

USDA to reopen sign-up for CFAP2, CFAP AA 'Pandemic Assistance for Producers' cont'd from page 2

- ⇒ Sales commodity applications revised to include insurance indemnities, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program payments, and Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus payments, as required by statute; and
- ⇒ Additional payments for swine producers and contract growers under CFAP Additional Assistance remain on hold and are likely to require modifications to the regulation as part of the broader evaluation and future assistance; however, FSA will continue to accept applications from interested producers.

Part 4: Reopening CFAP 2 Sign-Up to Improve Access & Outreach to Underserved Producers

As noted above, **USDA will re-open sign-up for of CFAP 2 for at least 60 days beginning on April 5, 2021.**

- FSA has committed at least \$2.5 million to establish partnerships and direct outreach efforts intended to improve outreach for CFAP 2 and will cooperate with grassroots organizations with strong connections to socially disadvantaged communities to ensure they are informed and aware of the application process.

Please stay tuned for additional information and announcements under the USDA Pandemic Assistance to Producers initiative, which will help to expand and more equitably distribute financial assistance to producers and farming operations during the COVID-19 national emergency. Please visit www.farmers.gov for more information on the details of today's announcement.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean-energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.



New Extension Farm Management AgriVision podcast series

Katie Wantoch, UW-Madison Division of Extension Agriculture Educator, Dunn County

UW-Madison Division of Extension has a new farm management podcast series based on the Wisconsin Agriculturist magazine's AgriVision column. Katie Wantoch, associate professor and agriculture agent in Dunn County, hosts the podcast episodes and chats with fellow Extension educators to answer questions from farmers and share their knowledge and expertise on how farmers can improve their farm management skills.

Why would a farmer want to listen to a podcast? Wantoch explains, "People, especially farmers, have less time to read materials. Much of Extension's instruction has traditionally been done through print materials like factsheets, articles in newspapers or magazines, and available on websites. However, educators have been seeing an increase in farmers listening to podcasts while working or traveling. Audio allows them to listen in their tractors, while milking cows, or harvesting their vegetables."

How did the AgriVision podcast come about? Wantoch has been co-writing a monthly column for the Wisconsin Agriculturist magazine since 2013. Each

month she and two other panelists respond to questions that have been submitted, varying around farm management related issues. Each panelist provides a short response that is compiled by the editor and published in the AgriVision column. As 2020 evolved and the ability to meet in person became more difficult, Wantoch looked for opportunities to share the information and resources that she was writing about in the monthly column. This podcast has been a wonderful opportunity for educators to collaborate while embracing new technology and a new way to communicate with the farmers.

The AgriVision Farm Management podcast is available on Apple and Google Podcasts and Spotify. The podcast episodes and information discussed on each topic is available on the UW Division of Extension's Farm Management website at <https://farms.extension.wisc.edu/programs/agri-vision-podcast/>