

Pandemic Response and Safety Grant Program

Round One: Eligible Industry Groups

Small Business Size Standards by NAICS for Eligible Industries

The Pandemic Response and Safety (PRS) Grant Program provides grants to food processors, distributors, and producers that meet small business size standards and farmers markets.

In general, the Small Business Administration (SBA) size standards define whether a business entity is small and, thus, eligible for Government programs and preferences reserved for “small business” concerns. Size standards have been established for types of economic activity, or industry, generally under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For the purpose of PRS, the small business size qualifications for the eligible industries with NAICS codes align with the SBA guidelines except for specialty crop producers, where SBA set the threshold for all agriculture producers, regardless of specific production segment, at \$1 million. USDA’s analysis of operations producing specialty crops showed that the high value crops meant that a higher revenue level was needed to support a small full-time operation than agricultural producers in general. USDA therefore set the eligibility threshold for specialty crop small business producers at \$5 million. To see a list of agricultural products classified as specialty crops, please visit <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp/specialty-crop>. A similar review of aquaculture, finfish farming, and shellfish farming operations suggests that this analysis would also be applicable to those operations. Because of similarities, the small business threshold for aquaculture, farmed finfish, and farmed shellfish producers is set at \$5 million. Visit the United States Census Bureau (www.census.gov/naics) for more information about NAICS code industry descriptions.

Industries included detailed below are eligible to apply for the first round of PRS grant funds. The number of employees or annual receipts indicates the maximum allowed for a concern and its affiliates to be considered small. An operation that could be classified under more than one NAICS code may choose between them for purposes of this grant.

- Producer NAICS codes are listed under Subsectors 111 and 112—Production.
- Processor NAICS codes are listed under Subsector 115 – Post-Harvest Crop Activities and 311—Food Manufacturing.
- Distributor NAICS codes are listed under Subsector 424—Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods and Subsector 493 – Warehousing and Storage.
- For the purposes of PRS, all Farmers Markets are considered as small entities eligible to apply for funds.
- Production and processing activities unrelated to human food, such as ornamental fish production or refrigeration and storage of fur, are not eligible to apply for funds.

NAICS codes (Visit US Census Bureau website for more information)	NAICS U.S. industry title	Size standards in millions of dollars
Subsectors 111 and 112—Production		
111130	Dry Pea and Bean Farming	\$5.0
111211	Potato Farming	\$5.0
111219	Other Vegetable (except Potato) and Melon Farming	\$5.0
111310	Orange Groves	\$5.0

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111320	Citrus (except Orange) Groves	\$5.0
111331	Apple Orchards	\$5.0
111332	Grape Vineyards	\$5.0
111333	Strawberry Farming	\$5.0
111334	Berry Farming (except strawberries)	\$5.0
111335	Tree Nut Farming	\$5.0
111336	Fruit and Tree Nut Combination Farming	\$5.0
111339	Other Noncitrus Fruit Farming	\$5.0
111411	Mushroom Production	\$5.0
111419	Other Food Crops Grown Under Cover	\$5.0
111421	Nursery and Tree Production ¹	\$5.0
112511	Finfish Farming and Fish Hatcheries ²	\$5.0
112512	Shellfish Farming	\$5.0
112519	Other Aquaculture	\$5.0
112910	Apiculture	\$5.0
Subsector 115—Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry		
NAICS codes (Visit US Census Bureau website for more information)	NAICS U.S. industry title	Size standard in millions of dollars
115114	Post-Harvest Crop Activities ³ (except cotton ginning) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only specialty crops related post-harvest activities are eligible under this NAICS code. 	\$30.0
Subsector 311—Food Manufacturing		
NAICS codes (Visit US Census Bureau website for more information)	NAICS U.S. industry title	Size standards by # of employees
311411	Frozen Fruit, Juice, and Vegetable Manufacturing	1,000
311412	Frozen Specialty Food Manufacturing	1,250
311421	Fruit and Vegetable Canning	1,000

¹ Fruit stock growing is the only eligible component of NAICS code 111421 “Nursery and Tree Production” under the PRS Grant Program.

² Only finfish farming for human food is eligible.

³ Such activities include fruit and vegetable packing, sorting, drying, and waxing; nut hulling and shelling; and related services for specialty crops.

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311422	Specialty Canning	1,250
311423	Dried and Dehydrated Food Manufacturing	750
311611	Animal (except Poultry) Slaughtering	1,000
311612	Meat Processed from Carcasses	1,000
311613	Rendering and Meat Byproduct Processing	750
311615	Poultry Processing	1,250
311911	Roasted Nuts and Peanut Butter Manufacturing ⁴	750
311920	Coffee and Tea Manufacturing	750
311942	Spice and Extract Manufacturing	500
311991	Perishable Prepared Food Manufacturing	500
311999	All Other Miscellaneous Food Manufacturing	500
Subsector 424—Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods⁵		
NAICS codes (Visit US Census Bureau website for more information)	NAICS U.S. industry title	Size standards by # of employees
424420	Packaged Frozen Food Merchant Wholesalers	500
424440	Poultry and Poultry Product Merchant Wholesalers	500
424460	Fish and Seafood Merchant Wholesalers	500
424470	Meat and Meat Product Merchant Wholesalers	500
424480	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Merchant Wholesalers	500
424490	Other Grocery and Related Products Merchant Wholesalers	500
Subsector 493 – Warehousing and Storage		
NAICS codes (Visit US Census Bureau website for more information)	NAICS U.S. industry title	Size standard in millions of dollars
493120	Refrigerated Warehousing and Storage ⁶	\$30.0

⁴ Tree nuts are considered eligible under the PRS Grants Program in alignment with section 101 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 ([7 U.S.C. § 1621 note](#)) and amended under section 10107 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, Public Law 115—343 (the Farm Bill). Peanuts are not eligible.

⁵ Food hubs are eligible under these NAICS codes and should select the code that most closely represents the predominant products being handled, distributed, traded, and sold.

⁶ Only refrigerated warehousing and storage for food products are eligible.