

Timeline: Black Farmers and the USDA

1965 (February)

1999 (April)

2010 (December)

President Barack Obama signed a \$1.15 billion measure (Pigford II) to fund a settlement initially reached between the Agriculture Department and minority farmers in 1999.

2013 (August)

Compensation payments totaling \$1.25 billion were approved for 17,665 Pigford II claims. Over 39,000 were submitted. Farmers began submitting claims in 2011 after the Pigford II settlement was signed into law by President Obama. About \$1.06 billion had been paid out earlier on the 15,749 Pigford I claims that were approved (out of 22,721 eligible submissions).

2018 (December)

President Donald J. Trump signed into law an farm bill that provided \$867 billion in aid to U.S. farmers.

2021 (March)

President Joe Biden allocates \$4 billion in debt relief to Black farmers.

2021 (April)

Texas Agricultural Commissioner, Sid Miller sues the United States Department of Agriculture for racial discrimination for awarding \$4 billion of debt relief to Black farmers while excluding white farmers.