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To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to make payments to direct marketing farmers affected by COVID–19, and for other purposes.

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Ms. ADAMS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to make payments to direct marketing farmers affected by COVID–19, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Local and Regional  
5       Farmer and Market Support Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. PAYMENTS FOR DIRECT MARKETING FARMERS AF-**  
7       **FFECTED BY COVID–19.**

8       (a) **FUNDING FOR PAYMENTS.**—

9               (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to paragraph (2), of  
10       the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the

1 Secretary shall use \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year  
2 2020, to remain available until expended, to carry  
3 out payments under this section.

4 (2) RESERVATION FOR SOCIALLY DISADVAN-  
5 TAGED FARMERS OR RANCHERS.—Of the funds  
6 made available under paragraph (1), the Secretary  
7 shall reserve 20 percent for payments to socially dis-  
8 advantaged farmers or ranchers under this section  
9 for fiscal year 2020.

10 (3) AWARD OF PAYMENTS.—The Secretary  
11 shall make all payments under this section not later  
12 than 210 days after the date of the enactment of  
13 this Act.

14 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—

15 (1) APPLICATION.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
17 provide a payment to a covered producer that  
18 submits to the Secretary an application in ac-  
19 cordance with subparagraph (B) demonstrates,  
20 as determined by the Secretary, that—

21 (i) the producer is a covered producer;

22 and

23 (ii) either—

24 (I) the revenue of the covered  
25 producer was reduced by 5 percent or

1 greater during the covered period, as  
2 compared to the benchmark revenue  
3 of the covered producer; or

4 (II) the covered producer has in-  
5 curred increased costs in excess of 5  
6 percent due to the COVID–19 emer-  
7 gency during the covered period.

8 (B) TIMING.—To be eligible to receive a  
9 payment under this section, a covered producer  
10 shall submit to the Secretary an application de-  
11 scribed in subparagraph (A), not later than 120  
12 days after the date of the enactment of this  
13 Act.

14 (2) BENCHMARK REVENUE.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
16 graphs (B) and (C), the benchmark revenue of  
17 a covered producer shall be any 1 calendar year  
18 in the 3 calendar years prior to the first day of  
19 the covered period, as determined by the cov-  
20 ered producer.

21 (B) VERY NEW PRODUCERS.—In the case  
22 of a covered producer that has been in oper-  
23 ation for less than 1 year before the first day  
24 of the covered period, the Secretary shall—

1 (i) determine the benchmark revenue  
2 based on comparable farm operations in  
3 such manner as the Secretary determines  
4 appropriate; and

5 (ii) prorate payments under this sec-  
6 tion.

7 (3) DOCUMENTATION.—For purposes of dem-  
8 onstrating revenue and expenses under this section,  
9 a covered producer or applicant, as applicable, shall  
10 use at least one of the following:

11 (A) Self-certification.

12 (B) Contracts, receipts, or other agree-  
13 ments that document direct sales to consumers,  
14 food service providers, schools, institutions, res-  
15 taurants, retailers, and intermediary businesses  
16 that market locally or regionally branded prod-  
17 ucts.

18 (C) Records of crop year revenue from  
19 2017 through 2019.

20 (D) Tax documents.

21 (E) Other legitimate documents, as deter-  
22 mined by the Secretary.

23 (4) SELF CERTIFICATION LIMITATION.—

24 (A) PAYMENT AMOUNT.—A covered pro-  
25 ducer that demonstrates revenue and expenses

1 using only self-certification may not receive di-  
2 rectly or indirectly a total amount of payments  
3 greater than \$6,000 under this section.

4 (B) VERY NEW PRODUCERS.—A covered  
5 producer that is a very new producer (as de-  
6 scribed in paragraph (2)(B)) may not dem-  
7 onstrate revenue and expenses under paragraph  
8 (3) using self-certification.

9 (5) CROP INSURANCE.—The Secretary may not  
10 condition a payment under this section on participa-  
11 tion in a plan or policy under the Federal Crop In-  
12 surance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) or in the non-  
13 insured crop assistance program under section 196  
14 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform  
15 Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7333).

16 (6) FARM NUMBER.—A covered producer shall  
17 be eligible to receive payments, regardless of whether  
18 such covered producer has a farm number.

