



Oregon Disaster Assistance Payment Program (ODAP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Where can I get an application?

- A. Official ODAP applications will be made available through a participating financial institution. You can find sample versions in both English and Spanish on ODA's website: oda.direct/odap

When will the applications be accepted?

- A. The participating financial institutions are accepting ODAP applications May 9 - June 3, 2022. **The second round of applications will be open from June 21 - July 19.**

When will I receive the funds?

- A. Fund distribution will start approximately two weeks after the June 3, 2022, application **deadline and two weeks after the July 19 deadline. Applicants with the highest loss of income will be prioritized.**

Is my bank participating?

- A. Financial institutions must sign up to administer ODAP applications. You can find the list of participating financial institutions on ODA's website: <https://oda.direct/odap>. If additional financial institutions sign up, ODA will update the list.

What type of documentation do I need?

- A. The ODAP application uses tax information related to income from farming and ranching activities in Oregon. All applicants shall provide proof of income and/or expenses by providing copies of applicable tax documents. Applicants may attach the ODAP Independent Income/Expense Verification Form as an alternative for providing tax documents.

How does the livestock expense option work?

- A. Through public comment, the ODAP program recognized there are excessive expenses due to natural disasters for the immediate preservation of livestock health and safety. Livestock producers will be able to deduct the difference from a three-year baseline of livestock expenses and their 2021 livestock expense from their 2021 gross farm income for eligible purposes. Livestock expenses are the aggregate of IRS Form Schedule F lines 16, 18, 19, 24b, 26, and 31 or the equivalent for IRS 1120 filers or Indian Tribes.

How do federal disaster relief payments affect my ODAP award?

- A. Only funds received under the *Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 117-43)* impact the ODAP program. If you received funds

before you applied for the ODAP program, those funds should be added to your 2021 Income to determine your ODAP award. If you receive these funds after applying for the ODAP program, you will need to return to the bank to determine if your ODAP award can be forgiven.

Below is a link to the FSA webpage that describes FSA programs under *Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 117-43)*.

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/emergency-relief/index>

What if I didn't farm in one or more of the years used to establish my baseline?

- A. If you did not farm or ranch in 2017, 2018, or 2019, use your 2020 farm income as a substitute. If you didn't farm in 2020 or you did not farm in multiple years, you can use the National Agricultural Static Service ("NASS") data to determine an income amount. The NASS estimation data sheet is available on the ODA website at <https://oda.direct/odap>.

How does ODAP apply to grass seed or other crops not sold in the same year they are produced?

- A. The ODAP program was established by legislation as first-of-its-kind, state-level disaster assistance for emergency losses in 2021. Producers whose business model may not have all realized losses reflected in their 2021 income are still encouraged to apply. Contact your local FSA Office for additional assistance opportunities.

I farmed more land in 2021 than in previous years, which increased my income in 2021, but I still suffered significant damage in 2021?

- A. The ODAP program was established by legislation as a first-of-its-kind state disaster assistance for losses in 2021 compared to a 3-year baseline. Producers whose businesses grew or changed over the set periods are still encouraged to apply. Contact your local FSA Office for additional assistance opportunities.

I do not farm enough to qualify for ODAP or FSA assistance?

- A. Small farms may qualify for a grant under the Oregon Community Food System Network, for details check the link: <https://ocfsn.org/disaster-relief-grant>

Do I wait to apply for FSA after I apply for ODAP?

- A. You can apply for FSA programs at any time FSA is accepting applications. The ODAP program is flexible and can accommodate you if you file before or after applying for the ODAP program. FSA application periods are generally short, so apply when they are available.

What FSA documents do I need?

- A. We need to know how much money you received or will receive under FSA programs funded by the *Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 117-43)*. You can find a description of these programs on USDA's

website: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/emergency-relief/index>.
Work with your FSA representative to provide documentation that shows the amount of funds you received and any additional funds you will receive.

Scenario Examples

When do I use the ODAP Independent Income/Expense Verification form?

- A. The independent verification form is preferred for all ODAP applications. If you use the independent verification form, you do not need to provide copies of your tax documents to the financial institution. The independent verification form is especially useful and may be required by the financial institution, if you do not file an IRS Schedule F.

What tax documents do I need to provide to the financial institution?

- A. If you complete the ODAP Independent Income/Expense Verification form, you do not need to provide any financial or tax documentation for the application.

If you file an IRS Form Schedule F, you will need to provide copies of your filed 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2021 forms. You may also need copies of your 2020 Schedule F if you use your 2020 income in the baseline determination. The financial institution may also require a copy of the signed 1040 or your complete tax return for the applicable year.

If you are a business entity that files an IRS Form 1120 or 1120-S, you will need to provide those forms in place of the Schedule F. If the corporation includes non-farm income on the IRS Form 1120 or 1120-S, you will need to show only the income from your farming or ranching activities. If this is the case, the Financial Institution may require you to complete the ODAP Independent Income/Expense Verification form.

What do I do if I didn't farm in 2017, 2018, or 2019?

- A. You can use your 2020 income in place of the farm income for one of the above years. If you didn't farm in 2 or more years, you will use the NASS table provided on the ODAP website to establish your baseline income.

My 2020 farm income was better than my income in 2017, 2018, or 2019. Can I use it in place of one of those years?

- A. You can only use your 2020 farm income if you didn't farm in one of the above years.

I recently bought or inherited the farm; do I qualify under the ODAP program?

- A. If you owned and paid taxes on the farm in 2021, you qualify for the ODAP program. To establish the baseline income, you will need either:
- the previous operations' tax documents, providing the operation remains substantially similar by the primary business code reported on the tax documents, or
 - the NASS data found on the ODAP website to complete the baseline income data.

For example, if you inherited the entire family farm and rotated crops in 2021, if that is part of the normal operations of the farm, you can use your parent's Schedule F's to establish the baseline income. If you purchased a dairy, but you only farmed alfalfa in 2021, you cannot use the prior owner's Schedule F's to establish the baseline income. If you purchased ¼ of a neighbor's farm, you could not use ¼ of the neighbor's Schedule F's.

I have two major crops. How do I account for each?

- A. The ODAP program is not crop-specific, and it only uses the total farm income from the applicable years to determine your award amount. For reporting the NAICS code, you use the primary business activity code for tax filing purposes.