

USDA Farmer Bridge Program
Don't miss the New Funding for Growers
March 13 deadline

The USDA has announced the new [Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers \(ASCF\)](#) program, designed to provide \$1 billion to producers affected by market disruptions and rising production costs. All specialty crop farmers — including many Hawaii crops such as macadamias, coffee, cacao, ulu, papaya, mango, avocado and others — must complete a **2025 acreage report with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) by March 13, 2026** to be eligible for this program.

FSA offices statewide are now scheduling appointments, and growers are encouraged to begin preparing early. The process requires several pieces of farm and crop information, and gathering these details ahead of time will make your appointment much smoother. A consolidated checklist of the required information is included below for your reference.

Hawaii growers should contact their County FSA office at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/Hawaii/service-centers>. If you have participated in FSA or NRCS programs before, you may create an account at [Farmers.gov](https://www.farmers.gov) to fill out paperwork online, and avoid the last-minute rush.

Acreage Reporting Checklist – 2025 (Due March 13, 2026)

Basic Information for New Growers

- AD-2047 (only if new to FSA/NRCS or personal info changed)
- Lease, deed, or land documents (if not already on file)
- TMK number(s) for all planted areas

Crop Information

- List of all crops in 2025
- Crop type/variety for each crop
- Total acreage planted for each crop
- Planting dates for each crop
- Intended use (fresh, processed, etc.)
- Identify which crops are irrigated
- Identify which crops are organic

Field Mapping

- Review FSA-provided map

- Draw crop field locations on the map

Tree Crop Details (if applicable)

- Number of trees for each crop
- Row spacing and tree spacing