

Specialty Crops Acreage Reporting Deadline Extended to April 24

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced the reopening of the 2025 crop acreage reporting period for specialty crop producers. This extension applies to producers who are interested in applying for the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers (ASCF) program. Eligible specialty crop producers now have until April 24, 2026, to report their 2025 acreage.

According to the USDA announcement, the ASCF program is designed to provide financial relief to eligible specialty crops and sugar commodity producers. Payments will come as one-time bridge payments and are intended to support producers not covered under the previously announced Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) program.

Producers are encouraged to contact their [local FSA county office](#) for assistance in completing or updating their acreage reports ahead of the new deadline. Additional information about eligible specialty crops and program requirements can be found through the [USDA FSA webpage](#) announcing the extension.

Michigan producers are also encouraged to explore resources through the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). For more information on MDARD grant opportunities, visit the [Grants & Funding Opportunities web page](#). MDARD's Farm to Family Program is creating more opportunities to connect growers and farmers with local markets. To learn about the program's progress, visit the [Farm to Family web page](#). Plus, improving outcomes by addressing inputs is the main focus of MDARD's [Regenerative Agriculture Program](#).

MDARD is here to improve quality of life for all Michiganders – that starts with supporting our state's second largest industry. [Visit MDARD's website](#) to learn more about everything the agency offers.