



Georgia Farm Recovery Block Grant: Insurance Requirement FAQ's

Farm Recovery Block Grant rules state producers must purchase federal crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2021 and 2022. Does this apply to every producer?

No, producers who received assistance only for beef, dairy, poultry or timber will not be required to purchase insurance or NAP. Furthermore, producers who received assistance for uninsured infrastructure covering purchased commodities or livestock will not be required to purchase insurance.

Which producers will be required to purchase insurance or NAP?

Producers who received assistance for fruit & vegetable, pecan or uninsured infrastructure covering a commodity grown by the producer will be required to purchase insurance or NAP for those commodities for which they received assistance.

Is there a minimum coverage level I am required to purchase?

Yes, producers are required to purchase the 60 percent or equivalent coverage level for insurance or NAP. Producers may also satisfy the crop insurance requirement of this program by purchasing Whole Farm Revenue Protection coverage at the 60 percent level.

What if I received assistance for a commodity that requires insurance, but I am not eligible to purchase either federal crop insurance or NAP?

If an applicant received insurance for a commodity but he/she is not eligible to purchase insurance and NAP coverage, then the applicant will be required to provide Georgia Department of Agriculture and USDA with a letter or written notice from a certified crop insurance agent and their county FSA personnel stating why the applicant is ineligible to purchase insurance. **Please Note:** applicants with outstanding debt obligations to FCIC may not be eligible to purchase insurance. It is still the applicant's responsibility to satisfy those obligations in order to purchase crop insurance or NAP and maintain eligibility under the Farm Recovery Block Grant Program.

I am a pecan landowner who leases out my orchard to a contract grower. Am I required to purchase insurance?

We encourage you to reach out to a registered crop insurance agent to discuss coverage for your orchard. In most cases, landowners who lease the trees to another producer are not eligible to purchase crop insurance. In some instances, landowners may be eligible to purchase the coverage for their trees. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide sufficient documentation to Georgia Department of Agriculture and USDA if they are not eligible to purchase insurance.

What should I do if I contact an approved crop insurance agent and they inform me I am ineligible to purchase coverage for the commodity for which I received assistance in the Farm Recovery Block Grant?

If a producer is ineligible for federal crop insurance, they may still be able to purchase NAP coverage. Please check with your FSA Service Center about NAP options if you are not eligible for crop insurance.

What if I received assistance for a commodity that I produced in 2018, but I am no longer producing that commodity in 2021 and 2022?

Producers will not be required to purchase crop insurance or NAP for a commodity they no longer produce. All producers who are still operating in 2021 and 2022 must file a 578-Crop Acreage Report with FSA by the reporting deadline.