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USDA ANNOUNCES $8 BILLION IN FARM RELIEF

NEW HARVEST FUEL RELIEF PROGRAM OFFERS POTENTIAL ASSISTANCE TO PULSE GROWERS; PAYMENT RATES AND ELIGIBILITY DETAILS STILL FORTHCOMING.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced October 19 that $8 billion in additional financial assistance will be made available to American farmers through the new Harvest Fuel Relief (HFR) Program. The one-time payments are intended to help offset increased fuel and production costs and market disruptions affecting the 2026 crop year.

The program, authorized through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), will provide payments based on reported planted acreage and USDA estimates of production costs, yields and commodity prices.

What It Means for Pulse Growers

Dry peas, lentils and both large and small chickpeas are included among the Title I commodities covered by the program. USDA expects to announce commodity-specific payment rates in November.

In an October 23 interview, USDA Undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation Richard Fordyce explained that payments will be based on 2026 planted acreage, with rates varying by commodity to reflect estimated fuel consumption associated with planting, field operations and harvest.

Dry beans and other non-Title I specialty crops will be addressed separately, with payment methodologies and additional eligibility details still to be announced.

USDA Seeks Specialty Crop Fuel-Cost Data

USDA is encouraging specialty crop producers and industry organizations to submit information documenting increased fuel costs to help the agency establish payment rates.

Dry bean growers and others with relevant production records are encouraged to submit fuel-cost information directly to ***HarvestFuel@usda.gov***. Information reflecting actual field operations and increased fuel expenses could help USDA better account for the costs facing specialty crop producers.

Additional Farm Assistance Under Consideration

Tom Hance of Gordley Associates, which provides government affairs consulting for USA Pulses, noted that the new program follows a similar approach to the earlier Farmer Bridge Assistance program. However, questions remain about how the $8 billion announcement might affect

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REGISTER BY OCT 28 FOR NCI GROWING VALUE WEEK

THREE FREE EVENTS FOCUS ON EXPANDING AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Northern Crops Institute (NCI), a collaborative effort among Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota, will host ***Growing Value Week Nov. 3-6***. Based in Fargo, NCI provides educational programs and technical services to help expand markets for northern-grown crops, including pulses.

Growing Value Week features three free events focused on specialty crop marketing, value-added agriculture and new market opportunities. Registration closes Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Of particular interest to the pulse industry is the **Forward Contracting Seminar for Specialty Crops, Nov. 3-4**. The two-day program brings growers, contractors and buyers together to better understand each other's business objectives, challenges and decision-making processes. Discussions will focus on strengthening contracting relationships and building reliable, high-value specialty crop supply chains.

The **Nov. 5 Value-Added Summit** also offers opportunities for pulse growers, processors and entrepreneurs interested in developing new products or expanding existing businesses. Participants will hear from companies that have successfully turned regional crops into commercial brands.

Growing Value Week concludes **Nov. 6 with the Specialty Grains Conference**, covering specialty grain markets, buyer expectations, certifications and export opportunities.

All events are free, but advance registration is required by Oct. 28.

Visit the Northern Crops Institute for **registration information and draft agendas**.

NWSA INVITES PULSE EXPORTERS TO BREAKFAST!

NOV. 18 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS AGRICULTURE'S ROLE IN GLOBAL TRADE

The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) will host its second annual **State of Trade Breakfast Nov. 18** in Tacoma, Washington, with a special focus on agricultural exports and the farmers, ports and supply chain partners who support international trade.

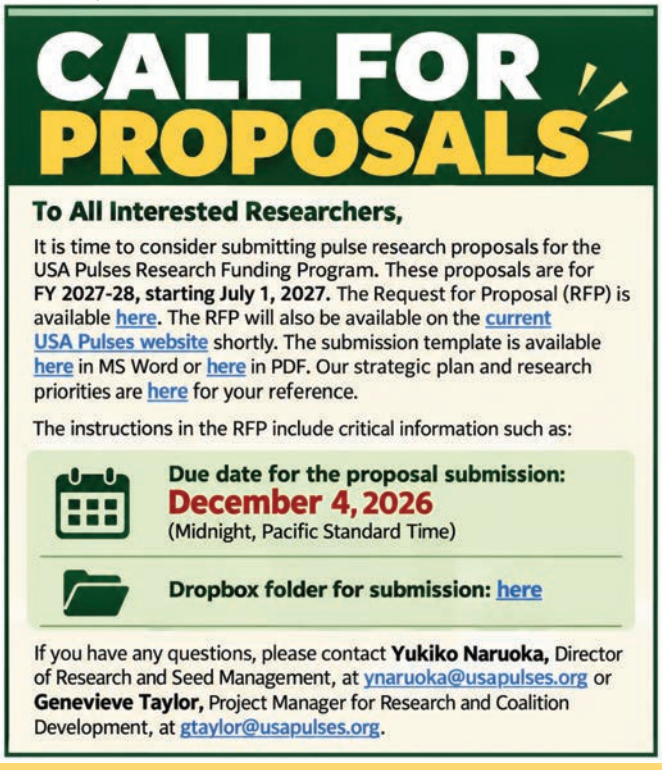
This year's event, titled "From Soil Through Seaports: Agriculture Exports Driving Washington Trade," will examine how agricultural exports contribute to Washington's economy and the policies needed to support a competitive trade environment.

