



CADDO COUNTY EXTENSION

AGRICULTURAL NEWSLETTER

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Additional COVID-19 Relief for Ag Producers

By Amy Hagerman, OSU Ag & Food Policy

Details are beginning to emerge on the new round of COVID-19 relief that was folded into the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. Here are some preliminary details. Starting in 2021, I will post these topics to a blog location to provide faster alerts to new programs.

<http://spotlight.okstate.edu/agpolicy/2020/12/22/additional-coronavirus-relief-for-oklahoma-agriculture/>

On Monday 12/21/2020 both the House and Senate passed additional coronavirus relief funds in the appropriations bill, and this included additional programs for agriculture. In addition to further food purchases, the **\$13 B** in funding will include direct payments to agriculture. For most crop and livestock producers this program will build off of CFAP 1 and CFAP 2....we can call it CFAP 3 until someone at USDA says differently. However, there are some new parts. First, contract growers may receive funding for the first time. We don't have any details of what this will look like yet, but it may not fall under the CFAP program umbrella. In addition, funds were set aside for livestock producers who were forced to depopulate poultry and swine due to processing disruptions.

It is important to note that USDA has yet to provide details on how any of these programs will work. There are a few things we can glean from the legislation.

Crops

Producers of crops that had either flat rate payments or price trigger payments will receive an additional flat rate of \$20/acre. This will include all non-specialty crops like wheat (all classes), corn, soybeans, grain sorghum and more. Likely this will be based on the planted 2020 acres as reported to FSA that were used for the CFAP 2 payments. More details will be out soon.

Cattle

Cattle payments will include breeding stock this time, but you may not have to do much. The program may use inventory numbers turned in under the CFAP 1 program that includes breeding stock, or perhaps some of the highest inventory numbers used for non-breeding stock under CFAP 2. Again, details will be coming soon from USDA.

Specialty Crops and Other Livestock

While there has been some mention that part of the money should go to specialty crop producers, there have been no details on rates or crops covered as yet. There has been no mention of additional payments for other livestock than cattle yet. These details will likely be addressed after USDA releases their first program announcement.

Upcoming Agricultural Events

Jan. 5	Caddo County Fair Board Meeting / Caddo County Fairgrounds, Baldwin Building / Anadarko, OK / 7:00 pm
Jan. 9	Southwest Regional 4-H Virtual Speech Contest / Contestants registered in December
Jan. 12	Caddo County OSU Extension Council / Zoom Meeting / 4:00 pm
Jan. 21	Growing Greenhouse Tomatoes - Webinar / Dr. Rick Snyder, Mississippi State / Contact Mike Schnelle mike.schnelle@okstate.edu for registration information / 1:00 pm
Feb. 2	Caddo County Fair Board Meeting / Caddo County Fairgrounds, Baldwin Building / Anadarko, OK / 7:00 pm
Feb. 9 - Feb. 13	Southwest Oklahoma District Livestock Show / Grady County Fairgrounds / Chickasha, OK / info on FaceBook
Feb. 22	Caddo County Junior Livestock Show / Caddo County Fairgrounds / Anadarko, OK / 9:00 am / Show Order Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Swine

Podcasts by OSU Agriculture Specialists

Several OSU Agriculture Specialists record podcasts with current topics on Animal Science, Agriculture Economics, Agronomy issues and many other topics. These can be found at the OSU Spotlight website: <http://spotlight.okstate.edu/experience/podcast/> check it out!



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Value Added Producer Grants By Amy Cowley, Business and Cooperative Programs / USDA

As an Oklahoma Agricultural Producer, we would like to let you know Rural Development is currently accepting applications for the [Value Added Producer Grants](#) program. This program helps producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and marketing of new products with the goals being new product generation, marketing opportunity creation and/or expansion and increased producer income. Independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority controlled producer-based business ventures are eligible to apply. Applicants must produce a minimum of 51% of the raw commodity needed for the project on their own farm (owned or leased) in order to be eligible for this program.

Funds may be used for planning activities or working capital expenses related to producing and marketing a value-added agricultural product. Some examples of planning expenses include feasibility studies, business plan development and marketing the proposed value-added product. Working capital funds may be used for items such as processing costs, marketing and advertising expenses as well as some inventory and salary expenses. There is no minimum grant amount required to apply, however the maximum grant amount for planning grants is \$75,000 and working capital is \$250,000. Both grants require matching funds of 50 percent of the total project cost.

The [Notice for the Value-Added Producer Grant](#) was published in the Federal Register on December 21, 2020 with application deadlines of March 16, 2021 for electronic applications submitted through grants.gov and March 22, 2021 for paper applications. You can find the templates and forms needed to apply on the [Value Added Producer Grants](#) page on our website under the "To Apply" tab.

Paper applications may be scanned and emailed to amy.cowley@usda.gov or submitted via mail to: USDA Rural Development /Business & Cooperative Programs / Attn: Amy Cowley / 100 USDA, Ste. 108 / Stillwater, OK 74074

New Extension 4-H Educator in Caddo County

Our new 4-H Educator is here!! Jace Prough has taken over the Caddo County 4-H Educator position and began working on December 1st. . Jace received his BS Degree in Agricultural Leadership from Oklahoma State University in December of 2018 and his Associate Degree in Animal Science from Redlands Community College. Jace grew up in the Altus, OK area where he raised and exhibited cattle across the county. We look forward to working with Jace.

New Extension Ag Educator in Grady County

Alexandria 'Ally' Minor is the new Extension Educator Agriculture in Grady County. Ally is from Arkansas where she was raised on a family farm. Her family runs a cow-calf operation, houses broilers for Tyson, and manages timber for Weyerhaeuser. Ally recently graduated from Oklahoma State with a B.S. Degree in Animal Science, and is working on her Master's Degree in Rangeland Ecology and Management from Colorado State with online classes.

"I believe that the first step to becoming successful in agriculture is by taking care of the environment that is supporting our desires. I am hoping on making an impact on this community by bringing more awareness to sustainable agriculture," Ally stated.

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