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The Honorable Russ Fulcher
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Dear Congressman Fulcher:

Thank you for your inquiry of June 30, 2021, cosigned by your colleagues, requesting the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to expand the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) eligibility to include Kentucky bluegrass seed for the turf and sod industry.

Existing programs like CFAP now fall within USDA's new initiative, Pandemic Assistance for Producers. The Pandemic Assistance for Producers, where statutory authority allows, will refine and retarget programs to reach a broader set of producers than previous COVID-19 aid programs. The signup for CFAP 2, which originally ended in December 2020, was reopened as of April 5, 2021. USDA has also finalized routine decisions and minor formula adjustments on applications and started processing payments again for certain applications filed as part of CFAP-Additional Assistance (CFAP-AA). The Farm Service Agency has continued to accept applications from interested producers. In our review, we remain focused on helping producers and addressing gaps in the previous rounds of assistance that were brought to our attention by farmers, producers, ranchers, organizations, and Members of Congress, including the addition of grass seed as an eligible commodity. An updated regulation was published August 27, 2021, adding grass seed as an eligible commodity. Please note that the enrollment for CFAP 2, will end on October 12, 2021. All producers should ensure their applications are complete or updated to include all commodities where assistance is being requested.

We will continue to provide the latest information about the Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative on www.farmers.gov. The site will have timely updates and announcements for producers.

If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Farm Production and Conservation-Congressional Engagement at FPAC.BC.Congressional@usda.gov.

Again, thank you for writing. A similar letter is being sent to your colleagues.

Sincerely,

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