



Farm Recovery & Support Block Grant – Industry Update

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) is providing the following update on the status of the Farm Recovery and Support (FRS) Block Grant program.

Discussions with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) about key aspects of the program, including definitions and overall scope, are still in progress. As a result, **the previous timeline provided will need to be adjusted.**

Until additional information is received from the USDA on the agency's proposed program, the program timeline is unknown. These discussions are critical to ensure that the program is equitable and responsive to the diverse needs of Connecticut farmers.

We understand the urgent need for this funding and the impact that continued delays may have on your farm operation. We remain fully committed to launching this program as soon as possible and want to be transparent about the current timeline.

At this time, impacted producers should plan as though funding will not be available in 2025 and plan accordingly for year-end financial planning.

New from USDA

Eligible livestock producers are encouraged to contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency office to inquire about the Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP), which may help offset supplemental feed costs related to the July 2023 flooding.

What We're Doing

- CT DoAg continues to actively engage with USDA on a weekly basis to continue negotiations and finalize program parameters.
- We are also continuing the procurement process to work with a contractor to ensure that once approval is received, we can move quickly to launch the application process and distribute funds efficiently.

- We remain committed to a farmer-centered approach that prioritizes accessibility for small, medium-sized, and historically underserved producers.

Stay Connected

We will continue to provide updates as soon as new information becomes available. Please stay connected through our [Disaster Relief webpage](#) and direct inquiries to AGR.disaster@ct.gov.

We appreciate your continued patience and partnership as we work to deliver meaningful relief to Connecticut's agricultural community.