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Allowable COVID-19-related Reimbursable Farm Expenses
(Assuming these costs have not already been reimbursed)

Costs to feed/care for livestock that would not have been spent but for COVID *(cattle were not sold due to lack of demand, so extra feed was purchased by the farmer)*

Increased costs associated with fertilizer, chemicals, treatments, fuel, etc. that are directly attributable to issues surrounding COVID that have not been compensated through other means

Costs associated with being prevented from planting crops/attendance to operations with the result being a definable or discernable difference in operations as compared to previous years *(decrease in ability to conduct one's business because of pre-existing health issues that prevented physical attendance and/or participation in a particular farming practice)*

Overtime for reassigned employees/Overtime to cover for another employee in quarantine

Project costs *(constructing physical barriers)*

Special training *(costs incurred via training employees how to work through the COVID pandemic)*

Time associated with grant management *(applying for COVID grants)*

Business interruption caused by required closures

Additional supplies, hardware/software costs

Telecommunication/connectivity costs

Costs associated with cancellations

Costs associated with increased demand *(costs incurred during a period of the pandemic when a farmer had to build additional infrastructure to respond to surge retail purchasing)*

PPE *(masks, gloves)*

Cleaning costs *(extra sanitizers, hiring a cleaning company)*

Extra storage costs *(paying rent for an extra warehouse because product wasn't sold)*

Extra utility costs *(paying extra electricity costs due to storing extra product)*

Facility improvements necessary to continue business operations safely

Equipment costs associated with the pandemic that were necessary and reasonable

*It's possible that farmers have incurred costs that are a combination of COVID and the many storms that have passed through Mississippi since March 1, 2020