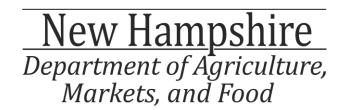
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Crop Loss Program Eligibility and Program Instructions

The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food (DAMF) Crop Loss Program will provide up to \$8 Million in relief in response to weather-related damages of 2023. The program, developed in collaboration with staff from UNH Cooperative Extension, is designed to help New Hampshire farmers who suffered significant crop losses as a result of extreme weather conditions which negatively impacted farms during 2023.

Starting March 1, 2024, eligible farms can apply for awards intended to account for 50% of net farm loss with a maximum award of \$500,000. Approved applications will be awarded 50% of their total award upon approval by Governor and Executive Council and final award amounts will be calculated after **the program closes on May 15, 2024**.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the DAMF Crop Loss Program your farm must meet the following criteria:

- Shall be principally located in New Hampshire,
- Have been in operation since at least January 1, 2022,
- Have total 2022 gross receipts of at least \$30,000,
- Experienced a minimum of 30 percent crop loss from one or more of the 2023 weather events,
- The events for which relief is sought must have occurred within New Hampshire's borders,
- Experienced a net loss in farm income for 2023 (an allowance of 5% of gross revenue up to \$60,000 for owner/operator labor will be calculated towards net income), and
- Have not permanently closed or currently in bankruptcy.
- Have and submit the following tax forms relevant to your operation:
 - Sole proprietors and partnerships should submit copies of IRS Schedule F (Form 1040) Profit or Loss from Farming.
 - o Partnerships should also submit copies of IRS Form 1065, U.S. Return of Partnership Income.
 - Corporations need to submit copies of either Form 1120-S U.S. Income Tax Return for an S
 Corporation or Form 1120 U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return.

Program Instructions

All program documents are available on the homepage of www.agriculture.nh.gov. Please complete the following forms and send as attachments, with all other supporting documents, to croprelief@agr.nh.gov.

- Applicant information and certification form
- Farm data form
- State of New Hampshire Vendor ID form (if necessary)
- Relevant tax forms from 2020-2023

For questions or assistance in completing the necessary forms, please contact us at croprelief@agr.nh.gov or 603-271-3551. You may also reach out to your local County Extension Office for assistance.