19 (c) AMOUNT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2)  
21 and (3), the amount of a payment to a covered pro-  
22 ducer under this section shall be equal to—

23 (A) in the case of a covered producer with  
24 a benchmark revenue of less than \$5,000, 70

1 percent of that benchmark revenue, but in no  
2 case less than \$1,500;

3 (B) in the case of a covered producer with  
4 a benchmark revenue of equal to or greater  
5 than \$5,000 and less than \$10,000, 60 percent  
6 of that benchmark revenue, but in no case less  
7 than \$3,500;

8 (C) in the case of a covered producer with  
9 a benchmark revenue of equal to or greater  
10 than \$10,000 and less than \$25,000, 55 per-  
11 cent of that benchmark revenue, but in no case  
12 less than \$6,000;

13 (D) in the case of a covered producer with  
14 a benchmark revenue of equal to or greater  
15 than \$25,000 and less than \$100,000, 50 per-  
16 cent of that benchmark revenue, but in no case  
17 less than \$13,750;

18 (E) in the case of a covered producer with  
19 a benchmark revenue of equal to or greater  
20 than \$100,000 and less than \$250,000, 40 per-  
21 cent of that benchmark revenue, but in no case  
22 less than \$50,000, and not more than  
23 \$150,000; and

24 (F) in the case of a covered producer with  
25 a benchmark revenue of equal to or greater

1           than \$250,000 and less than \$900,000,  
2           \$150,000.

3           (2) PAYMENT LIMITATION.—The total amount  
4           of payments received under this section by a covered  
5           producer, directly or indirectly, may not exceed  
6           \$150,000.

7           (3) DEDUCTION OF PREVIOUS PAYMENTS.—A  
8           payment made to a covered producer under this sec-  
9           tion shall be reduced by reduced by the amount of  
10          any payments received by such covered producer on  
11          or before August 28, 2020, under the Coronavirus  
12          Food Assistance Program of the Department of Ag-  
13          riculture, as specified in part 9 of title 7, Code of  
14          Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

15          (d) ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME LIMITATION.—A cov-  
16          ered producer may not be eligible to receive a payment  
17          under this section if the average adjusted gross income  
18          of the covered producer exceeds \$900,000.

19          (e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue a rule  
20          to carry out this section not later than 30 days after the  
21          date of the enactment of this Act.

22          (f) TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE PROHIBITION ON  
23          USING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFSET IN CERTAIN CASES.—  
24          During the period beginning on the date of the enactment  
25          of this Act and ending on September 30, 2021, the Sec-

1   retary of Agriculture may not collect any payment made  
2   to a covered producer under this section in satisfaction  
3   of a claim as authorized under section 3716 of title 31,  
4   United States Code.

5       (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

6           (1) BENCHMARK REVENUE.—The term “bench-  
7       mark revenue” means, with respect to a covered pro-  
8       ducer, the revenue for the 1-year period selected  
9       under section 3(b)(2).

10          (2) COVERED PERIOD.—The term “covered pe-  
11       riod” means the period beginning on January 31,  
12       2020, and ending on that date on which the declara-  
13       tion referred to in paragraph (4) (and any renewal  
14       thereof) terminates.

15          (3) COVERED PRODUCER.—

16           (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “covered pro-  
17       ducer” means a farmer, livestock producer,  
18       shellfish grower, or other producer who derives  
19       at least 25 percent of total farm income from  
20       any combination of the following direct mar-  
21       keting arrangement in which the producer sells  
22       to:

23           (i) The final consumer such as  
24       through farmers’ markets, community



1 sponsored agriculture programs, farm  
2 stands, or online sales.

3 (ii) Retailers including supermarkets,  
4 supercenters, restaurants, caterers, inde-  
5 pendent grocery stores, and food coopera-  
6 tives.

7 (iii) Institutions such as schools, col-  
8 leges, universities, hospitals, as well as  
9 intermediary business such as wholesalers  
10 distributors, food hubs.

11 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “covered  
12 producer” does not include livestock or poultry  
13 integrators, processors, or other business enti-  
14 ties relating to livestock and poultry production  
15 that do not raise livestock or poultry.

16 (4) COVID–19 EMERGENCY.—The term  
17 “COVID–19 emergency” means the public health  
18 emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and  
19 Human Services under section 319 of the Public  
20 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on January  
21 31, 2020, with respect to COVID–19.

22 (5) REVENUE.—The term “revenue”, with re-  
23 spect to a covered producer, means total farm rev-  
24 enue, including revenue derived from agritourism ac-  
25 tivities conducted by a covered producer.

1           (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2           the Secretary of Agriculture.

