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Coronavirus Information and Resources

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Bipartisan Coalition Pushes For Streamlined PPP Forgiveness Paperwork for Small Loans

A bipartisan Congressional coalition led by Senators Kevin Cramer (R-ND) and Bob Menendez (D-NJ) is championing a [bill that would require the U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\) to create a simple, one-page attestation form to forgive covered Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) loans](#) of less than \$150,000. SBA has provided approximately 4.2 million PPP loans within that parameter, though they account for only 26 percent of all PPP funds delivered.

The legislative push for streamlined PPP loan forgiveness comes as business and banking advocates attest to complications. One [industry estimate](#) shows current paperwork required to reverify loan use will take small business owners between 20 and 100 hours to complete.

Senate to Vote on Coronavirus Relief Package Today, Though Bill is Unlikely to Advance

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) is moving forward with a [vote on a scaled-back coronavirus relief package](#) later today. Democrats are expected to oppose it en masse, meaning the bill would not advance.

The legislation includes \$20 billion in aid for agriculture, a \$300 weekly booster in unemployment benefits payments through the end of the year, more funding for the Paycheck Protection Program, and COVID-19 liability protection for businesses.

Democrats are pushing for state and municipal aid, and another round of stimulus checks for Americans.

Political insiders now do not expect a coronavirus relief deal to be struck prior to the

November election.

For more on this developing story, see these news articles:

- *FOX Business*: [Senate GOP's virus relief bill expected to fall in vote](#)
 - *CNN*: [After negotiations falter, Senate to vote on Republican bill addressing coronavirus pandemic](#)
 - *Politico*: [Odds shrink for a coronavirus relief deal](#)
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USDA Soliciting Bids for Butter Purchase

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting [bids for the purchase of butter](#). Bids are due September 17 at 1:00 p.m. (CT), and questions may be directed to [USDA staff](#).

A complete listing of USDA open solicitations is [available online](#).

CFAP Tops \$9.7 Billion, Deadline Tomorrow

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is reporting Coronavirus Food Assistance Program payments have now [topped \\$9.7 billion](#), with \$1.7 billion in relief to dairy producers. The deadline to [apply for CFAP](#) aid is Friday, September 11.

Coronavirus Headline News

Dairy Industry

- *MassLive*: [Big E helps Agri-Mark distribute Cabot dairy products to small farm stands](#) (Featuring WCMA member Cabot Creamery Cooperative)
- *Farm Journal Ag Web*: [Study: COVID-19 economic impact \\$2.5 trillion loss in goods, services](#)

Wisconsin

- *WISC-TV*: [Nearly 800 new COVID-19 cases confirmed in Wisconsin as positive percentage of new tests climbs to 17.6%](#)
- *Wisconsin Public Radio*: [DHS reports 15 new COVID-19 deaths, high virus activity levels in 65 counties](#)
- *WLUK-TV*: [Weekly measure shows Fox Valley, Northeast regions have state's highest COVID-19 levels](#)
- *Green Bay Press Gazette*: [Brown County sets single-day record for COVID-19 cases at total surpasses 6,000](#)
- *WISC-TV*: [Gov. Evers, DHS announce launch of 'You Stop the Spread' campaign](#)

National/International

- *USA Today*: [COVID vaccine candidate developed by Oxford University and AstraZeneca on hold after 'unexplained illness'](#)
- *ABC News*: [U.S. daily death toll from COVID-19 shoots back up over 1,000](#)
- *FOX News*: [Severity of coronavirus infection may be determined by face mask use, study suggests](#)
- *CNN*: [Colleges in all 50 states report coronavirus cases as clusters linked to social gatherings grow](#)

- *FOX News*: [U.S. to end enhanced screening program for arriving international travelers, CDC confirms](#)
 - *WEWS-TV*: [DeWine breaks from controversial CDC guidance on coronavirus testing](#)
 - *Los Angeles Times*: [California small businesses will get COVID-19 relief with quickly drafted tax cuts](#)
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Visit [WisCheeseMakers.org](https://www.wischeesemakers.org) for More Resources

WCMA will provide links to new and timely coronavirus resources for members in these bulletins, but we want to alert you that we update our coronavirus resources page on [WisCheeseMakers.org](https://www.wischeesemakers.org) daily. Please visit the page for additional information on employee safety, regulatory flexibility, operations guidance, federal and state support, and ways to salute your critical, essential staff.

WCMA Key Contacts

WCMA staff is continuously reaching out to dairy manufacturer and processor members throughout this crisis to identify ways we can be of service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at any time. Here are ways to get in touch.

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