

Trump Administration announces expedited disaster assistance for farmers

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced recently that agricultural producers who suffered eligible crop losses due to natural disasters in 2023 and 2024 can now apply for \$16 billion in assistance through the Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP).

To expedite the implementation of SDRP, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is delivering assistance in two stages. This first stage is open to producers with eligible crop losses who received assistance under crop insurance or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program during 2023 and 2024. Stage One sign up started in person at FSA county offices on July 10 and prefilled applications were being mailed to producers July 9. SDRP Stage Two signups for eligible shallow or uncovered losses will begin in early fall.

"American farmers are no stranger to natural disasters that cause losses that leave no region or crop unscathed. Under President Trump's leadership, USDA has worked around the clock to deliver this relief directly to our farmers," said Rollins. "We are taking swift action to ensure farmers will have the resources they need to continue to produce the safest, most reliable, and most abundant food supply in the world."

This announcement follows Rollins' comprehensive plan to deliver the total amount of Congressionally appropriated \$30 billion in disaster assistance to farmers and ranchers this year. These programs will complement the forthcoming state block grants that USDA is working with 14 different states to develop.

To date, USDA has issued more than \$7.8 billion in Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP) payments to more than half a million eligible producers. Additionally, USDA has provided over \$1 billion in

emergency relief through the Emergency Livestock Relief Program to producers who suffered grazing losses due to drought or wildfires in calendar years 2023 and 2024.

USDA disaster assistance information can be found on farmers.gov, including the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet, Loan Assistance Tool, and the FarmRaise online FSA education hub. Payment details will be updated here weekly. For more information, contact your local USDA Service Center.

Program Details:

SDRP STAGE ONE

FSA is launching a streamlined, pre-filled application process for eligible crop, tree, and vine losses by leveraging existing Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and Risk Management Agency (RMA) indemnified loss data. The pre-filled applications were mailed on July 9.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible losses must be the result of natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and/or 2024. These disasters include wildfires, hurricanes, floods, derechos, excessive heat, tornadoes, winter storms, freeze (including a polar vortex), smoke exposure, excessive moisture, qualifying drought, and related conditions.

To qualify for drought related losses, the loss must have occurred in a county rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having a D2 (severe drought) for eight consecutive weeks, D3 (extreme drought), or greater intensity level during the applicable calendar year.

Producers in Connecticut, Hawaii, Maine, and Massachusetts will not be eligible for SDRP program payments. Instead, these states chose to cover eligible crop, tree, bush, and vine losses through separate block grants. These

block grants are funded through the \$220M provided for this purpose to eligible states in the American Relief Act.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for SDRP, producers must submit the FSA-526, Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP) Stage One Application, in addition to having other forms on file with FSA.

SDRP STAGE ONE PAYMENT CALCULATION

Stage One payments are based on the SDRP adjusted NAP or Federal crop insurance coverage level the producer purchased for the crop. The net NAP or net federal crop insurance payments (NAP or crop insurance indemnities minus administrative fees and premiums) will be subtracted from the SDRP calculated payment amount.

For Stage One, the total SDRP payment to indemnified producers will not exceed 90% of the loss and an SDRP payment factor of 35% will be applied to all Stage One payments. If additional SDRP funds remain, FSA may issue a second payment.

FUTURE INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

All producers who receive SDRP payments are required to purchase federal crop insurance or NAP coverage for the next two available crop years at the 60% coverage level or higher. Producers who fail to purchase crop insurance for the next two available crop years will be required to refund the SDRP payment, plus interest, to USDA.

SDRP STAGE 2

FSA will announce additional SDRP assistance for uncovered losses, including non-indemnified shallow losses and quality losses and how to apply later this fall.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife announces new or amended regulations

Resolutions and changes to several rules now effective

In accordance with KRS 150.025, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is providing updated information about proposed fish and wildlife-related regulation amendments that have received final legislative approval and are now in effect.

The following summarizes provisions that relate to or affect Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and services the agency provides to hunters, anglers and the public at large.

TITLE 301 CHAPTER 001 - FISH

301 KAR 1:201. Taking of fish by traditional fishing methods.

This administrative regulation establishes size limits, daily limits and possession limits for sport fish that may be taken from Kentucky waters and is necessary to properly manage the sport fish populations of Kentucky. This amendment will remove the special catch and release regulations on Clear Fork in Logan and Warren counties and return all sport fish to statewide regulations. This amendment removes the special four-fish daily limit on channel catfish and 15-fish daily limit on sunfish for all ponds on the Kentucky River Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Boone Tract and places these species under statewide regulations. In addition, this amendment increases the current 9-inch crappie size limit at Nolin River and Rough River lakes to 10 inches and adds the Rockcastle River to the list of waterbodies with an 18- to 26-inch slot limit and two-fish daily limit for walleye. As cleanups, "Barkley Lake" and "Cumberland Lake" were changed to "Lake Barkley" and "Lake Cumberland."

Effective June 18, 2025.

TITLE 301 CHAPTER 002 – GAME

301 KAR 2:041. Shooting areas, dog training areas, commercial foxhound training enclosures, and bobwhite shoot-to-train season.

This administrative regulation establishes requirements for the possession, holding, commercial activity, and transportation of red fox and coyote for foxhound training enclosures. This regulation amendment provides a defined process for the permitting, holding and transportation of wildlife used during shoot-to-train season, shooting areas, dog training areas and commercial and noncommercial foxhound training enclosures. These amendments establish requirements for species and number of animals that may be maintained within foxhound training enclosures, the possession and transport of red fox and coyotes, fencing to maintain red fox and coyote within foxhound training enclosures, size of enclosures,

quarantine and disease response, record keeping and reporting and permitting and enforcement.

Effective June 3, 2025.

301 KAR 2:081. Transportation and holding of live native wildlife.

This administrative regulation establishes requirements for the buying, selling, holding, commercial activity and transportation of native wildlife, and provides for the health and welfare of native wildlife and the safety of Kentucky citizens. These amendments allow for the possession of native wild rabbits and establish the species and permitting requirements for wildlife taken and transferred to foxhound training enclosures. These amendments are necessary to allow people to possess native wild rabbits and streamline the permitting for foxhound training enclosures.

Effective May 6, 2025.

301 KAR 2:082. Transportation and holding of live exotic wildlife.

This administrative regulation establishes requirements for importation, transportation, and possession of exotic wildlife and provides a defined process for the holding and transportation of live exotic wildlife. These provisions are for the protection of the native ecosystem, health and welfare of native wildlife from disease and the safety of Kentucky citizens. This amendment allows the possession of wild rabbits, hares and pikas within Kentucky, with the exception of European rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) that morphologically resemble wild European rabbits. This amendment was necessary to protect native rabbit species from disease, which could impact populations.

Effective May 6, 2025.

301 KAR 2:132. Elk hunting seasons, permits, zones, and requirements.

This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for the elk permit drawing and quota hunts, the conditions under which special commission permits, landowner cooperator permits, elk restoration permits and cooperator voucher permits can be used, and procedures for elk damage abatement. These requirements were necessary to effectively manage elk populations in Kentucky, while providing optimal elk hunting and tourism opportunities. This amendment requires landowner cooperator permits to be used only on land contained within the access agreement; requires hunters to remove any bait 30 days prior to hunting in that area; moves the second cow elk gun season to the first Saturday in January to remove the overlap with Christmas; and opens Paul Van Booven and Fishtrap Lake WMAs to elk hunting. The goal of these amendments is to increase elk hunting opportunity, remove calendar conflicts and more

fairly regulate the use of bait and landowner cooperator elk permits.

Effective June 18, 2025.

301 KAR 2:172. Deer hunting seasons, zones, and requirements.

This administrative regulation establishes the manner in which white-tailed deer may be harvested in Kentucky. Deer are a public resource entrusted to the state for management. Therefore, this regulation is necessary to control the method and manner in which deer may be taken. This amendment allows for an additional seven days of firearm deer hunting statewide, which will change the October youth season from two to nine consecutive days. An additional seven days of firearm harvest will help slow increasing deer populations through increased take.

Effective June 18, 2025.

301 KAR 2:225. Dove, wood duck, teal, and other migratory game bird hunting.

This administrative regulation establishes seasons and bag limits within federal migratory bird hunting frameworks established in 50 C.F.R. Parts 20 and 21 according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). In addition, it establishes requirements for the hunting of migratory birds. This amendment reduces the length of the September teal season from nine days to five days. Further, this amendment disallows the use of decoys by dove hunters on department-controlled lands during the month of September.

Effective May 6, 2025.

301 KAR 2:300. Black bear seasons and requirements.

This regulation establishes black bear chase and hunt seasons, chase and hunt requirements, bag limits, and legal methods of take and is necessary to provide reasonable hunting and chasing opportunity, while properly managing bear populations in Kentucky. This amendment establishes a 14-day hunting season in Clinton and Wayne counties as well as adds the Siberian Laika to the list of approved dogs that may be used during bear chase and the hunt with dogs seasons. The 14-day season in Clinton and Wayne counties is necessary to attempt to reduce the level of crop depredation in the area.

Effective June 18, 2025.

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KSP Post 4 to conduct traffic safety checkpoints

Kentucky State Police Post 4 will be conducting periodic traffic safety checkpoints in the Post 4 area, which includes Hardin, Jefferson, Bullitt, Nelson, Meade, Breckinridge, LaRue, and Grayson counties.

These checkpoints will be conducted as part of Post 4's highway safety efforts. Troopers will be checking for violations of Kentucky traffic and regulatory laws relating to motor vehicle equipment safety, licensing of drivers, motor vehicle registration, and operation of motor vehicles while under the influence of intoxicants.