3           (7) SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMER OR  
4           RANCHER.—The term “socially disadvantaged farm-  
5           er or rancher” has the meaning given the term in  
6           section 2501(a) of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-  
7           tion, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279(a)).

8           (8) FARM NUMBER.—The term “farm number”  
9           has the meaning given the term in section 718.2 of  
10          title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on  
11          the date of enactment of this Act).

12 **SEC. 3. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR FARMERS AND**  
13 **FARMERS’ MARKETS.**

14          (a) COVID–19 EMERGENCY MARKET RESPONSE  
15 GRANTS.—Section 210A of the Agricultural Marketing  
16 Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1627c)—

17           (1) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the  
18           following:

19           “(7) COVID–19 EMERGENCY MARKET RE-  
20           SPONSE GRANTS.—

21           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
22           award to eligible entities described in para-  
23           graphs (5)(B) and (6)(B) emergency grants to  
24           develop new or alternative marketing projects to  
25           respond to the COVID–19 pandemic.

1           “(B) REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS.—Not  
2 later than 30 days after the date of the enact-  
3 ment of the Local and Regional Farmer and  
4 Market Support Act, the Secretary shall issue a  
5 request for proposals for grants under subpara-  
6 graph (A).

7           “(C) APPLICATION.—Eligible entities seek-  
8 ing a grant under this paragraph shall submit  
9 to the Secretary an application at such time  
10 and in such manner as the Secretary shall re-  
11 quire. Such application shall contain—

12                   “(i) in the case of an eligible entity  
13 described in paragraph (5)(B)—

14                           “(I) a description of how the en-  
15 terprises of such eligible entity has  
16 been impacted by COVID–19; and

17                           “(II) a narrative explaining how  
18 the eligible entity proposes to use  
19 grant funding to respond to the im-  
20 pacts of COVID–19 and to create or  
21 increase marketing opportunities for  
22 value-added agricultural products;

23                   “(ii) in the case of eligible entities de-  
24 scribed in paragraph (6)(B)—

1           “(I) a description of how local  
2           and regional food markets and enter-  
3           prises served by such eligible entities  
4           have been impacted by COVID–19;  
5           and

6           “(II) a narrative explaining how  
7           the applicant proposes to use grant  
8           funding to respond to the impacts of  
9           COVID–19 on local and regional food  
10          markets or enterprises and to facili-  
11          tate marketing and sales of agricul-  
12          tural products to consumers; and

13          “(iii) such other information as the  
14          Secretary may require.

15          “(D) PRIORITY.—

16                 “(i) VALUE-ADDED PRODUCER PRO-  
17                 GRAM PRIORITY.—

18                         “(I) IN GENERAL.—In making  
19                         grants under this paragraph to eligi-  
20                         ble entities described in paragraph  
21                         (5)(B), the Secretary shall give pri-  
22                         ority to applications submitted by an  
23                         eligible entity that is—

24                                 “(aa) a socially disadvan-  
25                                 tagged farmer or rancher (as de-

1                    fined in section 2501(a) of the  
2                    Food, Agriculture, Conservation,  
3                    and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.  
4                    2279(a)); or

5                    “(bb) a minority business  
6                    enterprise.

7                    “(II) HIGHEST PRIORITY.—In  
8                    giving priority under clause (i), the  
9                    Secretary shall give highest priority to  
10                  eligible entities that provide the great-  
11                  est contribution to preserving, cre-  
12                  ating, or increasing opportunities for  
13                  socially disadvantaged farmers or  
14                  ranchers.

15                  “(ii) FARMERS’ MARKETS AND LOCAL  
16                  FOOD PROMOTION PROGRAM PRIORITY.—

17                  “(I) IN GENERAL.—In making  
18                  grants under this paragraph to eligi-  
19                  ble entities described in paragraph  
20                  (6)(B), the Secretary shall give pri-  
21                  ority to applications submitted by an  
22                  eligible entity that is a minority busi-  
23                  ness enterprise.

24                  “(II) HIGHEST PRIORITY.—In  
25                  giving priority under clause (ii), the

1 Secretary shall give highest priority to  
2 eligible entities that—

3 “(aa) primarily serve a com-  
4 munity of color or a low-income  
5 community; and

6 “(bb) provide the greatest  
7 contribution to preserving, cre-  
8 ating, or increasing market op-  
9 portunities for socially disadvan-  
10 taged farmers or ranchers.

