

Alabama Agricultural Stabilization Program – Final Report January 14, 2021

Governor Ivey awarded \$26 Million of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) provided by the CARES Act to assist Alabama Agriculture for impacts caused by COVID-19. The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries in cooperation with numerous agricultural stakeholder groups and Governor Ivey's office developed the Alabama Agricultural Stabilization Program (AASP) to disburse the funds in the following programs:

1. Meat Processor Program (AASP, as amended, allowed \$1,940,000):

The first round of meat processor applications resulted 35 applications and 29 approved applicants. Due to the continued demand for additional meat processing capacity, ADAI opened a second round of meat processing applications. Working with our state partners, we were able to amend the AASP to utilize the \$200,000.00 remaining after our initial meat processor program and transfer \$440,000 in carry-over funds from our Nursery Grower program to meet this additional need. The second round of the meat processor program received approximately 16 applications with 14 of those ultimately participating in the program. The 43 successful applicants were awarded \$1,890,727.12 from this program. This program had \$49,272.88 in carry-over funds.

2. Fruit and Vegetable Processor Program (AASP allowed \$500,000):

5 applicants- 5 approved
Final Total Payout: \$265,116.81
Final Carry-Over: \$234,883.19

3. Catfish Processor Reimbursement Program (AASP allowed \$500,000):

2 applicants- 2 approved
Final Total Payout: \$182,041.83
Final Carry-Over: \$317,958.17

4. Cattle Program (AASP allowed \$10.5 million):

We received 370 completed applications with 346 applicants ultimately approved to participate in the program. 10 of these applicants were dairy producers. 21 applications were ineligible because the cattle sales were outside of the date range, the applicants were not residents of Alabama, or because the applicants did not meet some other criteria of the program. 3 applications were withdrawn by the applicants. Payments to the 346 approved applicants totaled \$3,609,703.98 with a carry-over of \$6,890,296.02.

5. State Supplemental CFAP Program (AASP Allowed \$8 million):

We received 287 applications. 10 applications were declined because they did not meet the program requirements, and 3 applications were withdrawn by the applicants. Payments to the 274 successful applicants totaled \$6,404,427.87. Total carry-over from this program was \$1,595,572.13 million.

6. Nursery Grower Reimbursement (AASP Allowed \$1 million):

We received a total of 5 applications, but only 3 were eligible for the program. Payments for this program totaled \$49,986.38.

Working with the Alabama Department of Finance, we were able to reallocate \$440,000.00 from the nursery grower program to fund a second round of the meat processing program. After this reallocation, there was a carry-over amount of \$510,013.62 remaining in this program.

7. Poultry Program (AASP Allowed \$4 million):

This program received 701 broiler grower applications, 25 breeder grower applications, and 1 pullet grower application. We declined 23 broiler and 5 breeder applications. The 1 pullet applicant and 1 broiler applicant withdrew their applications. The declined applications were all declined because the applicants were not residents of Alabama, the applicants did not have qualifying density reductions or extended downtimes, or the applicants received more compensation from their integrator than the AASP program would have paid them. 697 applicants were accepted in the poultry programs.

The total payout for this program was \$3,439,993.79 with a carry-over of \$560,006.21.

8. Livestock Auction Market Business Stabilization Program (AASP allowed \$500,000).

This program received 36 applicants, with 21 approved. The declined applicants were not licensed livestock auction markets in Alabama.

Final Total Payout: \$500,000.00

Final Carry-Over: \$0.00

9. Poultry Processor Reimbursement Program (AASP allowed \$1.2 million)

40 applicants- 29 approved. The declined applicants are not poultry processing facilities in Alabama.

Final Total Payout: \$1,119,146.34

Final Carry-Over: \$ 80,853.66

Total AASP Awards and Carry-over:

After all payments were issued, the AASP expended \$17,461,144.22 and \$8,538,855.78 was returned to the Department of Finance for reallocation to other state CRF programs.

1,420 individuals and businesses benefited from the AASP.