



USDA to Provide Approximately \$6 Billion to Commodity and Specialty Crop Producers Impacted by 2020 and 2021 Natural Disasters

Almond Alliance is working with USDA FSA for effective implementation and roll out of the new Emergency Relief Program (ERP). We encourage our members & almond growers to contact their local FSA office today to prepare documentation for participation.

Key Highlights & Action Items:

- ERP is for qualifying natural disaster event in calendar years 2020 and 2021. **Including drought.**
 - California Drought Counties 2020 & 2021
Alameda County, Amador County, Butte County, Colusa County, Contra Costa County, Del Norte County, Glenn County, Humboldt County, Imperial County, Inyo County, Kern County, Lake County, Lassen County, Marin County, Mendocino County, Modoc County, Mono County, Napa County, Nevada County, Placer County, Plumas County, Riverside County, Sacramento County, San Bernardino County, San Francisco County, San Joaquin County, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, Shasta County, Sierra County, Siskiyou County, Solano County, Sonoma County, Sutter County, Tehama County, Trinity County, Yolo County, Yuba County
 - Although Drought Counties have been listed above, you may be eligible for payment under this program if you collected insurance for any natural disaster in 2020 or 2021.
- **Phase 1 of the program is for insureds and FSA NAP participants.** Eligible crops include all crops for which crop insurance or NAP coverage was available, except for crops intended for grazing. We expect the phase 1 applications to be sent around May 23 - 25th.
- **Producers must be on file with FSA to apply.** Contact your local office to verify or to register and complete the required forms outlined below.
- **FSA will send 2 pre-filled application forms to producers where crop insurance and NAP data are already on file; one for each year (2020 & 2021).** Receipt of a pre-filled application is **not confirmation that a producer is eligible** to receive an ERP phase one payment. So please contact your local office to confirm eligibility.



The Almond Alliance will continue working with FSA state and local staff to ensure clear communication for an effective program for our producers. We will be providing continued updates, information, training, assistance etc.

For more information, [review USDA's press release](#), [view USDA's fact sheet](#), or contact our office.

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About the Almond Alliance

The Almond Alliance of California (AAC) is a trusted non-profit organization dedicated to advocating on behalf of the California almond community. California almonds generate more than \$21 billion in economic revenue and directly contribute more than \$11 billion to the state's total economy. California's top agricultural export, almonds create approximately 104,000 jobs statewide, over 97,000 in the Central Valley, which suffers from chronic unemployment. The AAC is dedicated to educating state legislators, policy makers and regulatory officials about the California almond community. As a membership-based organization, our members include almond processors, hullers/shellers, growers and allied businesses. Through workshops, newsletters, conferences, social media and personal meetings, AAC works to raise awareness, knowledge and provide a better understanding about the scope, size, value and sustainability of the California almond community. For more information on the Almond Alliance, visit <https://almondalliance.org/> or check out the Almond Alliance on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.