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NYS Agricultural and Community Recovery Fund (ACRF) - Wholesale Farm Operation Match Component -

On September 3, 2011 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the creation of an Agricultural and Community Recovery Fund (ACRF) to help rebuild the agricultural industry and farming areas impacted by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

The Farm Operation Match Component of the ACRF is a coordinated effort by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM) and the NYS Homes and Community Renewal (NYSHCR) to provide emergency funding to help with on farm operating costs incurred as a result of damage by natural disasters.

FUND ADMINISTRATION

ACRF is administered by NYSDAM in coordination with NYSHCR. Under the Farm Operations Match Component, farms located in the following counties may be eligible to receive funding subject to the availability of funds: Albany, Broome, Chenango, Chemung, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Essex, Greene, Herkimer, Montgomery, Nassau, Oneida, Orange, Otsego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Suffolk, Sullivan, Tioga, Ulster, Warren, Washington, and Westchester.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications must be **RECEIVED** by **4:00 p.m. January 30, 2012**:

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
10-B Airline Drive
Albany, NY 12235
Attn. Lucy Roberson, Director, Fiscal Management
NYS Agricultural and Community Recovery Fund (ACRF)
- Wholesale Farm Operation Match Component -

NOTE: APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY FAX OR EMAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JANUARY 30, 2012 WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDING.



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Programmatic Questions should be directed to:

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Farm operations that grow and market products for resale through wholesale distribution are eligible to apply for funding:

- Feed, crops, fruits, vegetables, bedding plants, nursery and flowers

Eligible farmers must submit applications by January 30, 2012 with documented feed, crop, produce/nursery loss and replacement cost for each eligible expense to NYSDAM.

Eligible Costs – Reimbursement Amount

The maximum amount of allowable replacement cost per farmer will be 50% of the eligible replacement cost up to the limit specified below.

The Wholesale Farm Operation Match Program has a maximum award cap of \$10,000. Applicants awarded funds under the Farm Operation Match Program for Feed Replacement and Fruit, Vegetable, Bedding Plant, Nursery and Flower Replacement for Community Supported Agriculture, Farm Stands and Farmers Markets are eligible to apply to the Wholesale Farm Operation Match Program if their farm has a wholesale component but awards will not exceed the \$10,000 cap per operation.

Example: Widget Farms grows and markets vegetables at a roadside farm stand, local farmers markets and supplies several local supermarkets. Widget Farms applied to the 1st Round Farm Operation Match Program under the Agriculture and Community Recovery Fund for replacement costs for vegetables to be sold at the roadside stand and farmers markets and was awarded \$8,500. Widget farms would be eligible to apply for funding under the Wholesale Farm Operation Match Program in the amount of \$1,500.

Feed, Crops, Fruit, Vegetable, Bedding Plant, Nursery and Flower Replacement for resale through wholesale distribution - 50% of the allowable replacement cost for feed, crops, fruits and vegetables that were grown by the eligible farmers and then subsequently purchased from other sources necessary to maintain wholesale customers during the time period covered by the program up to a maximum cap of \$10,000. Actual awards will be based on a prorated formula according to demonstrated need and availability of funding.



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- To be eligible for this component, the producer must have maintained wholesale operations for the period of August 28, 2011 through January 18, 2012 and be able to provide purchase records of replacement product for the continuation of such operations during the above time period.

Eligible Time Period

Eligible loss must have occurred as a result of catastrophic weather and flooding events caused by Hurricane Irene and/or Tropical Storm Lee. Eligible replacement costs must be incurred within the following time frames:

- Feed, crops, fruits, vegetables, bedding plants, nursery and flowers for wholesale operations between August 28, 2011 and January 18, 2012.

Required Documentation

Eligible farm operations will be required to submit the following documentation with the application for funding:

- Documentation that eligible crops were lost as a result of the storms and flooding.
- Documentation that eligible crops were replaced during the eligible time period, including receipts and paid invoices.

Farmers - Other Requirements

The State of New York reserves the right to conduct an audit of funded projects. Awardees' financial records relating to the performance of the project shall be maintained for no less than six (6) years after the completion of the project.

