



## Quick Facts on Family Farmer and Rancher Protection Fund Eligibility April 2012

The Family Farmer and Rancher Protection Fund is a first step toward strengthening protections for customer funds. In the event of a future insolvency of a clearing member or market participant causing customer losses, the fund will provide up to \$25,000 to individual family farmers and ranchers and \$100,000 to agricultural co-ops who use CME Group markets to hedge their crops and livestock that feed the world, up to \$100 million. The program was established in April of 2012. For more information on eligibility requirements and terms and conditions, please visit [www.cmegroup.com/familyfarmerfund](http://www.cmegroup.com/familyfarmerfund).

### Eligible Participants

Eligible participants are family farmers, ranchers and agricultural co-ops who meet registration requirements. To qualify, these participants must register with CME Group and must provide a U.S. federal income tax return with Schedule F showing farming activity or IRS Form 1120-C for co-ops.

### Registration Process

#### *Family Farmers, Ranchers & Agricultural Co-ops*

- **Register** – In order to receive the benefits of the program, eligible family farmers, family ranchers and agricultural co-ops must register in advance with CME Group and provide documentation to substantiate their eligibility.
- **Account(s)** – Participant account(s) must consist only of eligible agricultural products of CME Group exchanges that are cleared by CME Clearing.
- **Clearing member** – Participants must use a clearing member registered to participate.

#### *Clearing Members*

- **Register** – CME clearing members that wish to participate must execute a CME clearing member registration form provided by CME Group.
- **Accounts** – CME clearing members must establish a separate equity account in their bookkeeping system for each eligible participant to hold covered agricultural products and associated funds and collateral.
- **Reporting** – CME clearing members must also report monthly to CME Group the balances in each eligible participant's covered account.

### Registration Forms

Family farmers, ranchers, agricultural co-ops and clearing firms must fill out registration forms as part of the registration process. Forms are available on our fund information page – [www.cmegroup.com/familyfarmerfund](http://www.cmegroup.com/familyfarmerfund).

### Eligible CME Group Agricultural Products

Please visit our fund information page at [www.cmegroup.com/farmerfundproducts](http://www.cmegroup.com/farmerfundproducts) for the most up-to-date list of eligible products.