The program will feature international shipping **journalist Peter Tirschwell** as keynote speaker, remarks from NWSA leaders and a panel discussion with Washington farmers.

NWSA has extended a specific invitation to USA Pulses Trade Association (USAPTA) exporters and other USA Pulses members. The organization also offered to explore arranging port tours during the week for interested out-of-town attendees.

The breakfast will take place from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Nov. 18 at the Silver Cloud Hotel Tacoma at Point Ruston Waterfront, 5125 Grand Loop, Ruston, Washington.

Seating is limited, and advance registration is encouraged. For registration questions, contact Jimmy Bernhard at **jbernhard@nwseaportalliance.com**.



PULSE MARKET NEWS

U.S. PULSE PRICES

Grower prices • U.S. $/cwt. (All prices are No. 1 grade)

UPDATED OCT. 19, 2026

REGION / COMMODITY	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	AVG	LAST YR	AVG CHANGE
PACIFIC NORTHWEST					
Green peas	**$12.00**	$12.00	$12.00	$13.00	—
Yellow peas	**NR**	NR	NR	NR	
Brewer lentils	**$21.00–$22.00**	$20.00–$21.00	$21.50	$22.00	▲ $1.00
Pardina lentils	**$22.00**	$20.00	$22.00	$22.00	▲ $2.00
Large Kabuli chickpeas	**$21.00–$22.00**	$21.00	$21.67	$17.00	▲ $0.67
NORTHERN PLAINS					
Green peas	**$10.66–$11.67**	$10.83–$12.00	$11.17	$14.86	▼ **$0.25**
Yellow peas	**$7.92–$11.67**	$7.92–$11.67	$9.24	$8.83	—
Richlea lentils	**$15.00–$17.25**	$14.00–$16.00	$16.13	$18.75	▲ $1.13
Large Kabuli chickpeas	**$15.25**	$15.25	$15.25	$21.25	—
DRY BEANS					
Black • Min-Dak	**$40.00–$45.00**	$40.00–$45.00	$43.33	$21.50	—
Black • Michigan	**$45.00–$50.00**	$45.00–$50.00	$47.50	NR	—
Dark Red Kidney • Min-Dak	**$42.00**	$42.00	$42.00	$48.00	—
Light Red Kidney • Min-Dak	**NR**	NR	NR	NR	
Navy • Min-Dak	**$38.00–$40.00**	$38.00	$39.00	$26.00	▲ $1.00
Navy • Michigan	**$42.00–$50.00**	$40.00–$50.00	$46.00	$33.00	▲ $1.00
Pinto • Min-Dak	**$42.00–$43.00**	$42.00–$43.00	$42.67	$21.67	—

CANADIAN PULSE PRICES

Grower prices in U.S. $/cwt. (Converted from C$/cwt. using Bank of Canada exchange rate)

REGION / COMMODITY	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	AVG	LAST YR	AVG CHANGE
Green peas	**$10.10**	$10.10	$10.10	$11.60	—
Yellow peas	**$9.51**	$9.51	$9.51	$8.00	—
Feed peas	**$9.57**	$9.57	$9.57	$9.28	—
Large green lentils (Laird)	**$20.37**	$20.37	$20.37	$19.47	—
Small red lentils	**$18.44**	$18.44	$18.44	$15.94	—
Medium green lentils (Richlea)	**$14.32**	$14.32	$14.32	$15.10	—
Desi chickpeas	**$18.54**	$18.54	$18.54	$15.87	—
Kabuli chickpeas (9 mm)	**$20.65**	$20.65	$20.65	$21.68	—

Sources: USDA Bean Market News; Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. Canadian prices converted to U.S. dollars using Bank of Canada exchange rate (1.00 CAD = 0.71 USD).
Note: U.S. and Canadian pea prices are for whole peas.

▲ Higher than last week.
▼ Lower than last week.
-- No Change.

Prices are indicative and may not reflect actual market conditions at the time of sale.

