

AGRICULTURE ASSISTANCE (\$13 billion)

Provides \$11.1875 billion for COVID-related assistance to support agricultural producers, growers, processors, specialty crops, non-specialty crops, dairy, livestock, poultry, and contract livestock and poultry producers and other purposes.

- Provides supplemental assistance to price trigger crops and flat rate crops of \$20 per acre.
- Addresses unintended inequities in the USDA's sales commodity program for specialty crop and other producers who suffered a disaster in 2019.
- Directs the Secretary to make payments to producers for losses incurred due to the depopulation of livestock and poultry due to insufficient processing access.
- Provides support for cattle producers.
- Provides \$1 billion for contract growers of livestock and poultry to cover losses.
- Provides \$20 million for animal disease prevention and response capacity.
- Assists domestic users of upland cotton and extra-long staple cotton and allows for support to processors for losses of crops due to insufficient processing access.
- Extends the term of marketing assistance loans for any loan commodity to 12 months.
- Provides \$1.5 billion for the Secretary to purchase food and agriculture products, including seafood, and to purchase and distribute agriculture products including fresh dairy, produce and meat products through NGOs, and provides for grants and loans to small or mid-sized food processors or distributors, seafood processing facilities and processing vessels, farmers markets, producers, or other organizations to respond to COVID-19 and protect workers.
- Allows for \$200 million in payments to timber harvesting and hauling.
- Allows for payments to producers of advanced biofuel, biomass-based diesel, cellulosic biofuel, conventional biofuel, or renewable fuel.
- Allows USDA to carry out a dairy recourse loan program to make purchases of dairy products from processors, packagers, merchants, marketers, wholesalers, and distributors.

Other assistance includes:

- \$100 million for Specialty Crop Block Grants, \$100 million for Local Agriculture Marketing Program, \$75 million for the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Assistance Program, and \$75 million for Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach (FOTO).

- \$28 million in grants to State Departments of Agriculture to expand or sustain stress assistance programs for individuals engaged in farming, ranching, and other agriculture operations.
- \$200 million for nutrition research.
- Provides supplemental Dairy Margin Coverage support. Includes \$400 million to support dairy donations to non-profit entities (food banks, feeding programs, etc.).
- Establishes a livestock dealer trust to benefit unpaid sellers of livestock.
- Assists meat and poultry slaughtering and processing facilities with making improvements to allow for interstate shipment. Requires a study on programs for meat and poultry processing and slaughtering facilities.