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## 2026 Florida Block Grant Program – Q&A

**Q: How is this Block Grant different from the previous program?**

A: This program is administered through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), rather than the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM). Additionally, payment amounts differ from the previous program. Please visit [Homepage - Florida Block Grant Disaster Relief Portal](#) for the actual per acre amounts.

**Q: Who determined the payment amounts?**

A: Payment levels were set by the USDA based on approximately 35% of the state's total funding request—not by FDACS.

**Q: What is the production loss threshold to qualify?**

A: The threshold has been lowered to 10%, compared to 20% in the previous program.

**Q: Is there flexibility in how production losses are calculated?**

A: Yes, Producers have some flexibility in utilizing either crop year or calendar year, and there is also some flexibility in determining the base year. FDACS will review the documentation provided and work with producers to determine the most optimal approach for the producer while still abiding by the USDA Block Grant requirements.

**Q: Is there an acreage cap for citrus?**

A: No, there is no acreage cap for citrus under this program.

**Q: Do I have to submit my tax return as requested in the application?**

A: Growers are no longer required to submit tax returns and may instead provide alternative documentation as outlined on the application website. However, tax returns are preferred and can lead to more efficient reviews of your application.

**Q: What are the insurance requirements?**

A: Growers are required to maintain crop insurance for the next available two reinsurance years, either 2026 and 2027 crop years or 2027 and 2028 crop years. Tree insurance is not required.

A list of qualifying supplemental crop insurance policies has been provided.

**Q: How will young trees be treated?**

A: While final USDA guidance is pending, it is expected that young trees coming into production will be treated similarly to the prior Block Grant program.

**Q: Should growers apply if they are unsure about eligibility?**

A: Yes. Growers are strongly encouraged to apply even if they are uncertain that they qualify. Your assigned Case Manager will work with you to provide additional guidance and assist in determining your eligibility.

**Q: How long will it take to receive payment?**

A: The current estimated processing time is 4–7 weeks, although this timeline is not guaranteed as reviews have just begun. In addition, processing time of the application and payment relies on the completeness of the application and responsiveness of the Producer on clarifying questions.

**Q: What are the steps in the application process?**

A: The general application process includes the following steps:

1. Submit application
2. Connect with assigned case manager
3. Complete full application review
4. Participate as needed in site visit coordination to confirm production
5. Verify linkage requirements
6. Set up My Florida Marketplace and My Florida CFO / Substitute Form W9 account
7. Receive payment

**Q: What should growers do to avoid payment delays?**

A: Ensure all information in My Florida Marketplace & My Florida CFO is accurate and up to date.

**Q: Who should growers contact with questions or concerns?**

A: Growers should work directly with their assigned Case Manager for personalized assistance. If you have not applied or been assigned a Case Manager yet, please contact the Florida Block Grant Disaster Relief Program Customer Service Center at (850) 688-1220.

**Q: If citrus funds are undersubscribed, will they stay within citrus?**

A: The current goal and plan are for any remaining funds to remain allocated to citrus. However, this approach could change as we get closer to the application submission deadline of August 25, 2026.