



# Farm Recovery & Support Grant

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **What losses are eligible?**

Any loss that happened “as a consequence of any weather event in 2023 and 2024 that a state, in its sole discretion, determines warrants relief.” This is not limited to major named storms or disaster declarations, and would include localized events, periods of drought, or excess rainfall over the course of the year(s).

### **What is the anticipated timeline for this funding to make it to producers?**

In addition to learning what our allocation will be, there also needs to be an agreement between USDA and CT DoAg enabling the funds to be released to the state. USDA has indicated that this process could take 6-8 weeks, though it could extend beyond that timeframe and is outside of our control.

In the meantime, we will continue to move forward on the administrative build out so that we can release an application as soon as possible following the execution of the agreement with USDA.

In order to give farmers plenty of time to get any application documents together, the application period is likely to be open for 30-45 days. Following that we anticipate a 6-week turnaround for document verification and contracting with the recipient prior to issuing payment via ACH.

### **Will the New England states have a unified approach to the administration of FRS Grant?**

The New England states recognize that there are instances where a sole producer may have impacted land in multiple states. At this time, we are meeting regularly to share updates on our respective programs and minimize complexity for producers.

### **What documents will I need to provide to validate my loss?**

This is still to be determined and largely dependent on the administrative model approved by USDA. We encourage your feedback during the open comment period. In the meantime, it is recommended that you gather documentation including but not limited to:

- Tax returns from prior years
- Crop insurance (RMA, NAP, private) coverage (and applicable payouts)

- Crop plans

**Will all applicants receive a payment?**

All applicants will need to provide documentation for a review team to verify the loss occurred due to an eligible event, the scope of the loss, and if any other reimbursements/payments (i.e. insurance) have already been received. If an applicant is unable to provide the proper documentation their application may not be funded.

**Will my submitted loss (not including insurance already received) be covered in full?**

This will be dependent on the allocation Connecticut receives from USDA and the volume of applications received. It is our intention to distribute funding equitably among producers.

**Will producers with crop insurance (private or federal) be given priority for funding?**

Priority will not be given to one group over another. However, it will be easier for farms with appropriate documentation and certified losses to apply for funding.