

The Center for Dairy Excellence COVID-19 Assistance Grant

The Center for Dairy Excellence is now offering a grant program that will reimburse farms, haulers and processors for COVID-19 related assistance. The grant will reimburse applicants for costs associated with keeping your employees and your business protected against COVID-19.

The grant must be used for personal protection equipment costs or social distancing signage purchased between March 1 and June 24, 2020.

Purchases that are eligible for reimbursement through the grant program include:

- Bilingual training materials on social distancing and hand-washing
- Printing costs associated with posters and other signage related to COVID-19 measures
- COVID-19 preventative and surveillance tools, such as thermometers
- Sanitation and cleaning materials, such as hand sanitizer and cleaning products
- PPE equipment, including masks, coveralls, gloves, and face shields, or costs associated with supplies to make PPE equipment, such as masks

A limited amount of funds are available, so grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once approved, applicants must submit receipts to be reimbursed for the expenses.

The deadline to apply is June 24, 2020.

<https://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/covid-grants>

\$280K in funding available for animal farmers to reimburse PPE costs

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and PennAg Industries announced available funding for Pa animal farmers to reimburse them for purchasing personal protective equipment during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Approximately \$280,000 in funding is available to any Pennsylvania animal farmer who was impacted by COVID-19 and had to purchase protective equipment.

Any farmer who purchased PPE between Feb. 19 and May 18, and who can produce a receipt of payment, is eligible to receive up to \$16,000, based on three categories:

- Up to \$1,000 for bilingual training materials and signage;
- Up to \$5,000 for prevention and surveillance tools (such as thermometers);
- Up to \$10,000 for PPE and sanitation/cleaning materials (including masks, coveralls, gloves, face shields, hand sanitizer, cleaning products).

Producers interested in applying for reimbursement should complete the application and submit it, along with copies of receipts, to the Center for Poultry and Livestock Excellence at pennag@pennag.com.

Questions about the program or application should be directed to Jennifer Reed-Harry at jrharry@pennag.com.

Funding is available on a first-come, first-serve basis until June 12, 2020, or until funds are exhausted.

<https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Documents/PPE%20Reimbursement%20form.pdf>

Specialty Crops Producers Can Now Apply for Financial Assistance Through USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

Specialty crops producers can now apply for USDA's [Coronavirus Food Assistance Program \(CFAP\)](#), which provides direct payments to offset impacts from the Coronavirus pandemic. The application and a payment calculator are now available online and USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) staff members are available via phone, fax and online tools to help producers complete applications. The agency set up a call center in order to simplify how they serve new customers across the nation.

Applications will be accepted through August 28, 2020.

<https://www.farmers.gov/cfap>