

News Column

by Greg McClure, KSU-Riley County Extension Agriculture Agent  
110 Courthouse Plaza  
Manhattan, KS 66502

For Release 10/12/20  
Phone: 785/537-6350  
Fax: 785/537-6353

## CFAP PAYMENTS WAITING TO BE CLAIMED

You may already be a winner! All you need to do is call....

Yep. I throw those flyers in the trash too. And I hang up on the robo-calls that tell me I may have already won — but hear me out. The process is pretty simple this time, and a phone call and a signature may be all it takes to get a check headed your way.

I'm talking about the second round of CFAP payments to agriculture producers. CFAP, by the way, stands for Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. The program is intended to “provide producers with financial assistance that gives them the ability to absorb some of the increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.” I'm quoting directly from [www.farmers.gov/cfap](http://www.farmers.gov/cfap), and that is where you can go for more information.

In simpler terms, CFAP provides payments to agriculture producers to help make up for price declines experienced during the first half of 2020. Most farmers should be eligible for the program this time around. Landlords who receive a share of the crop are also eligible, but landlords who cash rent their land to a tenant are not eligible.

Payments to crop producers under the first CFAP program – sign up for CFAP-1 ended September 11 – were based on crops still held as inventory on January 15, 2020. This time around, payments are based on planted acres. The Farm Service Agency already has those numbers, so it really is as simple as a phone call.

The formula to calculate payments to crop producers uses planted acres and the farm's

APH (Actual Production History), plus a couple of other numbers that someone involved in designing the program came up with. What you need to know though, is that the payment will be calculated for you, and FSA already has the information needed to calculate payments on crop acres.

If you don't have livestock, then I can say it again – it is as simple as a phone call.

If you have livestock, then you're going to have to count them and report numbers. Pick a date between April 16 and August 31, 2020 and count all non-breeding beef, sheep, and swine. Females that have given birth and males that have serviced a female are no longer eligible.

The payment rates for livestock are: \$55 per head for beef cattle, \$23 per head for hogs, and \$27 per head for sheep. The payment rate on crop acres will vary by crop and by each farm's individual APH, but the minimum is \$15 per acre.

I won't try to give any more details here. Instead, I will direct you to the same website I mentioned earlier, [www.farmers.gov/cfap](http://www.farmers.gov/cfap).

The application deadline is December 11, 2020, so you have some time. However there is really no reason to wait. Yields from this year's crop will have no effect on the payment rate. The FSA office already has everything they need to calculate your payment.

Call the local Farm Service Agency office to get started.

If you have questions, you can reach me at the Riley County Extension Office at 785/537-6350. Or, you can send e-mail to [gmcclure@ksu.edu](mailto:gmcclure@ksu.edu).

K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.