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Maryland Farmer COVID-19 Relief Program

The Maryland Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for a new relief program for farmers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Maryland Farmer COVID-19 Relief Program will provide payments for contract poultry producers who were not eligible for Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) funds, as well as bonus payments to farmers who received federal relief from the first round of CFAP funding.

Who is eligible?

Contract poultry growers are eligible for direct payments of $1,000 per poultry house (capped at five houses). Poultry growers whose flocks were depopulated during the pandemic are eligible for an additonal $1,500 per house.

Maryland farmers who received federal funding from the first round of CFAP payments are eligible for a 15% bonus payment.

How to apply:

Click the relevant link in the top-right column of this page to fill out an application. *Application deadline is Dec. 1, 2020.*

For more information on the program and/or application process, please contact mda.relief@maryland.gov.

Applications

Maryland Contract Poultry Grower COVID-19 Relief Fund

Maryland Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 1 (CFAP1) Bonus Payment

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Additional Resources

- USDA - Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)
- MARBIDCO
- American Farmland Trust - Farmer Relief Fund
- MDA Updates

Guidance for Agricultural Operations during COVID-19 Pandemic

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