

## Weekly Farm Zoom with Senator Collins – May 15, 2020

From Richard Brzozowski - UMaine Extension : Wild Blueberries!

From Helen Costello : Is it possible to increase SNAP benefits to reduce the burden on the food banks?

From Gary.Fish : Please keep in mind the many specialty crops as well as nursery and greenhouse crops. All of those industries are also essential to support our agricultural infrastructure. Many grow seedlings or sell seeds to help folks create their own "Victory Gardens" and reduce food insecurity.

From Rhiannon Hampson : New HEROES Act house bill voting on today includes \$25 billion for revenue forgone due to the coronavirus pandemic, plus language providing additional protections to Postal workers. An additional \$15 million is provided for the Postal Service Inspector General for oversight of this funding

From Molly Ryan- Senator Collins' Office : Hi all- here is a link to Senator Collins' press release on her letter to Senate leadership regarding additional funding for USPS:

<https://www.collins.senate.gov/newsroom/collins-feinstein-leading-bipartisan-push-financial-assistance-usps-next-coronavirus-relief>

From Cam O'Brien (Sen. Collins Office) : [Cameron\\_o'brien@collins.senate.gov](mailto:Cameron_o'brien@collins.senate.gov)

From Gary.Fish : PPE shortages make this concern even worse.

From ml5901 Mark LaDuc (Senator Collins Staff): Here is a link to the new guidance allowing seasonal employers who received their PPP loans before the guidance issued in late April to revise their applications to seek more funding now. Note, these revisions must be made before the borrower's bank files its Form 1502 with the SBA, so borrowers should act quickly to revise their applications if they wish to do so.

From ml5901 : <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Interim-Final-Rule-on-Loan-Increases.pdf>

From Olin Hartkopf : My email is [Olin\\_Hartkopf@king.senate.gov](mailto:Olin_Hartkopf@king.senate.gov) , if anyone has any additional questions we do not get through here.

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