



Farm Recovery & Support Block Grant – Industry Update

March 27, 2026

Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) continues to advance its Farm Recovery & Support Block Grant implementation, having submitted multiple work plan revisions to USDA Farm Service Agency while awaiting final approvals and guidance on critical application components.

CT DoAg recognizes the strain caused by the scale of financial losses in 2023 and 2024 and delays in the delivery of the federally funded disaster relief process. It has been, and continues to be, our goal to provide fair and equitable relief to farmers for their losses as soon as possible.

Where's the Money?

Connecticut was allocated \$53 million for disaster relief, but has not received any funds, including the requested funds for administrative costs. The release of any funds is contingent upon a signed contract with USDA, which includes USDA approval of the program design and loss calculations. Funds will not be allocated to CT in a lump sum, but on an “as needed” basis to make payments to individual farmers.

Process Status

CT DoAg submitted our original work plan to the USDA Farm Service Agency on Wednesday February 25. As of today, March 27, we have submitted a third revised version in response to questions USDA has posed following reviews of versions 1 and 2 of the work plan. They have stated they will have feedback on Tuesday, March 31. CT DoAg has been, and will continue to be, responsive to their questions and provide information as necessary to address concerns.

Farmer Feedback

The agency convened a farmer feedback group, representing farms of various sizes, crops, and locations throughout Connecticut to provide guidance and feedback on the program

design. We are deeply appreciative of those farmers for their time, attention, and thoughts to ensure the agency develops a program that will be impactful to the industry. Their input has supported streamlined documentation, refined revenue calculations, and broadened eligibility for recovery.

Stay Connected

As program developments progress, CT DoAg will continue to provide updates to ensure farmers have clear expectations and access to needed relief. Once a program design is approved, CT DoAg will communicate the types of documents and information that farmers will need in order to apply for the program. It is our expectation to have office hours and support for farmers in advance of the application period,

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