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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Programs at a Glance

Disaster programs	Blizzard	Fire	Hurricane/ Typhoon	Excessive Moisture/ Flood	Excessive Winds/ Tornado	Drought	Hail	Volcanic Eruption/ Emissions	Freeze	Earthquake
Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) - provides funding to rehabilitate farmland damaged by wind erosion, floods, hurricanes, or other natural disasters, and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) - provides payments to eligible owners of rural nonindustrial private forest land to carry out emergency measures to restore forest health on land damaged by natural disaster events such as floods, hurricanes, or other natural disasters	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) - provides payments to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish to help compensate for losses due to disease (including cattle tick fever), adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires.	Yes	Yes, except on federally managed land	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, except for water transportation	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Emergency Loan Program (EM) - provides EM loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Livestock Forage Disaster - Program (LFP) - provides compensation for grazing losses for covered livestock on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or certain crops planted specifically for grazing. The grazing losses must be due to a qualifying drought condition or fire on Federally managed land during the normal grazing period for the county.	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) - provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. In addition, LIP covers attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, except when associated with anthrax	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) - provides financial assistance for noninsurable crop losses due to drought, flood, hurricane, or other natural disasters.	Yes	Yes, Only as a related condition to an eligible disaster	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tree Assistance Program (TAP) - provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or, where applicable, rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines lost by natural disasters.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Other natural disasters that may apply to some of these programs include:

- Explosion
- High water
- Landslide
- Mudslide
- Severe snowstorm
- Storm, including ice storms
- Tidal wave
- Wind-driven water
- Insect infestation
- Plant disease
- Lightning
- Other **natural** phenomena

Some man-made conditions qualify for disaster assistance, as follows:

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Disaster programs	Pesticide Contamination	Nuclear Radiation/Fallout	Toxic Substances Other Than Pesticides	Chemical Residue Other Than Pesticides
Dairy Indemnity Payment Program (DIPP) - Pays dairy producers when a public regulatory agency directs them to remove their raw milk from the commercial market because it has been contaminated by pesticides, nuclear radiation or fallout, or toxic substances and chemical residues other than pesticides.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the FSA disaster programs, visit your local FSA county office or Service Center, or visit online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index>. To find your local FSA county office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>

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Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

OVERVIEW

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 damaged by natural disasters and to implement emergency water conservation measures in periods of severe drought. Available funding for ECP is determined annually by Congress.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

ECP is administered by FSA state and county committees. Subject to availability of funds, locally-elected members of FSA county committees are authorized to implement ECP for all disasters except drought, which is authorized by the FSA national office. To learn more about FSA county committees, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

LAND ELIGIBILITY

FSA county committees determine land eligibility based on on-site inspections of damaged land and 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 that, 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 before the applicable disaster event are ineligible for ECP assistance.

PAYMENTS

As determined by FSA county committees, ECP participants may receive cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved emergency conservation practices. Qualified limited-resource producers may receive cost-share assistance of up to 90 percent of the cost to implement approved emergency conservation practices.

Individual or cumulative requests for cost-share assistance of \$50,000 or less per person or legal entity, per disaster are approved at the county committee level. Cost-share assistance requests exceeding \$50,000 require approval from the state committee or national office. Cost-share assistance is limited to \$200,000 per person or legal entity per disaster.

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

ELIGIBLE CONSERVATION PRACTICES

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

- Debris removal from farmland;
- Grading, shaping or leveling land;
- Restoring livestock fences and conservation structures and;
- Providing water for livestock during periods of severe drought.

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

ENROLLMENT PERIODS

Producers should inquire with their local FSA county office regarding ECP enrollment periods, which are established by FSA county committees.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

More information on ECP is available at FSA offices, local USDA service centers and on FSA's website at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>. To find your local FSA office, visit online at <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program

OVERVIEW

The 2014 Farm Bill authorized up to \$20 million of Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds each fiscal year for the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). ELAP provides financial assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish for losses due to disease, certain adverse weather events or loss conditions, including blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary. ELAP assistance is provided for losses not covered by other disaster assistance programs authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, such as losses not covered by the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

Recipients of ELAP payments may receive a reduced payment should the total annual national demand for ELAP exceed \$20 million in a fiscal year.

