



## **Additional COVID-19 Relief for Cattle Producers**

Dear MCA Members:

Today the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced a second round of COVID assistance relief through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), or CFAP 2. We are still waiting on USDA to publish the rule for this program, but wanted to share some key details in the meantime. Please note that we will be sure to send an additional update, including a copy of the rule, once published.

### **Signups**

Signups will begin September 21st and run through December 11, 2020.

### **Cattle Payments**

The CFAP 2 payment rate for eligible beef cattle is \$55 per head. Payments will be based on the maximum owned inventory of eligible livestock, excluding breeding stock, on a date selected by the producer, between Apr. 16, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2020.

### **Eligibility**

There is a payment limitation of \$250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Applicants who are corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships may qualify for additional payment limits when members actively provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation. In addition, this special payment limitation provision has been expanded to include trusts and estates for both CFAP 1 and 2. Producers will also have to certify they meet the Adjusted Gross Income limitation of \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent or more of their income is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities. Producers must also be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions.

Again, please stay tuned for additional information later today. CFAP 2 details will also be made available on USDA's website: <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap/livestock>.

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