



Georgia Farm Recovery Block Grant FAQ's

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Who is eligible?

Georgia producers and forest landowners in the 95 counties designated as primary and continuous disaster counties by USDA who demonstrate losses in the categories above are eligible to apply (for a map of eligible counties, click the "Map of Eligible Counties" link on (www.farmrecovery.com)).

How will producers demonstrate a loss?

Submit a FRBG application with all the required information and supporting documents. The Farm Recovery Block Grant Application Worksheet on www.farmrecovery.com will provide a detailed list of the questions and documents required on the application. Producers will also have the opportunity to submit supplemental documentation on the application. This is for producers who have additional documents they believe may help Georgia Department of Agriculture assess their application. Georgia Department of Agriculture also reserves the right to contact producers who submit a FRBG application and request more information to support the producer's application.

When should producers submit an application?

The FRBG enrollment period will open on March 18 and close at 11:59 PM on April 30. Producers will have three weeks to start and complete their applications.

Are there payment limits? What percentage of my losses should I expect to receive compensation for?

Yes, there is a \$900,000 payment limit for all producers. No one will receive more than 90 percent of their demonstrated losses, and those who did not purchase Federal Crop Insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for eligible commodities in crop year 2018 will receive no more than 70 percent of demonstrated need.

What happens after producers submit an application?

Producers who submit a complete application will receive an email acknowledging that Georgia Department of Agriculture has received their application. The FRBG team at Georgia Department of Agriculture will review all applications for completeness and eligibility, and at the conclusion of the enrollment period, each producer's eligible award will be calculated. Producers will then receive an email notifying them of the award amount. Producers will need to choose whether to accept the award or not, provide Georgia Department of Agriculture with their account information so they may receive an electronic transfer for the award amount. The Georgia Department of Agriculture will make two payments in two installments to producers.



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Are producers required to do anything after they accept their payments from FRBG?

Yes, producers will be required to purchase two years of Federal Crop Insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage at the 60 percent coverage level. They must purchase coverage for each commodity they both received assistance for and are eligible for Federal Crop Insurance or NAP. Producers can also purchase a Whole Farm Revenue Protection Plan through USDA Risk Management Agency to comply with the crop insurance requirement.

Producers must also keep all production and financial records for three years after they receive assistance from FRBG and provide necessary documentation to USDA or Georgia Department of Agriculture in the event of any compliance or audit process.

Failure to meet the crop insurance, recordkeeping, or compliance requirements will result in the producer having to refund, in full, all funds they received from FRBG. If a producer is also found to have submitted an application with incorrect, untruthful, or incomplete information, that producer will be required to refund all funds from FRBG and may be subject to civil and/or criminal penalty.

Are legal entities, general partnerships, and joint ventures considered eligible producers?

Yes, persons, legal entities, interest holders in legal entities, general partnerships, and joint ventures are eligible producers.

Is there an adjusted gross income (AGI) requirement for eligibility?

No, FRBG will not have a minimum threshold AGI in order to qualify.

How will payments be made?

Payments will be made via electronic transfer to the person or entity that applied for assistance. Payments will only be made to eligible producers with permanent Tax Identification Numbers (TIN). In the case that a joint venture does not have a permanent TIN, the TIN of the individual members of the joint venture will be used. General partnerships must have a TIN.

What if I have more questions?

Please submit additional questions to farmrecovery@agr.georgia.gov.