11 “(E) MATCHING REQUIREMENT INAPPLI-  
12 CABILITY.—The Secretary may not require an  
13 eligible entity receiving a grant under this para-  
14 graph to provide matching funds (in any form)  
15 with respect to the Federal portion of the  
16 grant.

17 “(F) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

18 “(i) COMMUNITY OF COLOR.—The  
19 term ‘community of color’ means a geo-  
20 graphically distinct area in which the pop-  
21 ulation of any of the following categories of  
22 individuals is higher than the average pop-  
23 ulations of that category for the State in  
24 which the community is located:

25 “(I) Black.

1 “(II) African American.

2 “(III) Alaska Native.

3 “(IV) Asian.

4 “(V) Hispanic.

5 “(VI) Latino.

6 “(VII) Native Hawaiian.

7 “(VIII) Pacific Islander.

8 “(IX) Other non-White race.

9 “(ii) LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY.—The  
10 term ‘low-income community’ means any  
11 census block group in which 30 percent or  
12 more of the population are individuals with  
13 an annual household income equal to, or  
14 less than, the greater of—

15 “(I) an amount equal to 80 per-  
16 cent of the median income of the area  
17 in which the household is located, as  
18 reported by the Department of Hous-  
19 ing and Urban Development; and

20 “(II) 200 percent of the poverty  
21 line (as defined in section 673(2) of  
22 the Community Services Block Grant  
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)), including  
24 any revision required by such section).

1           “(iii) MINORITY.—The term ‘minority’  
2           means any individual who is a citizen of  
3           the United States and who is a member of  
4           a group specified in any of subclauses (I)  
5           through (IX) of clause (i).

6           “(iv) MINORITY BUSINESS ENTER-  
7           PRISE.—The term ‘minority business en-  
8           terprise’ means an eligible entity specified  
9           in paragraph (6)(B) or (5)(B)(ii) which is  
10          at least 51-percent owned or controlled by  
11          a minority or group of minorities.”; and

12          (2) in subsection (i), by adding at the end the  
13          following:

14          “(4) COVID–19 EMERGENCY MARKET RE-  
15          SPONSE GRANTS.—

16                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds of the  
17                 Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary  
18                 shall use to make grants under subsection  
19                 (d)(7)—

20                         “(i) \$25,000,000, for grants to eligi-  
21                         ble entities described in paragraph (5)(B),  
22                         to remain available until expended; and

23                         “(ii) \$25,000,000, for grants to eligi-  
24                         ble entities described in paragraph (6)(B),  
25                         to remain available until expended.



1           “(B) RESERVATION OF FUNDS.—Of the  
2 funds made available under subparagraph  
3 (A)—

4           “(i) in the case of funds made avail-  
5 able to make grants to eligible entities de-  
6 scribed in paragraph (5)(B), 20 percent  
7 shall be reserved for grants awarded to eli-  
8 gible entities described in subsection  
9 (d)(7)(D)(i); and

10           “(ii) in the case of funds made avail-  
11 able to make grants to eligible entities de-  
12 scribed in paragraph (6)(B), 20 percent  
13 shall be reserved for grants to entities  
14 specified in subsection (d)(7)(D)(ii).

15           “(C) AWARD OF ALL GRANTS.—The Sec-  
16 retary shall award all available funds for grants  
17 under subsection (d)(7) not later than 180 days  
18 after the date of the enactment of the Local  
19 and Regional Farmer and Market Support  
20 Act.”.

21           (b) MATCHING FUNDS WAIVER.—Section 210A(d) of  
22 the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C.  
23 1627c(d)), as amended by subsection (a), is further  
24 amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (5), by amending subpara-  
2 graph (E) to read as follows:

3           “(E) MATCHING FUNDS.—

4           “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause  
5 (ii), an eligible entity described in subpara-  
6 graph (B) receiving a grant shall provide  
7 matching funds in the form of cash or an  
8 in-kind contribution in an amount that is  
9 equal to 25 percent of the total amount of  
10 the Federal portion of the grant.

11           “(ii) COVID–19 EMERGENCY FLEXI-  
12 BILITIES.—The matching funds require-  
13 ments under clause (i) shall not apply with  
14 respect to grants awarded during fiscal  
15 year 2020 through 2022.”; and

16           (2) in paragraph (6), by amending subpara-  
17 graph (E) to read as follows:

18           “(E) MATCHING FUNDS.—

19           “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause  
20 (ii), an eligible entity described in subpara-  
21 graph (B) receiving a grant shall provide  
22 matching funds in the form of cash or an  
23 in-kind contribution in an amount that is  
24 equal to 25 percent of the total amount of  
25 the Federal portion of the grant.

