



# Farm Recovery & Support Block Grant – Industry Update

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) would like to provide clarity on the process and expected next steps for the Farm Recovery & Support Block Grant.

CT DoAg and USDA continue to be actively engaged in negotiating the program workplan and design, and meet with USDA on a weekly basis, but **CT DoAg has not yet received any funds from USDA.**

CT DoAg and USDA have agreed to complete the workplan and program design no later than May 15. Once submitted, the work plan must undergo additional reviews by the USDA before a final agreement can be executed, with an unknown timeline for that review process to be completed. CT DoAg will not be able to open the application period, review applications, or process payments until the contract is signed by both the USDA and CT DoAg.

It is a priority for CT DoAg to open the program as quickly as possible after the agreement has been signed. CT DoAg is planning outreach and education efforts announcing the timeline for the application period, the types of documentation that will be required, and a timeline for processing payments.

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We will continue to share updates with the agricultural community as milestones are reached and timelines become more certain. Thank you for your patience and engagement as this important program moves closer to the finish line.

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