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*Dear Readers,*

Wow! What a long wait it has been to get this newsletter to your mailbox! Since the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic lead to the closure of our physical office in March, nearly all of employees of The Ohio State University have been exclusively teleworking. But, things have changed here at the end of June!

The Ohio State University Extension Office of Noble County is reopen to the public on a limited basis. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. we will be open by appointment ONLY until further notice. The office will be closed for lunch each day from Noon to 1:00 pm.

Staff members will rotate days in the office to assist clientele. We are still primarily teleworking, so it is best to call ahead if you plan to meet with a specific person. If you need to pick things up or have something to drop off, you can also call in advance and we can make arrangements to meet you outside the building, if preferred. There is also a secure drop-box located outside our main entrance to drop off items when the office is not physically open. Per OSU guidelines, we can only have one client at a time in the office and guests will be required to wear a mask. If you have any symptoms of illness or have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please refrain from coming to the office at this time.

My day in the office to meet agriculture and natural resources needs will be Tuesdays beginning June 23 and will be on a one day per week basis for the foreseeable future. Field scouting, crop sampling, and other services are also available by request, but must be scheduled ahead of time to abide by the University's safety protocol.

All in-person events are still canceled through July 6, 2020. We will keep you informed as we know more about events after July 6. The safety of our community is OSU's top priority. We look forward to meeting in-person with you at programs in the future. Please continue to reach out if OSU Extension can be of service to you.

*Sincerely,*  
*Christine Gelley*

Noble County OSU Extension ANR Educator



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## **The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)**

The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) will provide up to \$16 billion in direct payments to deliver relief to America's farmers and ranchers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Producers can apply for assistance now through the Farm Service Agency. Applications will be accepted through August 28, 2020. Additional information and application forms can be found at [www.farmers.gov/cfap](http://www.farmers.gov/cfap). The Guernsey-Noble FSA Office can be contacted at (740) 432-5621. Again, remember that there is time to act and that FSA will need your patience to field and process farm requests.

## **CFAP Program for Beef Producers**

**By David Marrison, OSU Extension ANR in Coshocton County**

Since the beginning of January, market prices for major commodities have fallen sharply since COVID-19 reached the United States. There have been many efforts through federal and state legislation to offset the impact of COVID-19.

Enrollment is currently being taken by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) for one such program targeted to help agricultural producers. This program called the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) is providing financial assistance for losses experienced as a result of lost demand, short-term oversupply and shipping pattern disruptions caused by COVID-19.

The general details about the CFAP program can be found in a previous article written by the OSU Farm Office team. This article can be accessed at: <https://go.osu.edu/CFAP-2020>

**Purpose:** The purpose of this article is to describe how CFAP can provide assistance to beef producers and to answer questions posed on the classification of animals. Complete details about the livestock portion of CFAP can be found on the Farm Service Agency's website at <https://farmers.gov/cfap/livestock> or [https://www.farmers.gov/sites/default/files/documents/FSA\\_CFAP\\_ForLivestock\\_Fact-Sheet.pdf](https://www.farmers.gov/sites/default/files/documents/FSA_CFAP_ForLivestock_Fact-Sheet.pdf)

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for CFAP, a producer must have shared in the risk of producing an agricultural commodity which suffered a five percent or greater price decline or who had losses due to market chain disruptions due to COVID-19. The decline for the beef industry over this time period was over 25% thus making it an eligible commodity.

Producers do not have to have prior program participation in a federal farm program in order to participate in CFAP. However, new applicants must complete a farm operating plan and complete additional eligibility paperwork such as citizen status, farm operating structure, adjusted gross income verification, and highly erodible land and wetland certification. Producers who have previously participated in FSA programs will have most of these forms on record at their local FSA office.

CFAP payments are subject to payment limitations of \$250,000 per person. This limit is the sum of all eligible commodity payments paid to a person or entity. Special payment limitations (maximum of \$750,000) will be applied to participants that are corporations, LLCs, and limited partnerships classified as corporate entities. As applications are approved, 80% of the payment will be released with the remaining 20% held and paid at a later date if adequate funds remain.

**Livestock Program:** Funding for CFAP originates from both the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). Because of this, payment rates are split in two parts for the livestock (and non-specialty crops) program. Eligible livestock include cattle, sheep (yearlings and lambs only), pigs, and hogs.

The CARES portion is intended to provide producers with financial assistance to "help offset sales losses and increased marketing expenses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic." Meanwhile, the CCC funding "is based on projected costs that are likely to be incurred by cattle producers for marketing their 2020 inventory due to unexpected surplus and disrupted markets". The support from CFAP is to assist producers with losses, but not intended to cover total losses.

Cattle producers can participate in either or both components of the program. All sales and inventory of livestock must have been subject to price risk as of January 15, 2020. A contract grower who does not own the livestock is eligible if the contract allows the grower to have price risk in the livestock. Any livestock subject to an agreed upon price in the future through a forward contract, agreement, or similar binding document as of January 15, 2020 is ineligible.

A single payment will be calculated using the sum of two parts:



**Part 1:** Livestock sales (number of head) between January 15, 2020 and April 15, 2020 multiplied by the corresponding animal species CFAP Act payment rate per head. See CARES Act payment rate in Table 1.

**Part 2:** The highest amount of livestock inventory (number of head) on any day between April 16, 2020 and May 14, 2020 multiplied by the corresponding species CCC payment rate per head. See CCC payment rate in Table 1.

Separate payment rates exist for cattle of different size and age classifications: slaughter cattle-mature cattle, slaughter cattle-fed cattle, feeder cattle less than 600 pounds, feeder cattle 600 pounds or more; and all other cattle.

Table 1: Payment rates for non-specialty crops, dairy, and livestock			
Commodity	Unit	CARES Act Payment Rate (\$/unit)	CCC Payment Rate (\$/unit)
Slaughter Cattle-Mature cattle	head	\$92	\$33
Slaughter Cattle-Fed cattle	head	\$214	\$33
Feeder cattle less than 600 pounds	head	\$102	\$33
Feeder cattle 600 pounds or more	head	\$139	\$33
All other cattle	head	\$102	\$33

Example:

An example of the payment which a beef producer may receive is as follows:

#### Background Information:

A cattle producer sold 50 head of feeder cattle on 3/20/2020 which weighed more than 600 pounds

The highest number of cattle on-hand was 100 head of "other cattle" on 5/1/20

#### Livestock formula

**Animals (head) sold 1/15/20-4/15/20 \* CARES Rate**  
 (50 head \* CFAP Payment Rate of \$139) = \$6,950

+

**(Head of unpriced animals 4/16/20-5/14/20 \* CCC Rate)**  
 (100 head \* CCC Payment Rate of \$33) = \$3,300

#### Equals

Total Payment of \$10,250 (80% or \$8,200 will be paid initially)

### Classification of Cattle:

In the initial days of CFAP enrollment, questions have arisen regarding how to classify different beef animals and how to track sales and inventory. This is especially important when classifying animals marketed between January 15 and April 15, 2020 as the CARES Act part 1 payment rate is different between cattle classifications (range of \$92 to \$215). To help producers, the FSA has published a classification of cattle table (see Table 2).

### Proof of Sales & Inventory:

Producers self-certify when they apply for CFAP. To complete the CFAP application, producers will need sales receipts and inventory records. However, since CFAP is a self-certification program, this documentation will not need to be submitted with the application. Producers may be asked for additional documentation to support their certification. Supporting documentation should be kept for a minimum of three years. It is recommended producers contact their local FSA office to determine what types of records are acceptable for proof of livestock marketed (CARES Act part 1 payment) and for on-hand inventory (between April 16, 2020 and May 14, 2020).

### CFAP Payment Calculator:

The Farm Service Agency has developed a CFAP Excel payment spreadsheet which allows producers to input information specific to their farm to determine estimated payments. It can also be used to populate the application form to submit to your local FSA office. Producers can download the spreadsheet and other eligibility forms from [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap)

### Enrolling in CFAP:

Eligible producers can sign up for assistance at their local Farm Service Agency office. Producers can find the local FSA Service Center contact information by visiting this link: <https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app> Currently, due to COVID-19 restrictions, FSA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only. The FSA has streamlined the sign-up process and will be working with producers via phone and using e-mail, fax, mail, and online tools to accept applications. Sign up concludes at close of business on August 28, 2020.

### References:

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap>

Livestock and the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap/livestock>

Sign up for USDA-CFAP Direct Support to Begin May 26, 2020, OSU Extension,

<https://go.osu.edu/CFAP-2020>

Table 2: Classification of Cattle		
Cattle Common Name	Description	CFAP Category
Newborn Calf	Calves from birth to days old	Feeder Cattle: < 600 lbs
Calf	Calves still nursing the cow, animals that generally weigh less than 500 pounds	Feeder Cattle: < 600 lbs
Bucket Calf	Orphan or newborn calf normally purchased when they are 1 to 10 days old	Feeder Cattle: < 600 lbs
Heiferette	A female bovine animal that has not calved and weighs more than 500 pounds; OR a heifer placed on feed following the loss of a calf or an open heifer placed on feed following the breeding season	Feeder Cattle: < or > 600 lbs, as applicable
Steer	A castrated male bovine animal that generally weighs more than 500 pounds	Feeder Cattle: < or > 600 lbs, as applicable

Weaner or Weaned Calf	Animal between 105 and 355 days coming from cow-calf	Feeder Cattle: < or > 600 lbs, as applicable
Backgrounded Cattle	Steers and heifers that are fed a warm up or conditioning ration are normally fed to approximately 700 pounds, and then sold as feeders or shipped to another feedlot to be finished for the slaughter market	Feeder Cattle: < or > 600 lbs, as applicable
Stockers/Feeders/Feeder Calves	Young weaned steers or heifers, weighing approximately 400-800 pounds usually grazing on pasture and/or feed ration to prepare for shipment to feeders intended for slaughter or selected for replacement stock	Feeder Cattle: < or > 600 lbs, as applicable
Yearlings	Calves between 1 and 2 years of age	Feeder Cattle > 600 lbs
Open Heifer	Non-pregnant female bovine	Feeder Cattle: < or > 600 lbs, as applicable
Replacement Heifers	A heifer that has been selected to be bred and placed in the beef herd	All Other Cattle
Bred Heifers	A female bovine that is pregnant with her first calf	All Other Cattle
First Calf Heifers	A young female that has had only one calf	All Other Cattle
Bred Cows	A female bovine animal that has borne at least one calf	All Other Cattle
Open Cows - Retained in Herd	(Non-pregnant) cows at the end of the breeding season	All Other Cattle
Open Cows – Slaughter	(Non-pregnant) cows at the end of the breeding season	Slaughter Cattle: Mature
Cows-Culled (Beef and Dairy)	A cow that is removed from the main breeding herd or dairy production for one or more reasons (i.e., age, poor production, physical ailment, poor disposition, genetic selection, etc.) and is generally sold for slaughter and not destined to be a replacement	Slaughter Cattle: Mature
Herd Bulls-Culled (Beef and Dairy)	A mature (approximately 24 months of age or older) uncastrated, male bovine removed from the main breeding herd sold for slaughter and not destined to be replacement	Slaughter Cattle: Mature
Herd Bulls (Breeding-Beef only)	A mature (approximately 24 months of age or older) uncastrated, male bovine used for breeding purposes	All Other Cattle
Finished Cattle (1200 lbs or more)	Cattle that have reached the optimal weight and conditions ready for slaughter	Slaughter Cattle: Fed
Fat Steer/Heifer (1200 lbs or more)	Cattle that have reached the optimal weight and conditions ready for slaughter	Slaughter Cattle: Fed

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





Guardians of children that qualified for free or reduced school lunches should have received a state Pandemic EBT card that can be used to purchase food with the same qualifications as the regular SNAP card. If you have questions about this supplemental nutrition program, contact Lori Harris.

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### **Did You Know???**

Your SNAP - EBT card can be used to purchase:

