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Awards Issued to Over 43,000 Applicants Through the Discrimination Financial Assistance Program

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Today, the Biden-Harris Administration announced that decisions and awards have been issued to eligible applicants under the Inflation Reduction Act's Discrimination Financial Assistance Program (DFAP).

John Zippert, Board Chair of Rural Coalition, shared: "We thank President Joe Biden, Secretary Vilsack at USDA, and the staff at USDA for completing the evaluation of all of the 58,000 applications for DFAP earlier than expected and prior to the schedule originally announced. We are also grateful to the United States Congress for passing the Inflation Reduction Act, which made these awards possible. We are pleased that over 43,000 individuals are going to receive a financial award in acknowledgement of the discrimination against them."

We will have further comments as farmers we serve receive their notifications of results from this process.

"Farmers and ranchers work around the clock to put food on our tables and steward our Nation's land. But for too long, many farmers and ranchers experienced discrimination in farm loan programs and have not had the same access to federal resources and support," said President Joe Biden when announcing the long awaited awards. "I promised to address this inequity when I became President. Today that promise has become a reality. My Inflation Reduction Act took a bold step to address the effects of discrimination in farming and ranching, and today's action will enable more farmers and ranchers to support themselves and their families, help grow the economy, and pursue their dreams."

USDA says that decisions will not be made available to applicants via the National Call Center or the online application portal until August 6th, 2024, so we urge applicants to keep a close eye on their mailboxes to ensure receipt of their decisions and possible awards. Rural Coalition also urges all applicants to sign up for [Informed Delivery](#) through the United States Postal Service, to ensure receipt of their decisions and help prevent theft.

As we await the receipt of awards, Rural Coalition remains available to DFAP applicants who have questions and/or concerns.

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The Rural Coalition/Coalición Rural is an alliance of farmers, farmworkers, indigenous, migrant and working people working together since 1978 toward a new society that values unity, hope, people, and the land. Rural Coalition/Coalición Rural members share the belief that rural communities everywhere can have a better future and that community-based organizations who have long served the needs of rural communities and people have a fundamental role in building that future. Investments in their work will provide important returns to our economy, our environment, and our society.