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Dear NUID Patrons,

The Oregon Department of Agriculture has \$40M available for farmers and ranchers recovering from natural disasters that occurred in 2021. <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/agriculture/Pages/DroughtDisaster.aspx>.

The fund is structured as a forgivable loan and is intended to fill gaps in other federal assistance programs. Farmers and ranchers can apply by contacting one of the lending institutions below. **Applications are due June 3.** Here are a few program highlights as taken from the ODA web page:

The Oregon Disaster Assistance Program (ODAP) calculates assistance for eligible farmers and ranchers in Oregon on lost gross farm income.

- ODAP is based on tax filing from 2017, 2018, and 2019 to establish a three-year baseline of what a producer could have reasonably expected in farm income without disaster impacts. Using producers 2021 gross farm income, the difference between 2021 income and the three-year baseline is considered loss due to natural disasters.
- The maximum assistance is \$125,000 or 90% of the three-year baseline. Producers who meet the USDA definition of a historically underserved producer or has less than \$350,000 in gross income may qualify for maximum assistance is \$150,000 or 95% of the three-year baseline.

ODAP payments are intended to extend financial support to help producers remain solvent and continue to produce Oregon quality products for years to come. Assistance will be forgiven unless the producer receives assistance under ODAP and certain USDA FSA disaster assistance. USDA FSA disaster assistance will be reported back for redetermination for any repayment or forgiveness.

Official applications will be provided by one of the lenders, however, a sample application may be downloaded for reference purposes.

Program details

- [Oregon Disaster Assistance Program background and requirements](#)
- [Antecedentes y Requisitos del Programa ODAP](#)

Application process



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To help reduce access barriers, ODAP will be administered by banks and credit unions who are familiar with agriculture.

Applications will be available until June 3, 2022, when assistance will begin to be processed. Based on available funds, ODAP may conduct a second round of applications.

Lenders who are accepting applications beginning on May 9:

- [Umpqua Bank \(branch locations\)](#)
- [Columbia Bank \(branch locations\)](#)
- [Bank of Eastern Oregon \(branch locations\)](#)
- [Old West Federal Credit Union \(branch locations\)](#)

Please contact Caprielle Lewis (see below) or the NUID Website for additional information.

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Respectfully,

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