

Good afternoon, Chair Durfee,

I just wanted to add a couple points of clarity that were not mentioned in testimony yesterday:

1. All of VAAFM's ARPA programs are structured as beneficiary programs which allows for more rapid deployment and fewer requirements on farmers.
2. While ARPA dollars can certainly be invested alongside other dollars, even federal dollars, if there is a requirement for the other funds to be non-federal, ARPA funds cannot be used as non-federal match.

Kindly,

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