

Dairy COVID Assistance Program Application



Disclaimer: *Funding is subject to availability.

Through S.L. 2021-180 ([2021 Appropriations Act](#)) the North Carolina General Assembly established the North Carolina Swine and Dairy Assistance Program, a one-time assistance program for swine and dairy producers who suffered a loss due to the shutdowns following the COVID-19 pandemic.

A significant number of swine farms have lost contracts and dairies have been forced out of business due to the pandemic. Agriculture is North Carolina's largest economic driver and this program responds to the long term needs identified by the swine and dairy industries in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The \$30 million appropriated to NCDA&CS is to provide financial assistance for eligible swine and dairy producers for losses incurred as a result of termination of contracts or ceased milk production due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds may only be used for purposes consistent with the rules implementing the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act.

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Program Description

The application process will be handled in two phases. Phase 2 will be initiated at a later date - Information will follow early February, 2022.

PHASE 1

This application is for the one-time financial assistance payment of \$31,500 for both eligible swine and dairy producers.

The administration of financial assistance to the swine and dairy industries is outlined in the Applicant Eligibility Section.

The first portion of the application is determination of applicant eligibility. All eligible applicants will receive a one-time financial assistance payment of thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$31,500).

PHASE 2

In addition to the one-time financial assistance payment, the applicant may file a second application to receive either (a) or (b), **but not both**. Dairy applicants are only eligible for option (a) below. **Be advised that application information for this portion of the assistance program will follow initial execution of the initial financial assistance application.**

- A cost share for closure of swine or dairy lagoons, limited to 90% of the lagoon closure cost, not to exceed \$100,000 per operation.
 - If this applicant needs additional water supply for agricultural uses, the applicant may request an additional cost share to cover the decommissioned lagoon to an agricultural water supply pond. This cost share will be limited to 90% of the actual cost, not to exceed \$30,000 per operation.
- Financial assistance to swine producers for a fixed dollar amount per head space for producers who are able to secure a production contract with another swine integrator but must invest in upgrades to existing barns or completely rebuild animal housing. A fixed dollar amount per head space, with a maximum amount of \$10 per head space for renovation to animal housing and \$20 per head space to completely rebuild animal housing. No award of this type will exceed 90% of the cost of renovation or construction per operation.

Applicants for financial assistance awarded must submit the eligibility documents required by one or both applications no later than **June 30, 2023**. **If the applicant is eligible, the one-time financial assistance payment will be processed upon submission of required documentation.**

Applicant Eligibility

Eligibility Requirements:

A swine or dairy producer must provide in electronic form to the Department the following information in order to demonstrate the producer's eligibility for financial assistance. Local FSA, extension offices, or soil and water conservation districts may be able to assist the applicant in scanning or submitting documents if the applicant is unable to do so at home.

(1) For swine producers, all of the following is required:

-A contract termination letter from a swine integrator or other documentation of contract termination between **March 1, 2020**, and **June 30, 2022**.

-Proof that the swine operation and lagoon are permitted by the State.

-Any other information deemed appropriate by the Department.

(2) For dairy producers, all of the following are required:

-Milk production records, showing ceased production during any time between **March 1, 2020**, and **June 30, 2022**.

-Proof that the dairy operation was permitted as a Grade A milk producer by the Food and Drug Protection Division of the Department during the time that production was ceased as documented under sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision.

-Any other information deemed appropriate by the Department.

Applicant Information

All inputs in this application must be tied to a single Social Security Number (SSN) or Employer Identification Number (EIN).

If there is a verifiable dairy loss because COVID-19 for more than one SSN or EIN, additional applications must be completed.

Select appropriate federal tax classification: *

- Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
- C Corporation
- S Corporation
- Partnership
- Trust/estate
- Limited liability company

Enter the tax classification: *

- C Corporation
- S Corporation
- Partnership
- None

Name or Business Name as shown on your income tax return.

This must match your IRS W-9. *

Enter Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number that corresponds with the name listed above (no dashes).

This must match your IRS W-9. *

Mailing Address *

City *

State *

Zip Code *

Phone Number *

Email Address *

Re-enter Email Address *

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Supporting Documentation

Upload a completed and signed copy of the IRS Form W-9 that matches the Social Security Number (SSN) or Employer Identification Number (EIN) entered above.

To download a copy of the IRS Form W-9, click here: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

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Upload proof of milk production cessation between March 1, 2020 and June 30, 2022. *

Upload Certificate of Coverage (Form AWO-STATE-G-E) as issued by the NC Department of Environmental Quality. *

I am interested in pursuing cost share to close my waste storage facility *

Yes

No

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AFFADAVIT FORM

By my signature, I certify the following:

The undersigned agree(s) that 1.) all statements made in this verification and documentation are made for the purpose of obtaining Relief Assistance from Swine and Dairy Assistance Program; 2) the loss being verified and documented was mine; 3) verification and audit of information provided may be made at any time; and 4) institutions will rely on the information provided and I have a continuing obligation to amend the information provided if any of the facts change.

I hereby authorize the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to have access to all information, files, documents, and records kept by FEMA, SBA, North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, USDA, and other agencies or entities providing assistance. The authorization includes the release of any information, files, documents and records deemed confidential and extends to all information, files, documents and records otherwise considered confidential under any Federal and State Privacy Acts. This authorization shall include, but is not limited to, the right to inspect, copy or otherwise utilize, or obtain clarification or opinion regarding said information, files, documents and records, as it is deemed necessary to verify or authenticate information provided in your application for relief assistance.

I understand that North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may audit the financial and other records of each recipient of funds in order to ensure that the funds are used in accordance with the provisions of this program. The Department may require any documentation or proof it deems necessary to efficiently administer this program, including the ownership structure of each entity and the social security numbers of each applicant. The Department may require the submission of dated, signed, and continuous records.

I understand that if I intentionally make false statements or conceal any information in an attempt to falsely obtain relief assistance, it is a violation of Federal and State laws, which carry severe criminal and civil penalties. I authorize the State of North Carolina, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to verify all information given by me about my loss and any other criteria in order to determine my eligibility for relief assistance. Further, I authorize and direct all custodians of records of any insurance company, private estimator, and/or any public or private agency, bank, financial or credit data service to release information to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and their representatives upon request as it relates to verifying or authenticating information provided for relief assistance.

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I acknowledge that providing my electronic approval is equivalent to signing this document and I understand that my electronic signature is binding. *

- Yes
- No