Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) Program



Background

On December 8, 2025, President Trump and Secretary Brooke Rollins announced the Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) program. This new program provides $11 billion through a one-time bridge payment to American farmers with an additional $1 billion available for additional commodities. This assistance provides producers with a bridge until the benefits of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) are made available.

Overview

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) delivers FBA assistance to eligible producers using existing data to provide pre-filled applications to producers. These bridge payments are authorized under the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act.

The remaining $1 billion of the $12 billion in bridge payments will be reserved for commodities not covered in the FBA program, though details including timelines for those payments are still under development and require additional understanding of market impacts and economic needs.

Timeline

Farmers who qualify for the FBA program can expect payments to be released by Feb. 28, 2026.

Eligible Commodities

The following commodities are eligible for FBA: Barley, Chickpeas, Corn, Cotton, Lentils, Oats, Peanuts, Peas, Rice, Sorghum, Soybeans, Wheat, Canola, Crambe, Flax, Mustard, Rapeseed, Safflower, Sesame, and Sunflower.

All intended uses for FBA eligible commodities are eligible excluding grazing, volunteer stands, experimental, green manure, left standing, abandoned or cover crops.

Eligibility

FBA payments will be based on 2025 planted acres, Economic Research Service cost of production, and the World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimate Report.

Double crop acres, including all initial and subsequently planted crops, are eligible. Prevent plant acres are not eligible.

The FBA payment limit is $155,000 per producer. The average adjusted gross income (AGI) limitation relating to limits on payments for persons or legal entities, excluding joint ventures and general partnerships, with certain levels of AGI apply. Specifically, a person or legal entity with an AGI (as defined in 7 CFR Part 1400) that exceeds $900,000 is not eligible to receive FBA payments.

Crop insurance linkage is not required; however, USDA strongly urges producers to take advantage of the new OBBBA risk management tools to best protect against future price risk and volatility.



For More Information

To find your local service center and USDA Farm Service Agency office: **farmers.gov/service-locator**. *This fact sheet is for informational purposes only; other eligibility requirements or restrictions may apply.*

KEY DATES

Dec. 19, 2025

Past deadline for reporting eligible FBA crops. Note: This only applies to FBA eligible commodities and does not apply to additional assistance that may be provided to specialty crops.

End of Dec. 2025

Commodity-specific payment rates will be released by the end of the month.

Feb. 28, 2026

Producers who qualify for FBA assistance can expect FSA to start issuing payments.

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