



## NCDA&CS COVID Swine and Dairy Program Application Information

Through S.L. 2021-180 (2021 Appropriations Act) the North Carolina General Assembly established the North Carolina Swine and Dairy Assistance Program, a one-time assistance program for swine and dairy producers who suffered a loss due to the shutdowns following the COVID-19 pandemic.

A significant number of swine farms have lost contracts and dairies have been forced out of business due to the pandemic. Agriculture is North Carolina's largest economic driver, and this program responds to the long-term needs identified by the swine and dairy industries in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The \$30 million appropriated to NCDA&CS is to provide financial assistance for eligible swine and dairy producers for losses incurred as a result of termination of contracts or ceased milk production due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are being used to respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to these businesses to reduce future issues in the food supply chain should another pandemic occur.

The application process will be handled in two phases. Phase 1 application process is outlined below. Phase 2 will be initiated at a later date for the purpose of infrastructure modifications - Information will follow early February, 2022. For more detailed information and to apply visit <http://www.ncagr.gov/CovidSwineandDairyAssistance.htm>

### PHASE 1

This application is for the one-time financial assistance payment of \$31,500 for both eligible swine and dairy producers.

The first portion of the application is determination of applicant eligibility. All eligible applicants will receive a one-time financial assistance payment of thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$31,500).

To apply for assistance the applicant/producer will need to complete the online application and submit the appropriate forms listed below. If the applicant/producer has questions about this program or qualifications for the program, please contact the NCDA&CS COVID Assistance helpline at 866-747-9823.

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### Producers will need the following to complete the form:

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Swine or Dairy	Needed documentation	Note
Swine	Integrator contract termination letter	Documentation must be dated between March 1, 2020 and June 30, 2022
Dairy	Documentation of Cessation of Production of Grade A Milk	
Both	Waste Management Certificate of Coverage (Form AWO-STATE-G-E)	
Both	Completed W-9 for producer SSN/EIN	