



Emergency Conservation Program

Overview

USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures in periods of severe drought. Funding for ECP is appropriated by Congress.

Program Administration

ECP is administered by state and county FSA committees. Subject to availability of funds, locally-elected county committees are authorized to implement ECP for all disasters except drought, which is authorized at the national office of FSA.

Land Eligibility

County FSA committees determine land eligibility based on on-site inspections of damage, taking into account the type and extent of damage. For land to be eligible, the natural disaster must create new conservation problems that, if untreated, would:

- impair or endanger the land;
- materially affect the land's productive capacity;
- represent unusual damage which, except for wind erosion, is not the type likely to recur frequently in the same area; and

- be so costly to repair that Federal assistance is or will be required to return the land to productive agricultural use.

Conservation problems existing prior to the applicable disaster are ineligible for ECP assistance.

Payments

ECP program participants receive cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved emergency conservation practices, as determined by county FSA committees.

Individual or cumulative requests for cost-sharing of \$50,000 or less per person, per disaster are approved at the county committee level. Cost-sharing from \$50,001 to \$100,000 is approved at the state committee level. Cost-sharing over \$100,000 must be approved by FSA's national office.

Technical assistance may be provided by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Emergency Conservation Practices

To rehabilitate farmland, ECP program participants may implement emergency conservation practices, such as:

- remove debris;
- restore fences and conservation structures; and
- provide water for livestock in drought situations.

Other conservation measures may be authorized by county FSA committees, with approval from state FSA committees and FSA's national office.

Sign-up Periods

Producers should check with their local county FSA offices regarding ECP sign-up periods, which are set by county FSA committees.

For More Information

More information on ECP is available at FSA offices and on FSA's Web site at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>

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ECP Allocations

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State	Counties	Amount Allocated	Type
Arkansas	Madison, Hempstead, Nevada, Little River	364,000	Drought
California	Lassen, Plumas, and Sierra	350,000	Flood
Colorado	Bent, Chaffee, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Lake, Otero, Pueblo, Rio Grande, and Saguache	623,000	Drought
Colorado	Fremont and Montrose	42,500	Flood
Colorado	Garfield	34,000	Other – Wildfire
Connecticut	Fairfield and Litchfield	24,000	Flood
Illinois	Mason	88,200	Flood
Indiana	Jackson, Johnson, Lawrence, Rush, and Shelby	160,500	Tornado
Kentucky	Barren, Christian, and Hart	94,500	Tornado
Maine	York	25,000	Flood
Massachusetts	Middlesex and Plymouth	158,000	Flood
Mississippi	Chickasaw, Lowndes, and Monroe	231,000	Drought
Missouri	Camden, Cedar, Cole, Henry, Hickory, Johnson, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Pettis, Pulaski, St. Clair, Schuyler, and Vernon	659,000	Drought
Missouri	Christian and Schuyler	80,000	Tornado
Missouri	Washington	75,000	Other - High Winds
Montana	Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Dawson, Garfield, Hill, and Stillwater	607,000	Drought
Montana	McCone	48,000	Flood
Montana	Big Horn, Blaine, Custer, Garfield, Powder River, Rosebud, Treasure and Yellowstone	1,469,000	Other – Wildfire
Nebraska	Dawes, Garfield, Loup, Sioux, Valley, and Wheeler	212,000	Drought
Nebraska	Dawes and Sioux	301,000	Other – Wildfire
Nevada	Pershing	140,000	Flood
New Hampshire	Belknap, Coos and Merrimack	190,000	Flood
New Mexico	Harding	116,000	Drought
New Mexico	Harding	64,000	Other - Wildfire

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New York	Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Oswego, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan, Tioga and Ulster	2,259,000	Flood
North Dakota	Emmons, Grand, Logan and Sioux	410,900	Drought
Ohio	Knox	18,000	Flood
Oklahoma	Blaine, Canadian, Kingfisher, & Washita	180,000	Drought
Pennsylvania	Bradford, Bucks, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming	2,250,000	Flood
Rhode Island	Bristol, Kent, Newport, Providence, and Washington	100,000	Flood
South Dakota	Aurora, Beadle, Bennett, Brule, Brown, Buffalo, Butte, Campbell, Corson, Custer, Davison, Dewey, Douglas, Fall River, Faulk, Haakon, Hanson, Harding, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jackson, Jerauld, Jones, Lawrence, Lyman, McPherson, Meade, Mellette, Pennington, Perkins, Potter, Sanborn, Shannon, Spink, Todd, Walworth, and Ziebach	4,797,000	Drought
Tennessee	Benton, Carroll, Cumberland, Dyer, and Sumner	606,000	Tornado
Tennessee	Clay and Jackson	40,000	Drought
Utah	San Juan	40,000	Drought
Vermont	Franklin and Rutland	172,000	Flood
Wyoming	Albany, Big Horn, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Fremont, Hot Springs, Johnson, Natrona, Niobrara, Park, Platte, Sheridan, Sweetwater, Sublette, Weston, and Washakie	926,000	Drought
Wyoming	Converse, Crook, Natrona, and Sheridan	832,000	Other - Wildfire
	TOTALS	18,786,600	