

\$58 million in Economic Assistance for New York Crop Producers

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In December, Congress passed the American Relief Act of 2025, extended the 2018 Farm Bill, and granted economic assistance payments for American farmers. These payments will help offset financial challenges as 2024 estimates show a second consecutive annual drop in net farm income. In partnership with the Rural and Farm Finance Policy Analysis Center (RaFF) at the University of Missouri, we estimate the eligible acres and economic assistance for New York crop producers.¹

The total estimated assistance for the state of New York is projected to be over \$58 million with more than 90% going to corn and soybean producers. The ten counties with the most estimated assistance are each expected to receive more than \$2 million: Livingston, Cayuga, Genesee, Wyoming, Ontario, Orleans, Steuben, Niagara, Jefferson, and Onondaga. These ten counties will combine for nearly \$29 million or 48.41% of New York’s total assistance. An additional 31.91% will go to the next thirteen counties, each receiving \$1-2 million and the remaining counties will receive less than \$1 million (19.67%).

Eligibility

Each person or legal entity may receive per acre economic assistance equal to the maximum of (Table 1):

- I. 26% of the estimated economic loss for each eligible crop
- II. a minimum payment equivalent to 8% of the product of the commodity statutory reference price times the national average Price Loss Coverage (PLC) payment yield

¹ Other producers may find assistance from programs not included in the Act such as the Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program (ODMAP) and Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) for dairy producers, Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) for livestock producers, and Whole-Farm Revenue Protection including Micro Farm for specialty crop producers.

Table 1: Economic Assistance by Eligible Crop (United States)

Crop	Unit	Projected Price	Yield	Expected Gross Return	Expected Production Cost	Expected Economic Loss	Economic Assistance Rate	Reference Price	PLC Yield	Minimum Payment Rate	Final Payment Rate
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
	\$/unit	units/acre	\$/acre	\$/acre	\$/acre	\$/acre	\$/unit	units/acre	\$/acre	\$/acre	\$/acre
Barley	bushel	\$6.60	73.35	\$484.11	\$472.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.95	54.96	\$21.76	\$21.76
Corn	bushel	\$4.10	174.54	\$715.61	\$879.10	\$163.49	\$42.51	\$3.70	143.07	\$42.35	\$42.51
Oats	bushel	\$3.40	66.41	\$225.79	\$524.48	\$298.69	\$77.66	\$2.40	52.11	\$10.01	\$77.66
Rice	cwt	\$15.60	75.34	\$1,175.24	\$1,314.84	\$139.60	\$36.30	\$14.00	62.07	\$69.52	\$69.52
Sorghum	bushel	\$4.10	66.68	\$273.39	\$437.14	\$163.75	\$42.58	\$3.95	63.83	\$20.17	\$42.58
Soybeans	bushel	\$10.20	50.18	\$511.84	\$625.29	\$113.45	\$29.50	\$8.40	40.87	\$27.46	\$29.50
Wheat	bushel	\$5.60	48.24	\$270.14	\$388.19	\$118.05	\$30.69	\$5.50	41.79	\$18.39	\$30.69

Notes: Rice includes long- and medium grain (excluding temperate japonica until final rules become available.)

Sorghum is grain sorghum.

Sources and Descriptions:

Table adapted from RaFF Policy Brief 2024-12(2), <https://ruralandfarmfinance.com/publications/>

(a) <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/programs/arc-plc/program-data#:~:text=Market%20Year%20Average%20Prices> (December 2024)

(b) Projected Average Farm Price for Market Year 2024/25, <https://quickstats.nass.usda.gov/>

(c) 2015-2024 National Average Harvested Yield, (c) = (a) x (b)

(d) <https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/commodity-costs-and-returns/commodity-costs-and-returns/#Cost-of-Production%20Forecasts>

(e) = (d) - (c)

(f) = (e) x .26

(g) <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/documents/2024-erp>

(h) <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/programs/arc-plc/program-data>

(i) = (g) x (h) x .08

(j) = Maximum of (f) and (g)

The economic loss is equal to the expected gross return less expected production cost (published by USDA Economic Research Service for 2024). The expected gross return is equal to the projected 2024/25 price from the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) December report times the national average crop yield from 2015-2024. For crops not included in the WASDE price projections, a similar projected price is used from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Eligible acres are determined as all planted acres for harvest, grazing, haying, silage, or other similar purposes for the 2024 crop year plus 50% of prevented planted acres in 2024. In this article, we use planted acres (including failed acres) and prevented planted acres published by the FSA on December 2, 2024, as the basis for the calculation of eligible acres by county.