Northern Tier: cwt. Del warehouse, thresher run, U.S. No. 2 or better. PNW: cwt. Del warehouse, thresher run, U.S. No. 1.

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USDA FOOD AID FORECAST RAISES INDUSTRY CONCERNS

USA PULSES SEEKS INCREASED CHICKPEA AND LENTIL PURCHASES

Following USDA's October 8 announcement of $825 million in international food assistance funding, reported in last week's Pulse Pipeline, the department released its fiscal year 2027 International Food Assistance Forecast on October 19, providing a closer look at anticipated commodity purchases.

The funding supports three programs: Food for Peace, providing emergency food assistance; McGovern-Dole Food for Education, supporting school meals; and Food for Progress, promoting agricultural development and trade.

The original announcement outlined approximately 502,800 metric tons of U.S.-grown agricultural commodity purchases for projects in countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

The newly released FY 2027 forecast projects approximately 609,665 metric tons of commodity purchases across USDA's international assistance programs. However, the allocations for some pulse crops have raised concerns within the industry.

The forecast includes 17,510 metric tons of yellow split peas, 2,450 metric tons of lentils, 500 metric tons of green split peas, 200 metric tons of chickpeas and 190 metric tons of whole green peas.

All projected chickpea and lentil purchases are assigned to the Food for Education program, with no allocations currently identified for either commodity under Food for Peace or Food for Progress.

For the U.S. pulse industry, the allocations are disappointing, particularly for chickpeas and lentils, given the potential for these nutritious, protein-rich commodities to support international food assistance programs.

The preliminary forecast leaves room for adjustments, offering an opportunity for the industry to advocate for greater inclusion of U.S.-grown pulses in food assistance purchases.

USDA emphasized that the FY 2027 forecast is preliminary. Actual commodity purchases and tonnages may change depending on funding, market availability and program implementation.

The new forecast offers an opportunity for the pulse industry to advocate for greater inclusion of U.S.-grown chickpeas and lentils in international food assistance programs.

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additional agricultural assistance being considered in Congress.

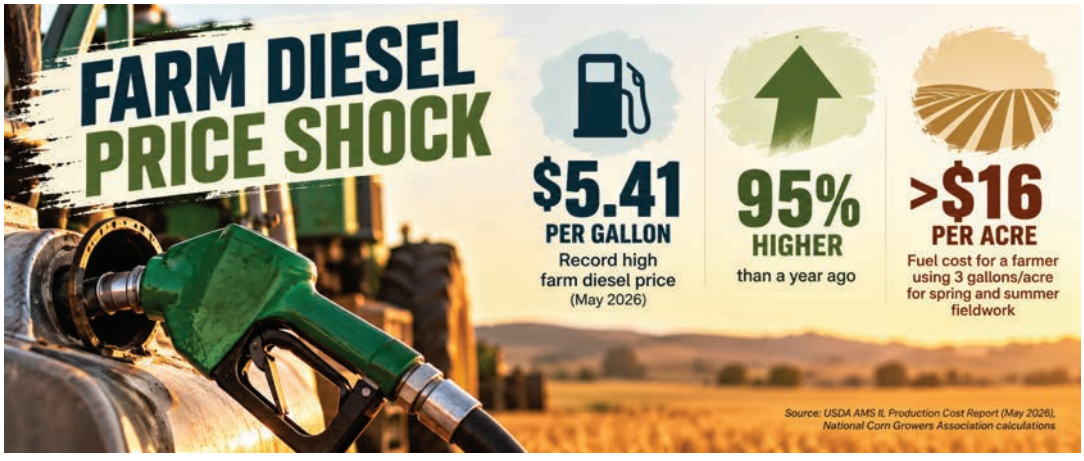
"It remains to be seen how this will affect the ongoing efforts by ag leaders in Congress to enact a package of economic assistance for 2026 crop year that would total between $12-$17 billion," Hance said.

Preparing for Payments

USDA has not yet announced an enrollment period. Growers are encouraged to establish a **Login.gov** account linked to USDA to access pre-filled applications when they become available. According to information passed on by Gordley Associates, those applications are expected in January 2027.

While additional details are forthcoming, producers should watch for USDA's November announcement of commodity-specific payment rates and subsequent guidance on eligibility and enrollment.

For additional information, visit **USDA's Harvest Fuel Relief announcement**.



USDA-ARS RESEARCH FACILITY OPENS AT WSU

PULSE INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED FOR SUPPORT OF NEW AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FACILITY





USA Pulses Chair Ian Clark, Vice President of Research & Member Services Todd Scholz, and Project Manager Genevieve Taylor attended the October 14 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new USDA-ARS Plant Bioscience Research Building at Washington State University in Pullman. Photo by USA Pulses Director of Research Dr. Yukiko Naruoka.

