

Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers (ASCF) Program



Background

On Feb. 13, 2026, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins announced the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers (ASCF) program. This program provides assistance for specialty crops not covered through the previously announced Farmer Bridge Assistance program. ASCF assistance helps address market disruptions, elevated input costs, persistent inflation, and market losses from foreign competitors engaging in unfair trade practices that impede exports.

Overview

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is delivering ASCF assistance to eligible producers based on reported 2025 planted acres. These payments are authorized under the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act.

Eligibility

ASCF payments are based on reported 2025 planted acres. Acreage that is reported as a cover crop, prevented planted, or with an intended use of grazing, left standing, green manure, silage, forage, volunteer, or experimental will not be used to determine ASCF program payments. Specialty crops grown in a controlled environment are not eligible, except for mushrooms.

The payment limit is \$250,000 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 ASCF payments.

Crop insurance linkage is not required; however, USDA strongly urges producers to take advantage of the new risk management tools provided in the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, also known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, to best protect against future price risk and volatility.

How to Apply

Pre-filled ASCF applications will be available to producers who timely filed their 2025 crop acreage report for eligible specialty crops. Only one application is required for all ASCF eligible specialty crops nationwide.

- Producers who have a secure Login.gov account can access and submit their pre-filled application from fsa.usda.gov/ascf beginning June 1, 2026.
- Producers can request their pre-filled ASCF application from their FSA county office beginning June 8, 2026. Completed ASCF applications can be returned to FSA county offices by one of the following methods:
 - ◆ In-person
 - ◆ Electronically using Box and One-span
 - ◆ Email
 - ◆ Fax

Producers must have the following forms on file with FSA for the 2025 crop year:

- Form CCC-901, Member Information for Legal Entities (if applicable)
- Form CCC-902, Farm Operating Plan
- Form CCC-941, Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information
- AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification

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

June 1, 2026

Online Enrollment Opens

June 8, 2026

Enrollment Opens at FSA County Offices

August 7, 2026

ASCF Application Deadline

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- SF-3881, ACH Vendor/ Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form (Direct Deposit)

Most producers, especially those who have previously participated in FSA programs, will likely have these forms on file. However, those who are uncertain and want to confirm the status of their forms, can contact their local FSA county office.

Producers have until August 7, 2026, to submit their completed application.

Login.gov

Login.gov is the public’s one account for government. Producers can use one account and password for secure, private access to participating government agencies, including FSA.

To apply for ASCF online, producers can start by visiting farmers.gov/account to create their Login.gov account. Producers who already have a Login.gov account can work with FSA using their existing account.

With a secure Login.gov account, producers can view, certify, and submit their application.

For assistance creating a Login.gov account, visit login.gov/help.

ASCF Payments

Payments will be issued as applications are approved. FSA used national average revenue per crop as a metric for developing the ASCF program payment categories and payment rates listed below. There will not be a payment factor.

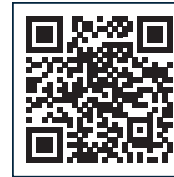
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ASCF PROGRAM PAYMENT CATEGORIES AND RATES

TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3	BEANS AND PEAS
\$650 PER ACRE	\$225 PER ACRE	\$65 PER ACRE	\$25 PER ACRE
Includes eligible specialty crops with an average annual revenue of more than \$10,000 per acre.	Includes eligible specialty crops with an average annual revenue in excess of \$2,300 per acre and up to \$10,000 per acre.	Includes eligible specialty crops with an average annual revenue of up to \$2,300 per acre.	Includes all types of beans and peas that were not eligible for the FBA program
Aronia (Chokeberry), Artichokes, Blueberries (Highbush), Breadfruit, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage (Napa Cabbage, Choy Sum Cabbage), Cacao Caneberries, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Cherimoya, Cherries (Sweet), Chestnuts, Chives (BuChoo/Garlic, Chives), Coconuts, Currants, Dates, Figs, Garlic, Gooseberries, Grapes (Fresh) Greens (Shanghai Bok Choy, Shum Choy, Toc Choy, Yu Choy, Flowering Kale, Curly Endive, Frizee/ Belgian Endive, Arugula, Asian, Chinese Spinach/Amaranth, Cressie, Dandelions, Escarole, Hanover, Hybrid Mustard, Orach, Perilla/Shiso/ Japanese Basil, Sorrell, Suk Gat, Leaf Spinach, Vine Spinach, Water Spinach, Rape/Rapini/Chinese Broccoli) Guava, Horseradish, Kiwiberry, Kiwifruit, Kohlrabi, Kumquat, Leeks, Lemons, Lettuce, Limes, Lychee, Mangos, Mushrooms, Nectarines, Okra, Olives, Onions, Papaya, Parsnip, Passion Fruits, Peaches (Freestone Early Season, Freestone Late Season, Freestone Mid Season, Freestone Peaches, Semi-Freestone Cling, Semi-Freestone Cling Early, Semi-Freestone Cling Extra Early, Semi-Freestone Cling Extra Late, Semi-Freestone Cling Late), Peppers (Green Bell, Yellow), Persimmons, Pineapple, Plums, Pomegranates, Quinces, Rhubarb, Rutabaga, Salsify, Shallots, Strawberries, Turnips	Almond, Apple, Apricot, Asparagus, Avocados, Banana, Beets, Blueberries (Rabbiteye, Low Bush), Broccoflower, Broccoli, Broccolini, Broccolo-Cavalo, Cabbage (Hybrid Cabbage, Open Pollinated, Red Cabbage, Savoy), Canary Melon, Cantaloupe, Celeriac, Cherries (Tart), Chinese Bitter Melon, Citron, Coffee, Cranberries, Crenshaw Melon, Cucumbers, Dasheen, Eggplant, Grapefruit, Grapes (Processed), Greens (Collards, Common Kale, Chinese Mustard, Mizuna/Japanese Mustard, Open Pollinated Mustard, Turnip, Red Swisschard, Green Swisschard), Honeydew, Israel Melons, Kiwano (Horned Melon), Korean Golden Melon, Macadamia Nuts, Mandarins/ Tangerines, Melongene, Orangelo/ Spanish Chironja, Oranges, Parsley, Peaches (Cling Peaches), Pears, Peppers (Anaheim, Banana, Cayenne, Chilaca, Cubanells, Fingerhots, Fresno, Gourmet Mini, Green Chili, Habanero, Hot Cherry, Hungarian Hot Wax, Italian, Jalapeno, Long Johns, Mini, Oriental Red, Oriental Sweet, Paprika, Pepino, Pimento, Poblano, Red Chili, Scratch Bonnet, Serrano, Sport, Sweet Cherry, Tobasco), Pistachios, Plantain, Potatoes, Prunes, Pummelo, Pumpkins, Radishes, Raisins, Squash, Sweet Potatoes, Tangelos, Tangosh, Tangos, Taro, Tomatillos, Tomatoes, Walnuts, Watermelon	Cashew, Cherries (Chockcherry, Jamaica), Corn (Sweet-Bicolor, Sweet-White, Sweet-Yellow/Golden Early, Sweet-Yellow Golden Late), Hazel Nuts, Pecans	Beans (Adzuki, Lupine, Mung, Anasazi, Baby Lima, Black Turtle, Butter, Canario - Yellow, Chinese String, Cranberry, Dark Red Kidney, Fava/ Faba, Flat Small White, Garbanzo/ Chickpeas, Green, Great Northern, Green, Green Baby French (Petite), Jacobs Cattle, Kentucky Blue, Kintoki, Large Lima, Light Red Kidney, Long, Marrow, Mayocoaba, Myothe, October, Papdai Valor, Pea, PinkBeans, Pinto, Pole, Pole Columbus, Roma, Shelli, Small Red, Small White Navy, Snap Wax, Soldier, Sulfur, Tebo, Tiger Eye Kidney, Velvet, White Adzuki, White Half Runner, White Kidney, Wing, Yardlong, Yellow EYE), LabLab/Hyacinth Bean, Peas (Arvika, Marrowfat, Partridge, Black Eye, Butter, Caley, China, Cow, Cream, Crowder, English/Garden, Flat, Mini, Pigeon, Pink Eyed, Purple Hull, Rondo, Snap, Snow, Southern Acre, Speckled/ Colored, Sugar, Umatilla)

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