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Emergency Relief Program 1-ERP	Amendment 4

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Amendment Transmittal

A Reasons for Amendment

Subparagraph 46 A has been amended to correct the linkage table.

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46   Linkage Requirement

A Rule

As a condition of payment eligibility, producers must obtain crop insurance or NAP coverage, as applicable and if available, for the crop, tree, bush, or vine.

Crop insurance or NAP coverage must be obtained for the next 2 available crop years. The next 2 available crop years will be determined from the date a producer receives an ERP payment and may vary depending on the timing and availability of coverage.

The final crop year to purchase crop insurance or NAP coverage to meet the second year of coverage for this requirement is the 2026 crop year.

Note: See subparagraph D for guidance on determining the next 2 available crop years for linkage purposes.

Determine the coverage a producer must obtain to meet linkage according to the following table.

IF the producer has received program benefits...	THEN for linkage, the producer is required to obtain...
on an insurable crop	crop insurance at 60/100 coverage level or higher.
on a NAP-eligible crop	NAP at the basic 50/55 (catastrophic) level of coverage or higher.
on a NAP eligible crop, but the producer is ineligible for NAP because they exceed AGI for an applicable linkage year	NAP at the basic 50/55 level regardless of the producer's ineligibility to receive a NAP payment or WFRP.
on a Pasture Rangeland and Forage, Annual Forage, or WFRP policy	*--For the number of acres for which an ERP payment was received, purchase PRF or individual crop insurance policy at 60/100 coverage level or higher or NAP at the basic 50/55 (catastrophic) level of coverage or higher if crop insurance is not available in the county. **Example:** To meet linkage a producer could purchase PRF, a forage production crop insurance policy or NAP as applicable for the crop.--*
on a crop insured under both a WFRP and Multi-Peril Crop Insurance policy	WFRP **and** crop insurance at the minimum level of coverage or higher

46   Linkage Requirement (Continued)

A   Rule (Continued)

IF the producer has received program benefits...	THEN for linkage, the producer is required to obtain...
*--on Whole Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP)	for the crop(s) that sustained a loss under a WFRP policy purchase WFRP or an individual crop insurance policy at 60/100 coverage level or higher, or NAP at the basic 50/55 (catastrophic) level of coverage or higher if crop insurance is not available on the crop in the county. Example: Producer has WFRP and receives an ERP payment due to loss on corn and peaches. To meet linkage producer may purchase WFRP or in place of WFRP a corn crop insurance policy and NAP for peaches.
on Annual Forage	purchase annual forage or individual crop insurance policy at 60/100 coverage level or higher, or NAP at the basic 50/55 (catastrophic) level of coverage or higher if crop insurance is not available on the crop in the county. Example: Producer has an Annual Forage policy and receives an ERP payment due to a loss on wheat for grain and a loss on sorghum forage hay. To meet linkage producer may purchase annual forage or a wheat policy and NAP for sorghum forage.--*

If program benefits were received on a:

- NAP crop and crop insurance becomes available for this crop in a linkage year, the producer is required to obtain crop insurance at a level of coverage at 60/100 or equivalent.

- insured crop and crop insurance is **not** available for this crop in a linkage year, the producer is required to obtain NAP at the basic 50/55 level of coverage, including paying the applicable service fee and filing annual acreage and production reports.

The linkage requirement applies to the producer's interest in the crop, tree, bush, or vine in the county that received benefits as outlined in the following table.

IF the crop was…	THEN coverage must have been obtained…
An insured crop	in the physical location county of the crop, tree, bush, or vine that received benefits.
A NAP-covered crop	in the administrative county of the crop, tree, bush, or vine that received benefits.