1           “(ii) COVID–19 EMERGENCY FLEXI-  
2           BILITIES.—The matching funds require-  
3           ments under clause (i) shall not apply with  
4           respect to grants awarded during fiscal  
5           year 2020 through 2022.”.

6           (c) COVID–19 EMERGENCY EXCEPTION.—Section  
7           210A(d) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7  
8           U.S.C. 1627c(d)) is amended—

9           (1) in paragraph (5)(D)—

10           (A) in clause (i), by striking “clause (ii)”  
11           and inserting “clauses (ii) and (iii)”; and

12           (B) by adding at the end the following:

13           “(iii) COVID–19 EMERGENCY EXCEP-  
14           TION.—An eligible entity described in sub-  
15           paragraph (B) may use a grant received  
16           during any of fiscal years 2020 through  
17           2022 for market rebuilding expenses in-  
18           curred as a result of the COVID–19 pan-  
19           demic, including the purchase or construc-  
20           tion of a building, general purpose equip-  
21           ment, or structure.”; and

22           (2) in paragraph (6)(D)—

23           (A) in clause (i), by striking “clause (ii)”  
24           and inserting “clauses (ii) and (iii)”; and

25           (B) by adding at the end the following:

1                   “(iii) COVID–19 EMERGENCY EXCEP-  
2                   TION.—An eligible entity described in sub-  
3                   paragraph (B) may use a grant received  
4                   during any of fiscal years 2020 through  
5                   2022 for market rebuilding expenses in-  
6                   curred as a result of the COVID–19 pan-  
7                   demic, including the purchase or construc-  
8                   tion of a building, general purpose equip-  
9                   ment, or structure.”.

10 **SEC. 4. EQUITY IN EMERGENCY TRAINING AND OUTREACH.**

11           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2501 of the Food, Agri-  
12           culture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.  
13           2279) is amended by adding at the end the following:

14           “(m) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—

15                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make  
16                   grants to, or enter into cooperative agreements or  
17                   contracts with, eligible entities specified in sub-  
18                   sections (c)(1) and (d)(3) to provide training, out-  
19                   reach, and technical assistance on operations, fi-  
20                   nancing, and marketing to beginning farmers and  
21                   ranchers, socially disadvantaged farmers and ranch-  
22                   ers, and veteran farmers and ranchers, including to  
23                   aid producers in, and securing documentation for,  
24                   applying for assistance under section 2 of the Local  
25                   and Regional Farmer and Market Support Act.

1 “(2) DEADLINES.—

2 “(A) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.—Not  
3 later than 30 days after the date of the enact-  
4 ment of the Local and Regional Farmer and  
5 Market Support Act, the Secretary shall issue a  
6 request for proposals for the grants described in  
7 paragraph (1).

8 “(B) SELECTION.—Not later than 90 days  
9 after the date of the enactment of the Local  
10 and Regional Farmer and Market Support Act,  
11 the Secretary shall, pursuant to the request for  
12 proposals under subparagraph (A), select eligi-  
13 ble entities to receive grants under paragraph  
14 (1).

15 “(C) AWARD OF ALL GRANTS.—The Sec-  
16 retary shall award all grants under this sub-  
17 section not later than 135 days after the date  
18 of the enactment of the Local and Regional  
19 Farmer and Market Support Act.

20 “(3) PRIORITY.—In making grants and enter-  
21 ing into contracts and other agreements under para-  
22 graph (1), the Secretary shall give priority—

23 “(A) in the case of eligible entities speci-  
24 fied in subsection (c)(1), to nongovernmental  
25 and community-based organizations—

1           “(i) with an expertise in working with  
2           socially disadvantaged farmers and ranch-  
3           ers; and

4           “(ii) that are at least 51-percent  
5           owned or controlled by a minority (as de-  
6           fined in section 210A(d)(7) of the Agricul-  
7           tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C.  
8           1627c(d)(7))) or a group of minorities; and

9           “(B) in the case of eligible entities speci-  
10          fied in subsection (d)(3), to partnerships and  
11          collaborations that are led by or include non-  
12          governmental, community-based organizations  
13          and school-based educational organizations—

14           “(i) with expertise in new agricultural  
15           producer training and outreach; and

16           “(ii) that are at least 51-percent  
17           owned or controlled by a minority or a  
18           group of minorities.