ELAP is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ELIGIBLE LOSSES

ELAP provides assistance for livestock death losses; feed and grazing losses that are not due to drought or wildfires on federally managed lands; losses resulting from the cost of transporting water to livestock due to an eligible drought; losses resulting from the additional cost associated with gathering livestock for treatment related to cattle tick fever, honeybee feed, colony and hive losses; and farm-raised fish feed and death losses.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PAYMENT CALCULATIONS

For additional information regarding eligibility requirements and payment calculations for a specific type of livestock, honeybee and/or

farm-raised fish loss, see the ELAP - Farm-Raised Fish Assistance, ELAP - Honeybee Assistance or ELAP - Livestock Assistance fact sheet at www.fsa.usda.gov/ELAP.

PAYMENT LIMITATIONS

No person or legal entity, excluding a joint venture or general partnership, may receive, directly or indirectly, more than \$125,000 total in payments under ELAP, LFP and LIP combined. The average adjusted gross income (AGI) limitation relating to limits on payments for persons or legal entities, excluding joint ventures and general partnerships, with certain levels of average AGI will apply. Specifically, a person or legal entity with an average AGI (as defined in 7 CFR Part 1400) that exceeds \$900,000 will not be eligible to receive ELAP payments.

Direct attribution provisions also apply to ELAP. Under direct attribution, any payment to a legal entity will also be considered for payment limitation purposes to be a payment to persons or legal entities with an interest in the legal entity or in a sub-entity. To learn more, visit the Payment Eligibility and Payment Limitations fact sheet at www.fsa.usda.gov/payment-limitations.

APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE

Producers can apply to receive ELAP assistance at local FSA service centers. For the 2016 program year and subsequent program year losses, the application period will end no later than Nov. 1 after the end of the program year in which the livestock, honeybee and/or farm-raised fish loss occurred.

In addition to submitting an application for payment, producers who suffered losses must submit a notice of loss to the local FSA service center that maintains the farm records for their business.

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The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and application for payment for losses.

Date of Loss	Final Date to File Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
Program year 2016 and subsequent program years	30 days after loss is apparent	Nov. 1 after the program year in which the loss occurred

FOR MORE INFORMATION

This fact sheet is for informational purposes only; other restrictions may apply. To find more information about ELAP, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/ELAP or contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- 1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;*
- 2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or*
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PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

EFRP is administered by FSA state and county committees and offices. Subject to availability of funds, locally-elected members of FSA county committees are authorized to implement EFRP for all disasters except drought and insect infestations, which are authorized at the FSA national office. To learn more about FSA county committees, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

LAND ELIGIBILITY

FSA county committees determine land eligibility using on-site damage inspections that assess the type and extent of damage. To be eligible for EFRP, NIPF land must:

- Have existing tree cover (or had tree cover immediately before the natural disaster occurred and is suitable for growing trees) and;
- Be owned by any nonindustrial private individual, group, association, corporation or other private legal entity that has definitive decision-making authority over the land.

In addition, the natural disaster must have resulted in damage that, if untreated, would:

- Impair or endanger the natural resources on the land and;
- Materially affect future use of the land.

PAYMENTS

EFRP program participants may receive financial assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved emergency forest restoration practices as determined by FSA county committees.

Individual or cumulative requests for financial assistance of \$50,000 or less per person or legal entity, per disaster are approved by the county committee. Financial assistance from \$50,001 to \$100,000 is approved by the state committee. Financial assistance over \$100,000 must be approved at the FSA national office. A payment limitation of \$500,000 per person or legal entity applies per disaster.

ELIGIBLE FOREST RESTORATION PRACTICES

To restore NIPF, EFRP program participants may implement emergency forest restoration practices, including emergency measures:

- Necessary to repair damage caused by a natural disaster to natural resources on nonindustrial private forest land and;
- Restore forest health and forest related resources on the land.

Other emergency measures may be authorized by FSA county committees, with approval from FSA state committees and the FSA national office.

ENROLLMENT PERIODS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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