Breckinridge County checkpoints will be as follows:

- US 60 in front of High School
- US 60 Limits of Irv-

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- US 60 at KY 79 in Irvington
- Hwy 259 and KY 144 one mile west of Union Star
- Hwy 259 at West View
- Hwy 259 near St. Romuald School
- Hwy 259 ½ mile north of McDaniels Power Plant
- KY 79 and 477 ½ mile north of Irvington
- KY 79 at Breck and Grayson County line
- US 60 at KY 105
- US 60 and Old US 60 West of Cloverport
- US 60 and Old US 60 East of Cloverport
- KY 86 and KY 690 Limits of Custer
- US 60 limits of Harned near US 60 Body Shop
- KY 144 limits of

Stephensport

- KY 259 limits of Harned at the Post Office
- KY 333 and 2199 Big Springs
- KY 105 and KY 261 (McQuady)
- US 60 and KY 86
- KY 79 and KY 105
- KY 401 and KY 86
- KY 224 to KY 88 (Nelson Road and Hickory Flats Intersection)
- KY 737 (Lilac Road and Quiggins Lane Intersection)

A complete list of traffic safety checkpoint locations can be found at the following link: <https://www.kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/post4checkpoints>.

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-0721, an ordinance amending the County Budget for FY 2026, to include unanticipated receipts from State Grants and Opioid Settlement Funds in the total amount of \$128,193.13 and increasing expenditures in the areas of County Programs, Industrial Development Grant and Opioid Settlement will be held on Monday, August 18th at 9:00 a.m. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge-Executive during normal business hours.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

2025 PROPOSED TAX RATE PUBLIC HEARING

The Breckinridge County Fiscal Court will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 18th 9:00 a.m. at the Breckinridge County Courthouse for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate.

The tax rate levied last year was 11.1 and produced revenues in the amount of \$1,487,202. This year's compensating rate is 10.80 and will produce revenues in the amount of \$1,555,129. The Breckinridge County Fiscal Court proposes a tax rate of 11.10 which will produce a total of \$1,598,327 in revenues.

Revenue expected from New Property is \$35,144; revenue expected from Personal Property is \$237,526; revenue expected from Motor Vehicle is \$264,345; and revenue expected from Watercraft is \$34,652.

Revenue received in excess of last year's revenue will be used for governmental purposes.

The Kentucky General Assembly requires that Breckinridge County Fiscal Court publish this notice with the above information contained herein.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Hardinsburg Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 28 at 5:00 PM (CDT) to consider a rezoning request for properties located at 108 Old Hwy 60 and Fred Phillips Ln. Owner is requesting to change the property from Agricultural to R1. The Hardinsburg Planning and Zoning Commission will review the case at Hardinsburg City Hall, 220 S Main St. For any questions, please contact Hardinsburg City Hall at 270-756-2213 or Austin Weedman at 270-580-4246. Anyone wishing to speak will need to sign in before the meeting and will be allowed 3 minutes. This advertisement was paid for by the City of Hardinsburg using taxpayer dollars in the amount of \$31.82.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-08, an ordinance levying the City of Irvington Ad Valorem Taxes for general municipal purposes for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026, on all taxable property within the taxing jurisdiction of the City of Irvington on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the Fiscal Year 2025 assessed valuation as follows: on real property 0.40 and personal property 0.40 including real and personal property of service companies, and on privately owned and registered vehicles: 0.320 will be held on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 7:00 pm (ET) at the Irvington City Hall. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at Office of City Clerk, Sherrie Lawson during normal business hours. This advertisement was paid for by the City of Irvington using tax payer dollars.

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TO FORMER CLIENTS OF DELMON LYLE MCQUINN

Delmon Lyle McQuinn passed away on March 18, 2025. John E. Norman, Fayette County Public Administrator, was appointed fiduciary of his estate by the Fayette District Court on April 23, 2025. Following his appointment, Mr. Norman took custody of approximately 3,800 of Mr. McQuinn's client files. **Your file may be among them.** It is Mr. Norman's duty to return these documents to you. Because the files on hand do not contain client contact information, his team must locate and notify each client that their file is available for pickup. Your file likely includes originally executed estate planning documents. Numerous former clients have raised credibility concerns about the validity of these documents, particularly regarding execution and witnessing. Many may be void due to these irregularities. Mr. Norman strongly encourages you to have an attorney review each document to advise you of any potential issues. He cannot provide legal advice regarding your next steps and cannot make any determinations as to the legitimacy of your documents. Only your attorney can. If Mr. McQuinn prepared your estate planning documents, please contact Mr. Norman's office as soon as possible to retrieve your file at: **Norman Law, PLLC** Attn: Kim Pascual 117 West Second Street Lexington, KY 40507 Phone: (859) 252-8255 Email: kim@normanlawpllc.com