Farmers must certify that the replacement cost is not insured or otherwise eligible for funding under any other state or federal program.

Farmers receiving awards under this program will be able to return funds to the state if the farmer determines that funding from another state or federal program is more advantageous and the acceptance of disaster recovery funds under this program would otherwise make the farmer ineligible for funds from other sources.

Farmers receiving awards under this program may be required to provide demographic information which includes, but is not limited to the following:



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- Family income
- Race and ethnicity
- Disability status
- Elderly status
- Female head of household status

The above information will be used for reporting information to the funding entities, but the specific information by farm will be retained by the County and will remain confidential.

AWARDING OF FUNDS – PROCESS

Calculation:

Awards will be based on a prorated formula according to demonstrated need and availability of funding.

Process:

- 1) The NYSDAM will approve farmer applications and determine amount of funding awarded per farmer and total amount of funding available to eligible counties.
- 2) Funding will be provided by eligible counties or NYSDAM depending upon the source of funding. Costs for eligible expenditures must be incurred prior to the disbursement of funds.
- 3) Funding will be distributed as a grant to the farmer against his/her invoiced or incurred expenses.



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**Agricultural and Community Recovery Fund –
WHOLESALE FARM OPERATION MATCH APPLICATION**

(Please Print or Type)

County: _____ Town or Village: _____ Date: _____

Farm Name: _____	
Owner's Name: _____	Operator's Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____	Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____
Preferred Contact Point? (please check only one) <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Operator	Federal ID Number: _____ NYS Real Property Tax ID _____ _____

A) Check all boxes that describe your operation?

- Field Crop Fruit Vegetables Maple Aquaculture Apiary
 Christmas Tree Horticulture Vineyard Other - define _____
 Horse Boarding / Equine
 Livestock and Livestock Products (check all that apply)
 Dairy Eggs Cattle Sheep Goats Hogs
 Poultry Horses Ratites Wool/fiber bearing Other – define _____

B) Employment Information

No. of Employees before August 28, 2011 Full Time _____ Part Time _____ Seasonal/Migrant Time _____
No. of Employees after August 28, 2011 Full Time _____ Part Time _____ Seasonal/Migrant Time _____
No. of Employees retained if funding awarded Full Time _____ Part Time _____ Seasonal/Migrant Time _____

C) Has the applicant applied for and or received funding from private crop insurance, USDA FSA, FEMA, or any other federal, state, or local disaster funding program? Yes No

If yes, please describe funding source, use of funds, and amount of funds: _____



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Farm Information

Please complete the form below and attach additional sheets as necessary.

Briefly describe farm operation including type of farm operation, acres in production, crops grown, number of animals, etc: _____

Wholesale Feed, Crop, Fruit, Vegetable, Bedding Plant, Nursery and Flower Replacement Cost Share Information

Please complete the form below and attach additional sheets as necessary.

Please check all that apply:

Wholesale Feed Wholesale Grain/Hay Wholesale Fruit/Vegetable Community Supported Agriculture
 Attend Farmers' Markets Farm Stand Operation

Loss of stored or un-harvested crop.

Documentation that eligible crops were lost as a result of the storms and flooding must be attached to the application.

Crop Type	Total Acres	Total Yield	Value

Replacement of crop information.

Program will only award funds for crop replacement costs incurred between 8/28/11 and 1/18/12

Documentation that eligible crops were replaced during the eligible time period must be attached to the application.

Replaced Crop Type	Amount	Total Cost

Has this damage been reported to USDA or another Agency?
If yes, attach documentation to application.

Yes No



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Certification:

The following certification must be completed by the owner of the farm operation as stated above.

I certify that the information provided in this application/document is complete, true, and correct. I understand that providing false information is a basis for revocation of my grant award. I further understand that offering a false instrument for filing is a first degree class E felony under the New York State Penal Law.

Please Print Name

Signature

Day, Month,Year

Sworn to before me this
day of , 20__.

NOTARY PUBLIC

The State of New York reserves the right to audit all financial information and documentation related to this application that results in an award of funding for a period of six (6) years.