

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**.
 - 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.