Below: Federal, state, university, and industry leaders celebrate the October 14 opening of the USDA-ARS Plant Bioscience Research Building at WSU Pullman. From left: Jon DeVaney, WA Tree Fruit Association; WSU Provost Chris Riley-Tillman; Chris Voigt, WA Potato Commission; former Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers; Rep. Michael Baumgartner; Sen. Patty Murray; CAHNRS Dean Raj Khosla; USDA-ARS Administrator Joon Park; WSDA Director Derek Sandison; and USDA-ARS Deputy Administrator Tara McHugh. (Photo: WSU Photo Services/Robert Hubner)

The USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and Washington State University celebrated the grand opening of the new 100,000-square-foot Plant Bioscience Research Building in Pullman on October 14, marking an important milestone in their nearly century-long research partnership.

The state-of-the-art facility will house four USDA-ARS research units, including **Grain Legume Genetics and Physiology,** supporting research aimed at improving pulse crop production, agricultural sustainability, and grower profitability.

During his opening remarks, WSU College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences Dean Raj Khosla acknowledged the pulse industry, including USA Pulses, for its involvement in efforts to bring the new facility to fruition.

The new facility brings federal and university scientists together to advance agricultural research, building on decades of collaboration that have produced innovations including food-grade winter pea varieties.

The $125 million facility provides modern laboratories and research resources to support advances in crop genetics, soil health, and weed management. Its expanded research capabilities will help scientists address production challenges and develop improved crop varieties, including peas, lentils, and chickpeas.

In a fitting nod to the pulse industry, lentil hummus was among the refreshments served during the celebration.



USDA PULSE SOLICITATION

ANNOUNCEMENT
Purchase Solicitation

Invitation Total: 7,720 MT

Commodity	Size	Metric Tons
Yellow Split Peas	50kg bags	7,720

Solicitation due date is: 11/04/2026

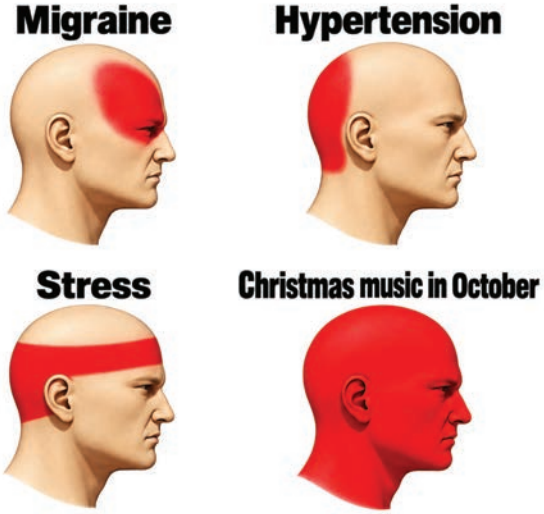
Download the Purchase Solicitation Here

We are working with US Government Officials to ensure that dry peas, lentils, and chickpeas are purchased through programs like PL 480 and Section 32. We strive to notify you and other industry partners promptly.

Happy NATIONAL CANNING DAY!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 26–29	Trade Mission and Culinary Spark Training, Lima, Peru
Nov. 4	WPGA – ID/WA Committee Meeting
Nov. 6–12	ACLM Conference
Nov. 11	USAPTA Board Meeting
Nov. 12	USA Pulses Board Meeting
Nov. 12	WACIA Annual Conference

PULSE CROP LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS (LDP) RATES

Loan Rates & Weekly Posted Prices		Dry Peas				Lentils				Lg Chickpeas		Sm Chickpeas	
		West		Midwest		West		Midwest		All		All	
		2026	2025	**2026**	2025	**2026**	2025	**2026**	2025	**2026**	2025	**2026**	2025
Pulse Loan Rate (No. 2 Grade)		**$7.18**	$6.10	**$6.85**	$6.15	**$14.30**	$13.00	**$14.30**	$13.00	**$15.40**	$14.00	**$11.00**	$10.00
Oct. 16, 2026	NPP	**$10.78**	$10.78	**$10.45**	$10.83	**$20.31**	$20.31	**$20.31**	$20.31	**$18.65**	$18.65	**$12.65**	$12.65
	LDP												
Oct. 9, 2026	NPP	**$10.75**	$10.75	**$10.42**	$10.80	**$20.36**	$20.36	**$20.36**	$20.36	**$18.49**	$18.49	**$13.49**	$13.49
	LDP												

Source: USDA Farm Service Agency

Note: Midwest region, all counties in Montana and North Dakota, plus all counties east of those states into and including Michigan.

NPP = National Posted Price
LDP = Loan Deficiency Payment