



Application for Farm Aid Disaster Relief Assistance

To Please Read Before Completing Survey:

Please read the application guidelines below and then complete the following application. Be thorough but concise in your responses to the questions. Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers Inc. (FOG) will only use this information for processing applications and verifying eligibility, and for the required reporting to Farm Aid. FOG will not share this information with any other individuals or organizations.

Application Deadline & Process

Applications will be received on a rolling basis and approved as funds allow. For the fastest response, applicants are encouraged to use the following online application. Applications can also be completed by phone interview. Email david@foginfo.org or call 352.377.6345 to set up a phone interview.

Who may apply?

Family farmers in Florida and the U.S. Virgin Islands who fall within the identified disaster declaration area whose farms were affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, and who have suffered hardship as a result are eligible to apply. Funds are reserved for farms that have the highest need. **Farms do not have to be organic to apply!** Please fill out an application even if you have received other assistance, such as through crop insurance or other emergency aid programs.

For the purpose of this program, family farms are defined as farming and/or ranching units that produce food, fiber, silage or forage crops, are recognized as a functioning farm where agricultural production is the primary or substantial means of family income (rural residences that are not farms producing products for sale are not eligible), the family is continually engaged in strategic management and day-to-day operational decisions, and provides a substantial amount of on-site labor to operate the farm.

What is the amount of the payments?

Successful applicants will receive a one-time \$500 emergency relief payment.

What can the funds be used for?

Relief payments are intended as emergency relief only. Use of the funds is restricted to household expenses, such as groceries, home utilities, medical bills, or other household expenses not directly related to the commercial operation of the farm or ranch. The funds may not be used for any business expense or investment.

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Farm Aid Family Farm Disaster Relief Fund Hurricanes IRMA AND MARIA 2017 Facilitated by Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc. (FOG).

Assessment criteria

The criteria by which the applications will be assessed are as follows:

Family farms (please refer to above explanation) within covered geographic area; severity of economic loss caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Application review

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of at least three individuals appointed by FOG, to include FOG representatives, community members, and area farmers. Applications will be reviewed as they are received. The review panel will confirm criteria and need. Checks will be issued to approved applicants within ten days of application receipt.

Application assistance

Please contact David Vaina, david@foginfo.org or 352.377.6345, for assistance with this application.

1. Name of Farmer (person to whom the check will be written, if application is approved:

2. Business Name of Farm: _____

3. Daytime Phone Number: _____

4. Email Address: _____

5. Mailing Address: _____

6. County: _____

7. Physical location (address, city, zip, county) of farm, if different from above or if you operate additional production locations.

8. Is farming your family's sole means of income? If not, estimate the percentage of family income that comes from farming.

9. Please describe your farm – how many acres in production, types of crops/animals, number of people including family members involved, marketing outlets, etc.

10. Provide some brief information about your production practices. Indicate any certifications (USDA Certified Organic, etc.).

11. Briefly describe the impact that the hurricane had on your farm and family.

12. If applicable, please provide information (sources, dates of payments, amounts) on emergency assistance or crop insurance payments that you have received or expect to receive due to the hurricane.

13. Name of Reference

14. Title and Company of Reference

15. Relationship to you.

16. Daytime Phone Number of Reference

17. Email Address of Reference.

By submitting this completed application, you agree to the following statements:

I understand that this application is for a grant of \$500 to be used by me for household expenses, and may not be used for professional expenses related to my farm operation.

I certify that all the information in this application form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If the information in this application form changes, I will inform FOG.

I agree that FOG has the right to validate any information provided and will reclaim any money that has been paid as a result of fraudulent or misleading claims.

18. Name and signature.

19. Date: _____

Please mail application to:

Florida Organic Growers
ATTN: Hurricanes Irma and Maria Relief Project
P.O. Box 12311
Gainesville, FL 32604