CORONAVIRUS FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CFAP)
THE CARES ACT QUICK TAKES - UPDATE

What is CFAP?
A $16 billion dollar USDA direct aid program for agriculture producers impacted by COVID, including some aquaculture operations.

Which kinds of aquaculture are eligible for CFAP funds?
Shrimp, crawfish, salmon, and trout are explicitly included by the regulations. The USDA has also issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to solicit information for purposes of determining which other species may be eligible. Only operations that raise species (1) in closed systems on land and (2) experienced a decrease in price of 5% or more between January and April 2020 may receive CFAP funds. Open water aquaculture operations are instead eligible for NOAA’s fishery participants funds.

What should I know about submitting a response to the NOFA?
Information submitted will be public record, so interested aquaculture operations may want to consider reaching out to their trade association to aggregate and submit data. USDA is also interested in data for species that are not eligible for CFAP, such as oysters.

What is the deadline for responding to the NOFA?
NOAA will consider all data and comments submitted by June 22nd.

For the revised NOFA and more information visit: https://bit.ly/3cSW0e5