

## 2007 CATFISH GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

*(Mississippi Farming Operations Only)*

Please fill out and sign the 2007 Catfish Grant Assistance application and return it to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. It should be addressed to:

**2007 Catfish Grant Assistance Program**  
**Attention: Gene Robertson**  
**P.O. Box 1609**  
**Jackson, MS 39215**

The application form must be received or postmarked no later than **March 2, 2007** in order for you to participate in the program.

**Were you in aquaculture production on and before August 29, 2005? Yes / No**

**Did you suffer a feed loss due to a 2005 hurricane? Yes / No**  
 (Feed loss includes but not limited to: destroyed feed bins, spoiled feed, or other forms of loss.)

**Have you received or will receive assistance covered by other disaster programs for the same catfish feed loss (i.e. Aquaculture Assistance Program 2006)? Yes / No**

**If yes, enter amount received and Disaster Program: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / program \_\_\_\_\_**

(1) Farming Operation:	(2) Tax ID # or SS#:	
Contact:	Telephone #:	
P.O./Street:	Fax #:	
City/State/Zip:	Cell #:	
(3) Tons of catfish feed lost: (2005) _____ <b><u>Documentation must be provided with application.</u></b>	(4) Tons of catfish feed purchased: (2005) _____	
(5) Initial "YES" or "NO" for each A, B, and C, below if Form AD-1026 "Sodbuster/Swampbuster Certified, and Form CCC-526 "Payment Eligibility – Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI Certification)" are on file with Farm Service Agency or if AGI exceeds \$2.5 Million		
(A) AD-1026 on File?	(B) CCC-526 on File?	(C) Exceeded \$2.5 Million AGI?
YES      NO	YES      NO	YES      NO

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**Provisions of the Grant Agreement:**

- Application procedures for catfish feed funds will be as determined by Mississippi.
- Assistance shall be provided to catfish producers that were adversely affected in 2005 for catfish feed losses caused by the 2005 hurricanes and are in the counties declared primary Presidential or Secretarial disaster areas in 2005 because of hurricanes. (All Mississippi counties are included).
- Assistance shall only be provided to eligible catfish producers who proved adequate proof of a feed lost.
- As a condition of receiving disaster assistance on catfish feed loss, producers must establish to the satisfaction of Mississippi that the producers have not have already received or will not receive assistance covered by other disaster programs for the same catfish feed loss.
- Assistance shall only be provided to producers raising catfish in a controlled environment as part of a farming operation and who have a risk in the production of such catfish.
- The amount of assistance provided to a producer shall not exceed the amount of catfish feed losses suffered by the producer as a result of 2005 hurricanes.
- The total amount of assistance that a farming operation may receive from the State from the funds made available under this Agreement shall not exceed \$80,000, except for general partnerships and joint ventures in which case assistance shall not exceed \$80,000 times the number of members that constitute the general partnership or join venture. The \$80,000 payment limitation shall be applied before a national payment factor, if applicable.

**I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I understand that providing false statements or representations to the State of Mississippi is punishable under the statutes and subject to grant repayment to the state with interest. I further agree to keep records pertaining to the information provided herein for 3 years following the end of the year during which this application was filed. I will permit authorized representatives of the state of Mississippi to inspect, examine and copy said records. I also understand that the amount of assistance provided shall not exceed the amount of catfish feed loss suffered as a result of the 2005 hurricanes. If the Farm Service Agency shall require the State to refund the assistance payments made under this program, I will deliver to the State the assistance payments that I have received hereunder with interest. I have read and understand all the provisions of the Grant Agreement. I do further certify that I am a principal in the applying entity and that I am fully authorized to make and sign this application on behalf of the applicant.**

(6) Print Name of Applicant

(7) Date (MM-DD-2007)

Authorized Signature

(8) SWORN to and subscribed before me this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Official use only:

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_.

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Assistance Payment:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ /ton x \_\_\_\_\_ tons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM 2007-CGAP

Item	Instructions
1	Enter the name and address of the farming operation applying for assistance. Farming operation means a business enterprise engaged in the production of agricultural products that is operated by an individual, entity, or joint operation.
2	Enter the Tax ID # or SS #, telephone #, Fax #, and Cell # of the individual, partnership, legal joint venture, or corporation entered in Item 1. Use SS # only if entity does not have a Tax ID #.
3	Enter tons of feed lost due to a 2005 hurricane. Feed that was lost must be documented.
4	Enter tons of feed purchased in 2005
5 A, B, C	<p>Initial under “YES” or “NO”, as applicable.</p> <p><b>Important:</b> In order to be eligible for the 2007 CFAP, you must have an AD-1026 and CCC-526 on file with your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in the county your operation is administratively located. Your adjusted gross income cannot exceed \$2.5 million for calendar year 2005.</p> <p><i>Contact your local FSA office with any questions on these forms</i></p>
6	Carefully read the certification statement, and sign in Item 6. Only the person legally authorized by the producer, partnership, legal joint venture, or corporation should sign application.
7	Enter the date.
8	Make sure all Items are <b>completed</b> and have application <b>Notarized</b> . Also, please complete, sign and return a <b>W-9</b> form with your Catfish Grant Assistance Application. This form is required by the State’s Department of Finance and Administration.

**On or before March 15th, you will receive acknowledgement of our receipt of your application. If you do not, please contact Gene Robertson at 601-359-1102.**