



# MFP 2.0

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The Market Facilitation Program (MFP) for 2019, administered by the USDA's FSA includes a commitment of \$16 billion, an increase from \$12.0 billion in MFP 1.0 administered in 2018. The package includes the same three commodity groups as in 2018. They are non-specialty crops (grains and oilseeds), specialty crops (nuts and fruits) and animal products (hogs and dairy).

### ***The changes in 2019 package include***

- The rates in 2019 reflect a single county per acre rate for eligible crops
- Payment limits per individual per commodity group is set at \$250,000, an increase from 125,000
- Maximum combined payment limit across commodity groups is set at 500,000, an increase from 375,000

### ***Producers can apply for MFP 2.0 payments as long as they met the eligibility criteria, which are***

- Have ownership and are actively involved in the operation
- Comply with the conservation provisions
- Have filed the 2019 acreage report, and
- Have an average AGI for years 2015, 2016, and 2017 of less than \$900,000 or AGI greater than \$900,000 with at least 75% derived from farming, ranching, or forest-related activities

### ***Additional caveats***

- Farmers are not required to have purchased crop insurance or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program to participate in the MFP 2.0
- Producers prevented from planting MFP-eligible crops due to weather but filed prevent-planting claims under FSA and planted FSA approved cover crops, with potential to harvest or used as forage, are eligible for the minimum \$15 per acre payment.
- Acres that were never planted in 2019 are NOT eligible for MFP payments.
- MFP payments *DO NOT* count toward other farm Bill payment limitations.
- Acres eligible for ARC and PLC may be eligible for MFP payments.

### ***MFP 2.0 payment start dates***

- Aug 22, 2019, first portion of the process has begun consisting of the higher of either 50% of producers' calculated payment or 15 per acre
- The second portion, sometime in November 2019, if USDA deems it warranted. The payment would be 75% of producers' calculation minus the amount received during the first tranche.
- The third portion, sometime in January 2020, if USDA deems it warranted.

### ***2019 rates for commodities of interest to Louisiana Farmers***

Corn; \$/bushel	Soybeans; \$/bushel	Cotton; \$/lb	Rice; \$/cwt	Sorghum; \$/bushel	Wheat; \$/bushel	Hogs; \$/head	Dairy (Milk); \$/cwt	Tee Nuts; \$/acre
0.14	2.05	0.26	0.63	1.69	0.41	11.0	0.20	146.0