



DISASTER ASSISTANCE

EGSFP - Emergency Grain Storage Facility Assistance Program

Overview

The Emergency Grain Storage Facility Assistance Program (EGSFP) provides financial assistance to producers affected in Kentucky, Minnesota, South Dakota, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, and Tennessee to support grain storage capacity and drying and handling needs for the orderly marketing of commodities following the destruction of large commercial grain elevators as a result of extreme weather (tornadoes, derechos, etc.).

This cost-share assistance will support efforts to pay grain producers for losses due to limited marketing and storage opportunities because of destructions caused by eligible disaster events. The Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs (DAFP) may determine if there is a need for EGSFP assistance in other states and regions during the application period.

What Is Eligible?

Eligible Losses

EGSFP helps producers to market and build new or used, permanent or temporary on-farm grain storage capacity, restore existing storage capacity, and acquire drying and handling equipment for losses due to eligible disaster events.

Eligible disaster events include:

- Derechos;
- Floods;
- Hurricanes;
- Tornadoes;
- Winter storms.



Eligible Facilities, Equipment and Upgrades

The following types of new/used, permanent or temporary on-farm grain storage structures are eligible and must have a useful life of at least 3 years:

- conventional-type cribs or bins designed and engineered for grain storage;
- open buildings with two end walls;
- converted storage structures;
- asphalt, concrete or gravel floors with grain piles and tarp covering;
- ag baggers (including bags).

On-farm grain storage structures may account for aeration-drainage, and may require loading or unloading augers, drying and handling equipment.

Payment Limitations

A person or legal entity, other than a joint venture or general partnership, cannot receive, directly or indirectly, more than \$125,000 in EGSFP payments.

Payment Calculation

The EGSFP payment will be calculated as follows: Producers will self-certify to the cost of the on-farm grain storage capacity or drying and handling equipment. The self-certified cost will be multiplied by the producer's share of the grain crop that will be stored in the built or purchased storage structure. This is the EGSFP payment, which will be multiplied by the cost share factor of 75% or (see section of this fact sheet on eligibility for the 90% cost-share rate for underserved producers). FSA will determine if the self-certified cost for the on-farm grain storage capacity or drying and handling equipment is reasonable based on general construction, labor, and supply rates for the respective areas.

Payment Disbursement

FSA will make a partial and final payment or one final payment to eligible grain producers, or a group of producers based on the information certified on FSA-413 and FSA-413-1, Continuation Sheet for EGSFP, if applicable. The FSA-413-1 must be submitted with the FSA-413 when a group of producers are applying for EGSFP assistance.

At the election of the producer, one partial payment and one final payment will be available. The partial payment will be made to facilitate the purchase and construction of the eligible on-farm grain storage capacity and drying and handling equipment and will be made after the approved applicant has completed a commensurate share, up to 50%, of the construction or purchase of the eligible on-farm grain storage materials and drying and handling equipment.

The final payment will be made after the eligible on-farm storage capacity and drying and handling equipment has been fully delivered, erected, constructed, assembled, or installed. An FSA employee may inspect and verify the amount of construction completed before a partial and final payment is disbursed.

Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning, or Veteran Farmer or Ranchers

An eligible producer who certifies they are socially disadvantaged, limited resource, beginning and veteran farmer or rancher will receive 90 percent of the payment rate for the losses under EGSFP. Failure of applicant to submit form CCC-860 will result in an applicant's payment being calculated using the lower payment rate that applies to all other applicants.



An applicant who has filed CCC-860 certifying their status as a socially disadvantaged, beginning, or veteran farmer or rancher for a prior program year is not required to submit a subsequent certification of their status.

Applying for Assistance

Producers may be eligible for EGSFP assistance for on-farm grain storage purchased or built, and drying and handling equipment purchased after the Notice of Funding Availability is published in the Federal Register.

Producers will self-certify on EGSFP Application form, FSA-413 and FSA-413-1, Continuation Sheet for EGSFP, if applicable, the harvested production for crop years 2021 and 2022, and the estimated cost to acquire or build the on-farm grain storage or purchase drying and handling equipment, and the producer's share of grain.

Producers may apply by completing a FSA-413 and FSA-413-1, Continuation Sheet for EGSFP, if applicable, must be submitted to the administrative FSA county office and may be submitted in person, by mail, email, or facsimile. EGSFP application period ends on December 29, 2023.

More Information

This fact sheet is provided for informational purposes only; other restrictions or requirements may apply. For more information about EGSFP, visit FSA.USDA.gov/EGSFP or contact your local FSA office for details. To find your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov.