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**RECOVERY FUNDING AVAILABLE TO PENNSYLVANIA  
AQUACULTURE PRODUCERS**  
*Grant Application Deadline Oct. 16*

**HARRISBURG** – Pennsylvania aquaculture producers who experienced profit losses due to soaring feed costs in 2008 may be eligible for relief through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolff said today.

The Aquaculture Grant Program, part of the federal stimulus package, provides grants to farmers who experienced profit losses due to high feed costs.

Applications are available online at [www.iplantofarm.com](http://www.iplantofarm.com) and are due Oct. 16.

“Pennsylvania’s \$10.4 million aquaculture industry is a significant and growing contributor to our state’s economy,” said Wolff. “Last year, many producers were devastated by high feed costs that threatened the viability of the industry. To help these producers rebound, funds have been made available through the federal economic stimulus package, and I encourage all aquaculture producers to take advantage of this opportunity.”

Department of Agriculture licensed aquaculture propagators who produce food, bait, ornamental or sport fish may be eligible to receive funds up to the amount of loss suffered as a result of high feed costs in 2008. Feed costs must have been at least 25 percent of the business’ total input costs.

Applications must be delivered or post-marked by Friday, Oct. 16. Completed applications may be delivered or mailed to Dennis Hall, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, 2301 N. Cameron St., Room 310, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408.

For more information about the grant program, contact Dennis Hall, Division Chief for Economic Development, toll-free at 877-475-2686 or [denhall@state.pa.us](mailto:denhall@state.pa.us).

To learn more about how the federal Recovery Act is benefitting Pennsylvania, visit [www.recovery.pa.gov](http://www.recovery.pa.gov).

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