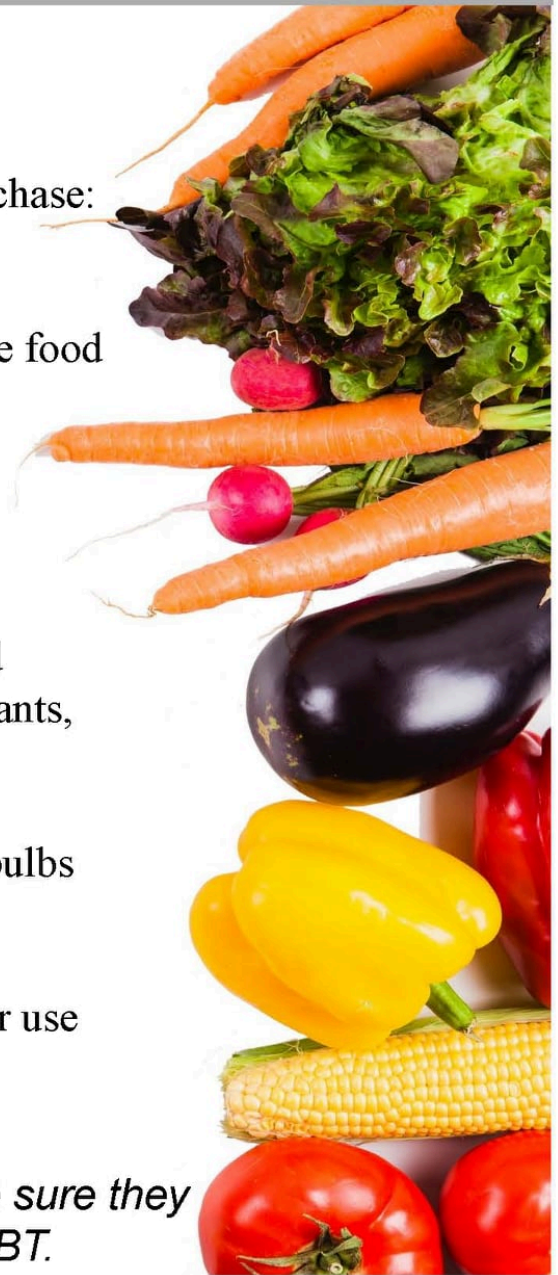
#### **GARDEN SEEDS & PLANTS**

Seeds and plants used in gardens to produce food for human consumption are eligible.

#### **This includes the following items:**

- Seeds for producing edible plants and food (e.g., tomatoes and green pepper seeds or plants, and fruit trees)
- Edible food producing roots, bushes, and bulbs (e.g., asparagus crowns and onion bulbs)
- Seeds and plants used to produce spices for use in cooking.

**\*\* Check with your store location to make sure they accept these as purchases with EBT.**



This information provided by your local SNAP-Ed program:  
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### **Program Materials Available:**

June's Farm Talk Breakfast on Considering Solar for Residential, Business, and Farm was offered as a virtual Farm Talk Breakfast on June 19, 2020 from 8:30-9:30 AM on Zoom. While we were unable to meet in-person, we could still gather online and on the telephone. June's guest speaker was Ohio State's Energy Development Field Specialist- Eric Romich. To accompany Eric's presentation were local business owner- Scott Braden and homeowner- Judy James, both of Caldwell that have installed solar in Caldwell. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/vpnHSkuJ58s>

The slides of the presentation can be downloaded as a pdf from the Noble County Extension Website: <https://noble.osu.edu/news/june-farm-talk-breakfast-recap>

### **Farm Talk Breakfast July:**

July's Farm Talk Breakfast Program is planned to be held on Zoom at 8:30 AM on July 17, 2020. The topic will be Extending the Grazing Season with guest speaker Chris Penrose of Morgan County OSU Extension. We hope this topic will help forage managers increase the utilization of their acreage and their profit margins due to decreased feed costs. You can join the webinar on your computer, mobile device, or landline telephone. If you have questions about how to connect, email Christine at [gelley.2@osu.edu](mailto:gelley.2@osu.edu) or call her at 740-305-3173.

To join online, use this link on July 17<sup>th</sup>: <https://osu.zoom.us/j/92582217640>

To join on the phone, dial 1-646-876-9923 and enter the meeting ID: 925 8221 7640





## Other Upcoming Programs and Resources

*If you need assistance connecting to any webinars, please ask for assistance. We will be happy to help get you connected. Even if you don't have internet in your home, you can often dial in on a landline or cell phone and listen along.*

A promotional flyer for a Farm Office Live webinar. The background is a photograph of a red barn in a green field. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box. The top left text reads: "OSU Extension Noble County and the Farm Office Team invite you to the next Farm Office Live". The top right text reads: "The Farm Office is open!". The center text reads: "Thursday, June 25, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Pre-register to receive a reminder or join at time of webinar at go.osu.edu/farmofficelive". There are two side-by-side boxes at the bottom. The left box is titled "You're Invited!" and contains text about farm management questions and recording. The right box is titled "This session's topics will include:" and lists five topics: Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Update, Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Update, Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) Update, Ohio COVID-19 Legislation Status, Dicamba Update, and Live Q&A. At the bottom left is the URL "noble.osu.edu" and at the bottom right is the "CFAES" logo in a red box.

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**The Farm  
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**Thursday, June 25, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**  
Pre-register to receive a reminder or join at time of webinar at  
**go.osu.edu/farmofficelive**

**You're Invited!**  
Come to us with your farm management questions, concerns, and topics of interest. We will begin with a short update on current legislation and stimulus packages affecting agriculture, and lead into a question and answer time on additional topics of interest. **The event will be recorded and can be viewed at the link above.**

**This session's topics will include:**

- Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Update
- Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Update
- Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) Update
- Ohio COVID-19 Legislation Status
- Dicamba Update
- Live Q&A

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- **Energy Leasing Webinars:** Across the State of Ohio, landowners are receiving offers to lease their property for the development of oil and natural gas wells, pipelines or utility-scale solar projects. Join OSU Extension from 2:00-3:30 p.m. on June 23rd, 24th, and 25th for a webinar series that addresses some of these questions landowners and local governments may have on shale and solar projects. There is no cost to attend. If you miss any of the webinars, contact the organizers to receive webinar resources by email.
  - Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>- Utility-Scale Solar Construction and Leases for Land Use- This event has passed, but *resources are available by request*.
  - Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>- Negotiating Leases for Oil & Natural Gas Development
  - Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>- Mineral Rights and the Dormant Mineral Act

To register, visit <https://go.osu.edu/2020shaleandsolar>. Zoom links to each webinar will be distributed by email after registering.

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- Every weekday Noble ANR will be live on the Facebook page at Noon to provide an educational talk and allow for open conversation with anyone who joins the live stream. Follow the page and turn on notifications to be notified when the live streams begin. Previous talks are all saved and available for viewing on the “videos” tab of the page. Even if you don’t have a Facebook account, you can still watch any of the previous recordings there: <https://www.facebook.com/osuenoble/videos/>
- Don’t forget to visit and subscribe to the OSU Extension Teams that fit your interests. Many are offering virtual events and by subscribing to the pages, you will be notified when new articles or events post:
  - Beef Team- <https://u.osu.edu/beefteam/>
  - Sheep Team- <https://u.osu.edu/sheep/>
  - Agronomic Crops Team- <https://agcrops.osu.edu/home>
  - Swine Team- <https://porkinfo.osu.edu/>
  - Poultry Team- <https://u.osu.edu/poultry/>
  - Dairy Team- <https://dairy.osu.edu/>
  - Fruit & Vegetable Team- <https://u.osu.edu/vegnetnews/>
  - SE OH Woods- <https://u.osu.edu/apsley.1/>
  - Extension Energy Outreach- <https://energizeohio.osu.edu/>
  - Buckeye Yard, Lawn, and Garden Team- <https://bygl.osu.edu/>
- COVID-19 Resources for Farms and Farm Families:
  - A new website with science-based information and research on COVID-19 from The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences launched April 7th. The KX COVID-19 Hub is a collaboration between The Knowledge Exchange, Ohio State University Extension, and the CFAES statewide network of researchers and faculty. Visit <http://kx.osu.edu/covid-19> for a collection of resources, tools, and links to help Ohio communities weather the crisis. Founded in 2019, The Knowledge Exchange (KX) is a support platform in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences bringing research to the public in an unbiased and interactive way.
  - Veterinary Advice- <https://vet.osu.edu/extension/covid-19>
  - Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 and Animals- [https://vet.osu.edu/sites/vet.osu.edu/files/documents/extension/COVID-19%20%20Livestock\\_Handout\\_FINAL\\_ENGLISH.pdf](https://vet.osu.edu/sites/vet.osu.edu/files/documents/extension/COVID-19%20%20Livestock_Handout_FINAL_ENGLISH.pdf)
  - Stress Coping Methods– <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/hyg-5242>
  - Farm Safety Check: Stress and Wellness- <http://umash.umn.edu/farm-safety-check-stress/>