



Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides emergency funding and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland and conservation structures damaged by natural disasters and implement emergency water conservation measures in periods of severe drought.

ECP is administered by FSA state and county committees and county committees regarding ECP enrollment periods and eligibility.

FSA county committees determine land eligibility based on on-site inspections of damaged land and the type and extent of damage.

Eligible land includes land used for:

- Commercial farming, ranching and orchard operations;
- Growing nursery stock and Christmas tree plantations;
- Grazing for commercial livestock production; and
- Conservation structures such as, waterways, terraces, diversions and windbreaks.
- Conservation problems existing before the applicable disaster event are ineligible for ECP assistance.

Cost-share payments are:

- Up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved restoration practices;
- Up to 90 percent of the cost to implement approved restoration practices for producers who certify as limited resource, socially-disadvantaged or beginning farmers/ranchers;
- Limited to \$500,000 per person or legal entity per disaster; and
- Available as an advance payment of up to 25 percent of expected cost-share, for only the replacement or restoration of fencing.

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systems for orchards and vineyards).

- Producer or USDA Documents damage with dated photographs, videos and
- Producer reports to a local Service Center as soon as possible to request assistance (immediate restoration applies only to emergency situations)
- HAYW&i bmi: G5'c W'k]''dfcj]XY' guidance on the approval process and next steps.

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