

# FARM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

During the COVID 19 pandemic, many small farmers need financial assistance. Below are a few government and non-government resources for farmers in need.

## **Government Resources**

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural
Development

A new document - <u>USDA Rural Development</u> <u>COVID-19 Resources</u> - includes resources for families in single and multi-unit housing and for rural businesses, including farms. Information on loan payment deferrals is also included.

## <u>Small Business Administration</u>

The SBA offers an <u>Economic Injury Disaster Advance</u> Loan, which does not have to be paid back.

## **Non-Government Resources**

## • American Farmland Trust

The trust has launched a <u>Farmer Relief Fund</u> that supports farmers with annual gross revenue from \$10,000 to \$1 million from sales at farmers markets



and/or direct sales to restaurants, caterers, schools, stores, or to businesses that use farm products as inputs.

## • Rural Advancement Foundation International

RAFI-USA is offering <u>Emergency Relief Mini-Grants</u> to farmers who have been drastically impacted by market sales disruptions.

#### Food Animal Concerns Trust

FACT maintains a <u>COVID-19 Resources for Farmers</u> webpage.

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