

Additional Information Regarding the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

New video on Paycheck Protection Program: Here is a link to a 30-minute interview with Rachel Armstrong, Executive Director of Farm Commons, on the PPP. <https://farms.extension.wisc.edu/ppp-what-farmers-need-to-know-video/>

Updated article with more specific details on the PPP: <https://farms.extension.wisc.edu/ppp-and-farmers/>

Note: Farmers who don't have employees may still be interested in this program because self-employed and independent contractors have the opportunity to apply to the program beginning April 10th. The question for the self-employed is how do they document their monthly income? Many farms did not have a profitable 2019, so their Schedule F might not be helpful documentation. But if there is some documentation on monthly disbursements (sometimes called "draws"), or if they receive guaranteed payments from their LLC, that might be a start.

The main advice: Speak to your current lender to see if they are working with SBA on the PPP. And if they aren't, reach out to the Farm Credit Service or other lenders who are working with this program. And ask about documentation needs and the application process.

Important Resources for Managing a farm during the pandemic can be found at:

UW Extension Farm Management - [Managing a farm during COVID-19](#)

Finances

[Managing COVID-19 instigated risk on dairy the farm](#) Planning for what risks may be immediate versus in the next week or months.

[Families First Coronavirus Recovery Act: Legal Obligations for Farms with Employees during COVID-19](#) This document provides information to farms with employees to help them understand this new law.

Planning to ensure farm continuation

[Planning for a Labor Disruption](#) This guide is meant to help you develop proper plans to deal with labor disruptions. [What's Your Staffing Plan if COVID-19 Hits Your Farm?](#) Tips on how to build a plan should any of your employees, key team leaders, or you yourself fall ill

Maintaining a safe workplace

[COVID-19 Guidance for Farm Employers](#) Farms have unique challenges with the rapidly spreading COVID-19. UW-Madison Extension experts provide tips for farm employers about communicating COVID-19 protocol to employees. In Spanish: [Información para empleadores agrícolas durante la pandemia de COVID-19](#) (Video being posted today)

Find more resources on the following topics:

- [Finances](#)
- [Social distancing protocol on farms](#)
- [Planning to ensure farm continuation](#)
- [Maintaining a safe workplace](#)
- [Learn the facts about COVID-19](#)
- YouTube: [Extension Agriculture COVID19 Response](#)

Managing a Farm During COVID19 (ag specific page) <https://farms.extension.wisc.edu/coronavirus/>

Extension Response to COVID19 (main page) <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/covid19/>