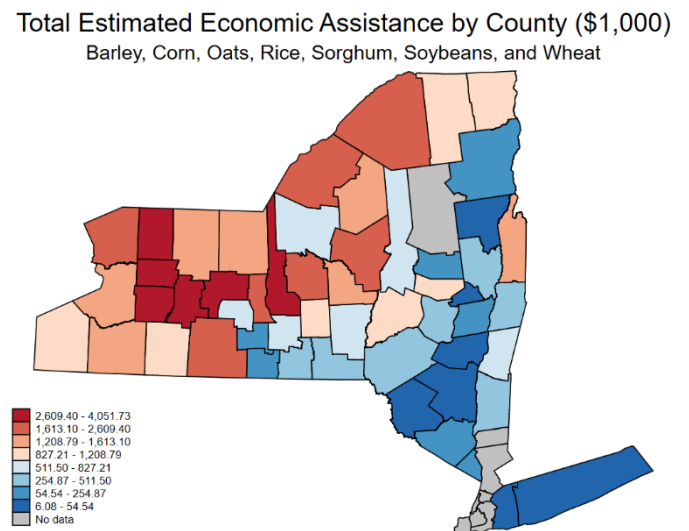
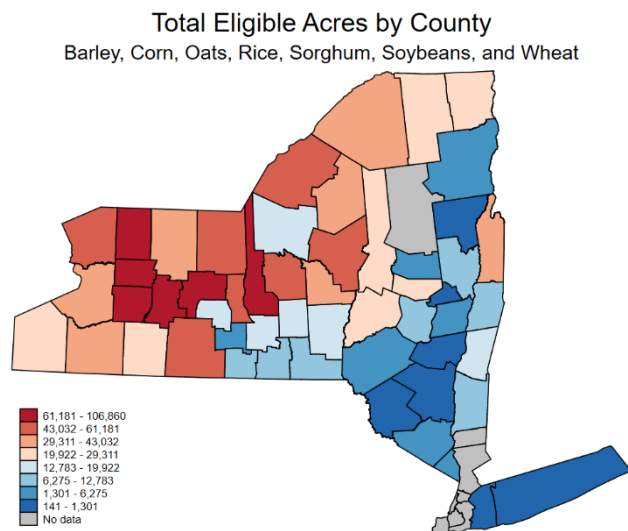
If less than 75% of average gross income of the person or legal entity for the 2020, 2021, and 2022 tax years is derived from farming, ranching, or silviculture activities, total economic assistance payments are capped at \$125,000. Otherwise, total economic assistance payments are capped at \$250,000. These payment limitations are separate from annual payment limitations under any other program. In this article, and due to aggregated nature of the FSA data, we exclude global payment limitations from our analysis.

Table 2: Eligible Acres by Region

County/Region	Barley	Corn	Oats	Rice	Sorghum	Soybeans	Wheat	Subtotal
Capital Region	1,089	60,620	1,563	-	-	10,019	1,302	74,592
Central New York	1,023	145,472	5,180	3	-	64,404	11,134	227,217
Finger Lakes	1,369	319,863	5,121	-	444	168,208	62,761	557,766
Long Island	-	192	26	-	2	-	63	282
Mid-Hudson	32	12,427	352	-	-	4,412	268	17,491
Mohawk Valley	117	90,291	4,234	-	467	29,197	3,102	127,408
North Country	262	143,811	1,983	-	-	26,066	2,771	174,892
Southern Tier	794	94,637	6,802	-	259	19,302	5,348	127,142
Western New York	137	121,650	5,005	-	-	41,671	9,808	178,271
New York State	4,822	988,962	30,266	3	1,172	363,279	96,557	1,485,061

Table 3: Estimated Assistance by Region (\$1,000)

County/Region	Barley	Corn	Oats	Rice	Sorghum	Soybeans	Wheat	Subtotal
Capital Region	23.70	2,576.74	121.34	-	-	295.54	39.95	3,057.28
Central New York	22.27	6,183.48	402.31	0.21	-	1,899.79	341.73	8,849.78
Finger Lakes	29.80	13,596.20	397.70	-	18.90	4,961.81	1,926.26	20,930.67
Long Island	-	8.15	2.02	-	0.07	-	1.93	12.17
Mid-Hudson	0.70	528.22	27.37	-	-	130.14	8.22	694.65
Mohawk Valley	2.55	3,837.93	328.78	-	19.88	861.26	95.22	5,145.62
North Country	5.69	6,112.89	153.99	-	-	768.88	85.04	7,126.49
Southern Tier	17.28	4,022.66	528.25	-	11.04	569.38	164.14	5,312.74
Western New York	2.97	5,170.92	388.66	-	-	1,229.21	301.03	7,092.79
New York State	104.95	42,037.18	2,350.43	0.21	49.89	10,716.02	2,963.51	58,222.19



For the complete report including methodology and breakdowns by county, please see EB 2025-02, available online at <https://dyson.cornell.edu/outreach/extension-bulletins/> .

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