19          “(4) FUNDING.—

20           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds of the  
21          Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary  
22          shall use to carry out this subsection,  
23          \$50,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
24          pended.

1           “(B) MATCHING FUNDS APPLICABILITY.—  
2           The Secretary may not require a recipient of a  
3           grant under this subsection to provide any non-  
4           Federal matching funds.”.

5           (b) TERMS OF GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREE-  
6           MENTS TO SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED AND VETERAN  
7           FARMERS AND RANCHERS.—Section 2501(c)(4)(E) of the  
8           Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990  
9           (7 U.S.C. 2279(c)(4)(E)) is amended to read as follows:

10           “(E) MAXIMUM TERM AND AMOUNT OF  
11           GRANT, CONTRACT, OR AGREEMENT.—

12           “(i) IN GENERAL.—A grant, contract,  
13           or agreement entered into under subpara-  
14           graph (A) shall—

15           “(I) be for a term of not longer  
16           than 3 years; and

17           “(II) provide not more than  
18           \$250,000 for each year.

19           “(ii) EXTENSION.—The Secretary  
20           may extend the term of any grant, con-  
21           tract, or agreement entered into under  
22           subparagraph (A) by not more than one  
23           year if the entity receiving such grant or  
24           entering into such cooperative agreement is  
25           unable to complete a project or activity

1 supported using grant funds over the origi-  
2 nal term of the grant.”.

3 (c) TERMS OF GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREE-  
4 MENTS TO BEGINNING FARMERS AND RANCHERS.—Sec-  
5 tion 2501(d)(4) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation,  
6 and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279(d)(4)) is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 “(4) TERMS OF GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE  
9 AGREEMENTS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A grant or cooperative  
11 agreement under this subsection shall—

12 “(i) be for a term of not longer than  
13 3 years; and

14 “(ii) provide not more than \$250,000  
15 for each year.

16 “(B) EXTENSION.—The Secretary may ex-  
17 tend the term of any grant or cooperative  
18 agreement by not more than one year if the en-  
19 tity receiving such grant or entering into such  
20 cooperative agreement is unable to complete a  
21 project or activity supported using grant funds  
22 over the original term of the grant.”.

23 (d) MATCHING FUNDS INAPPLICABILITY.—Section  
24 2501(d)(5) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and



1 Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279(d)(5)) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 “(5) MATCHING FUNDS INAPPLICABILITY.—

4 With respect to grants awarded under this sub-  
5 section for each of fiscal years 2020, 2021, and  
6 2022, the Secretary may not require an eligible enti-  
7 ty receiving a grant under this paragraph to provide  
8 matching funds (in any form) with respect to the  
9 Federal portion of the grant.”.

10 **SEC. 5. CORONAVIRUS FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PAY-**  
11 **MENT REPORTS.**

12 Beginning not later than 60 days after the date of  
13 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture  
14 shall include in the weekly payment reports issued by the  
15 Secretary with respect to the Coronavirus Food Assistance  
16 Program, the following farm and demographic information  
17 with respect to payments made under such program and  
18 under section 2 of this Act:

19 (1) The number of unique applications received  
20 and the number of such applications approved,  
21 disaggregated by State.

22 (2) The number of entities applying for and re-  
23 ceiving payments under section 2 that reported their  
24 sales through the direct marketing arrangements de-

1 scribed in subsection (d)(3)(A) of such section, for  
2 whom such payments equal—

3 (A) 25 percent or greater but less than 50  
4 percent of total annual farm income;

5 (B) 50 percent or greater but less than 75  
6 percent of total annual farm income; and

7 (C) greater than 75 percent of total annual  
8 farm income.

9 (3) Scale of operation (both total acres and  
10 gross sales).

11 (4) Whether the entity receiving the payment—

12 (A) is a beginning farmer or rancher (as  
13 defined in section 2501(a) of the Food, Agri-  
14 culture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990  
15 (7 U.S.C. 2279(a)));

16 (B) is a socially disadvantaged farmer or  
17 rancher (as defined in such section 2501(a)); or

18 (C) has been certified as a certified organic  
19 farm or each certified organic handling oper-  
20 ation pursuant to the Organic Foods Produc-  
21 tion Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.).

22 **SEC. 6. REGULATIONS.**

23 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-  
24 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall make

1 interim final rules to carry out this Act (and the amend-  
2 ments made by this Act).

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