



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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**INFLATION REDUCTION
ACT ASSISTANCE FOR
DISTRESSED BORROWERS**
AT A GLANCE

December 2023



Inflation Reduction Act Assistance for Distressed Borrowers

The Inflation Reduction Act provided \$3.1 billion for USDA to provide relief for distressed borrowers with certain Farm Service Agency (FSA) direct and guaranteed loans, and to expedite assistance for those whose agricultural operations are at financial risk.

For specific eligibility requirements and more information, visit the [Inflation Reduction Act Assistance for Distressed Borrowers](#) webpage.

Individualized Assistance			
ASSISTANCE	WHO CAN REQUEST ASSISTANCE?	WHERE TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE?	DEADLINE
<p>Cash Flow-Based Assistance:</p> <p>Qualifying borrowers can request FSA to cover their next installment due or a recently missed installment.</p>	<p>A borrower may be eligible for this assistance if they are a current FSA direct loan borrower who missed an installment or is unable to make on upcoming installment due between August 1, 2022 and January 15, 2024 due to a lack of sufficient cash flow.</p> <p>Borrowers may seek a cash flow analysis from FSA to determine their eligibility for this assistance by providing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A recent balance sheet (no more than 90 days old) for their operation's current operating cycle 2. A cash flow plan for their current operating cycle 	<p>Borrowers can submit requests for cash flow-based assistance in person at their local FSA office or by sending in a direct request using the farmers.gov 22006 assistance request portal at farmers.gov/ira22006cashflow.</p>	<p>December 31, 2023</p>
<p>Extraordinary Measures Assistance:</p> <p>Qualifying borrowers can request assistance if they took extraordinary measures to avoid delinquency between February 28, 2020 and October 18, 2022.</p>	<p>Qualifying extraordinary measures for payment assistance are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferral of a non-FSA loan • Obtaining additional debt not ordinarily taken on in the normal course of business through resources outside of FSA and/or formal or informal loans from family members or individuals to make FSA farm loan payments • Delinquency as of May 19, 2023 on essential family living and farm operating expenses in order to make FSA farm loan payment • Early withdrawal of non-liquid assets such as retirement funds, college funds or long-term investments • The sale of essential assets 	<p>Borrowers can submit requests for extraordinary measures assistance in person at their local FSA office or by sending in a direct request using the farmers.gov 22006 assistance request portal at farmers.gov/ira22006request.</p>	<p>December 31, 2023</p>

Automatic Payments*	
ASSISTANCE	WHO RECEIVED THIS ASSISTANCE?
<p>Automatic Payments for Direct Loans:</p>	<p>USDA provided assistance in the form of automatic payments to direct loan borrowers who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were delinquent as of September 30, 2022 by 60 or more days. • Had their farms liquidated and still had remaining debt. • Were past due on a qualifying direct loan as of September 30, 2022, but by fewer than 60 days, and remained delinquent on that loan as of March 27, 2023. • Restructured a qualifying direct loan on or after February 28, 2020 through primary loan servicing. • Owed on their qualifying direct loan debt that exceeded the principal owed (on a loan-by-loan basis). • Had currently outstanding direct Emergency Loans as of November 30, 2023.**
<p>Automatic Payments for Guaranteed Loans:</p>	<p>USDA provided assistance in the form of automatic payments to guaranteed loan borrowers who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were delinquent as of September 30, 2022 by 60 or more days. • Received a loan restructure, which modified the guaranteed loan maturity date, between March 1, 2020, and August 11, 2023. • Received a deferral or another type of payment extension, for at least 45 days, between March 1, 2020, and September 30, 2022, from their guaranteed lender on that qualifying guaranteed loan in response to COVID-19, disasters, or other revenue shortfalls. • Were liable for remaining federal debt subject to debt collection and garnishment after the liquidation of their guaranteed loan account. • Were flagged for liquidation as of Nov. 30, 2023.**

*These payments are still being issued. Some borrowers will not receive assistance until 2024.

**This assistance was announced in November 2023 and will begin being issued in 2024.