021, for payments issued under § 9.203.

(b) Failure of an individual, entity, or a member of an entity to submit the following payment limitation and pay-

ment eligibility forms within 60-days from the date of signing the CFAP application, may result in no payment or a reduced payment:

(1) A farm operating plan for an individual or legal entity as provided in part 1400 of this title;

(2) Form CCC-901 Member Information for Legal Entities (if applicable);

(3) An average adjusted gross income statement for the 2020 program year for the person or legal entity, including the legal entity's members, partners, or shareholders, as provided in part 1400 of this title; form CCC-941 Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information;

(4) CCC-942 Certification of Income From Farming, Ranching and Forestry Operations (optional); and

(5) A highly erodible land conservation (sometimes referred to elsewhere as HELC) and wetland conservation certification as provided in part 12 of this title (form AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification for CFAP applicant and applicable affiliates).

(c) If requested by USDA, the applicant must provide documentation that:

(1) Establishes the applicant's ability and intent to harvest, transport, and market the commodity for the intended market or crop's expected production in a quantity determined based on the producer's approved yield, expected level of production, or inventory of the livestock, crop, or commodity;

(2) Establishes the applicant's ownership share in the commodity; and

(3) Establishes the applicant's value at risk in the commodity.

(d) A producer applying for assistance for a crop subject to § 9.203(a) or (b) must file a report of all acreage of the crop on FSA-578, Report of Acreage.

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§ 9.5 [Reserved]

§ 9.6 Eligibility subject to verification.

(a) Producers who are approved for participation in CFAP are required to

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retain documentation in support of their application for 3 years after the date of approval.

(b) Participants receiving CFAP payments or any other person who furnishes such information to USDA must permit authorized representatives of USDA or the Government Accountability Office, during regular business hours, to enter the agricultural operation and to inspect, examine, and to allow representatives to make copies of books, records, or other items for the purpose of confirming the accuracy of the information provided by the participant.

§ 9.7 Miscellaneous provisions.

(a) If a CFAP payment resulted from erroneous information provided by a participant, or any person acting on their behalf, the payment will be recalculated and the participant must refund any excess payment with interest calculated from the date of the disbursement of the payment.

(1) If FSA determines that the applicant intentionally misrepresented either the total amount or applicant's share of the commodities, acres, sales, or revenue on their application, the application will be disapproved and the applicant must refund the full payment to FSA with interest from the date of disbursement.

(2) Any required refunds must be resolved in accordance with part 3 of this title.

(b) The regulations in part 718, subpart D, and parts 11 and 780 of this title apply to determinations made under this part.

(c) Any payment under this part will be made without regard to questions of title under State law and without regard to any claim or lien against the commodity or proceeds from the sale of the commodity. The regulations governing offsets in part 3 of this title do not apply to payments made under this part.

(d) The \$900,000 average AGI limitation provisions in part 1400 of this title relating to limits on payments for persons or legal entities, excluding joint ventures and general partnerships, apply to each applicant for CFAP unless at least 75 percent of the person or legal entity's average AGI is derived

from farming, ranching, or forestry-related activities. The average AGI will be calculated for a person or such legal entity based on the 2016, 2017, and 2018 tax years. If the person or such legal entity's average AGI is below \$900,000 or at least 75 percent of the person or legal entity's average AGI is derived from farming, ranching, or forestry-related activities, the person or legal entity, is eligible to receive payments under this part.

(e)(1) The total amount of CFAP payments that a program applicant who is an individual may receive directly or through the attribution of payments as provided in paragraph (e)(3) of this section is \$250,000 under each of subparts B and C. The total amount of payments that a program applicant who is a legal entity created under State law may receive is \$250,000 under each of subparts B and C, except as provided in paragraph (e)(2) of this section. Payments made to a program applicant who is a joint venture or a general partnership are limited to the aggregated amount of payments that individual or legal entity members of the joint venture or general partnership may otherwise receive.

(2)(i) The total amount of CFAP payments a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, trust, or estate may receive is \$250,000 under each of subparts B and C unless the members, partners, stockholders, beneficiaries, or heirs of the legal entity meet the provisions of paragraphs (e)(2)(ii) or (iii) of this section.

(ii) The total amount of CFAP payments a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, trust, or estate may receive is \$500,000 under each of subparts B and C if two different individual persons who are members, partners, stockholders, beneficiaries, or heirs of the legal entity each provided at least 400 hours of active personal labor or active personal management or combination thereof with respect to the production of commodities for which an application or applications are made in accordance with this part.

(iii) The total amount of CFAP payments a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, trust, or estate may receive is \$750,000 under