

Farmer Bridge Assistance Program – USDA Released Rates

The USDA has released official payment rates for the Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) Program, which provides one-time payments to eligible producers to help offset losses caused by weak markets, high input costs, and trade disruptions. Payments will be calculated using 2025 planted acres reported to the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

USDA payment rates for key Arkansas Commodities:

- Corn: \$44.36 per acre
- Soybeans: \$30.88 per acre
- Wheat: \$39.35 per acre
- Rice: \$132.89 per acre
- Cotton: \$117.35 per acre
- Sorghum: \$48.11 per acre
- Peanuts: \$55.65 per acre

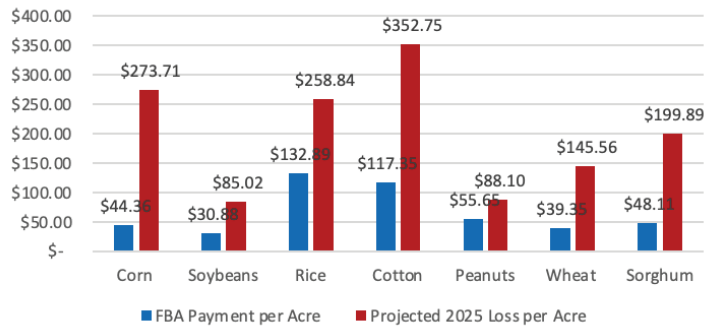
For example, a 1,000-acre rice farm eligible for the program at the USDA rate of \$132.89 per acre would receive approximately \$132,890 in a one-time FBA payment.

Based on Arkansas Farm Bureau and University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Extension estimates, many Arkansas farmers are operating at negative margins. While the Farmer Bridge Assistance payment will not make producers whole, it will help offset a portion of losses and may be critical in allowing farmers to remain in operation and continue producing crops for the 2026 season.

Specialty Crops

\$1 billion of the \$12 billion assistance package is reserved for specialty crops, with payment rates and eligibility details still under development.

Farmer Bridge Assistance Payments vs Projected 2025 Losses



Additional Details

- Payments are based on 2025 planted acres, USDA cost-of-production data, and current market conditions.
- Double-cropped acres are eligible; prevent-plant acres are not.
- Crop insurance participation is not required for FBA eligibility, though USDA encourages producers to consider available risk management tools.

Find more information on the program and eligibility at the USDA FSA [website](#).



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