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**To:** LFBF State Board, Executive Committee, Parish Presidents, LFBF Commodity Advisory Committees, Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee, Women's Committee, LFBF Field Staff, LFBF Staff, Advisors

**From:** Brian Breaux – Senior Commodity/Public Policy Director

**RE:** Important Labor Update

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### **Important: Public Tag Agents (PTA's) Cannot Renew Louisiana Driver's Licenses**

Due to COVID-19 virus, Public Tag Agents (PTA's) cannot renew any Louisiana Driver's Licenses.

The Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles is working to address this issue and LFBF will send out additional information when it becomes available.

### Guidance on Filing Payroll Protection Program (PPP) – SBA Loan Applications

LFBF received communication from the American Farm Bureau Federation on the guidance for the additional \$310 billion in funding for the Payroll Protection Program.

AFBF has advised LFBF that the guidance for SBA- Payroll Protection Program (PPP) has not changed and \*H-2A wages are not eligible to be counted in average wage calculations for the Payroll Protection Program – SBA Loan Program.

### **The SBA resumed accepting SBA-PPP Loan Applications at 10:30 am on Monday, April 27.**

The link to the SBA – PPP website is:

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program#section-header-0>

We encourage all farmers with employees that have not filed a Payroll Protection Program – SBA Loan application to please complete all PPP application paperwork and work with your bank to file your PPP loan application now.

Eligibility for the PPP is limited to only one PPP application and PPP funding is expected to be exhausted in less than 1 week.

Also, remember farmers that sustained economic injury as a result of the COVID-19 virus are now eligible for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program. The link to find out more information on the EIDL program is: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Information/EIDLLoans>

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at [brianb@lfbf.org](mailto:brianb@lfbf.org) or 225-603-0924.