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**Emergency Relief Program  
1-ERP**

**Amendment 6**

**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**Amendment Transmittal**

**A Reasons for Amendment**

Subparagraph 6 A has been amended to correct the link to the ERP Toolkit available on the FSA Outreach Intranet page.

Subparagraph 46 A has been amended to clarify that a Micro Farm policy, offered through Whole Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP), may also be obtained at the 60/100 coverage level or higher to meet linkage requirements.

Subparagraph 65 H has been added to provide policy for withdrawing FSA-520.

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**5 Internal Controls (Continued)**

**C Recording DD Reviews**

DD review results must be recorded on the ERP internal controls SharePoint site at <https://usdagcc.sharepoint.com/sites/fsa-dafp/SND/ERP?OR=Teams-HL&CT=1653507493010&params=eyJBCkHBOYW1lIjoiVGZhbmMtRGVza3RvcCIslkFwcFZlcnNpb24iOiIyNy8yMjA1MDEwMTAwOSJ9>.

## 6 Outreach

### A Conducting Program Outreach

ERP program outreach efforts require the process of expanding awareness and delivery of FSA programs and services to the widest possible customer base. Targeted program outreach activities should be presented to nonparticipating, but potentially eligible persons.

Examples of outreach and educational activities include, but are not limited to, presenting ERP information at:

- meetings
- conferences
- workshops
- expos
- field days.

County Office ERP outreach activities should be conducted with potential producers and stakeholder organizations who work with farmers and ranchers who would benefit from the program.

Examples may include:

- farmers and ranchers, including underserved producers
- land grant colleges and universities
- nonprofit community-based organizations
- agricultural associations and organizations
- other USDA and federal agencies
- COC and STC members
- Tribal, State, and local government entities.

County Office Outreach Coordinators should work closely with the State Outreach Coordinator for assistance with planning strategic targeted program outreach activities.

Program materials available for counties to use are available on the FSA Outreach Office  
\*--Intranet page under Program Toolkits at <https://inside.fsa.usda.gov/operations/office-of-outreach/program-toolkits/erp-elrp>.--\*

## 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/Micro Farm.
on a Pasture Rangeland and Forage, Annual Forage, or WFRP/Micro Farm 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.  <b>Example:</b> 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/Micro Farm <b>and</b> 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)/Micro Farm	for the crop(s) that sustained a loss under a WFRP/Micro Farm policy purchase WFRP/Micro Farm 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.  <b>Example:</b> 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.  <b>Example:</b> 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.

**65 Applying for ERP Phase 1 (Continued)****E Additional Eligibility Forms**

Producers, including any producers with an SBI with a share in a crop as indicated on the application, must also have the following forms on file with FSA within 60 days of the announced application deadline.

- AD-2047, Customer Data Worksheet (if applicable)
- CCC-902, Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility
- CCC-901, Member Information for Legal Entities (if applicable)
- AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification.

**Note:** Failure to timely provide all eligibility forms may result in no payment or a reduced payment. County Offices must immediately update Business File and applicable subsidiary records when the eligibility forms are filed.

In addition to the forms listed above, producers requesting an increased payment limitation or payment rate must submit the following:

- FSA-510, Request for an Exception to the \$125,000 Payment Limitation for Certain Programs
- CCC-860, Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification.

Producers may file the FSA-510 or CCC-860 for an increased payment limitation or payment rate until the deadline announced by FSA.

**Note:** If a producer submits FSA-510 or CCC-860 after receiving an ERP Phase 1 payment but before the announced deadline, an additional payment reflecting the increased limitations and rate will be issued.

**65 Applying for ERP Phase 1 (Continued)****F Incomplete Application**

County Offices will place incomplete applications in the producer's file and notify the producer by letter. The letter must explain why the application is considered incomplete. See sample letter in Exhibit 32.

**G Amended Application**

New signatures are required from all producers requesting a share in the ERP payment if an application is amended due to revision of shares, certification of qualifying disaster event, or linkage agreement, or a producer requesting changes to the crops or units that will receive an ERP payment.

**\*--H Withdrawing FSA-520's**

A producer may withdraw or partially withdraw FSA-520 at any time after submission. A producer must request a withdrawal in writing and submit the request to the recording County Office. The County Office must date stamp the request.

If the producer is withdrawing their application for all crops and units on FSA-520, the County Office must remove all producer and FSA representative signature dates from the software. If a producer requests a partial withdrawal of a specific crop or unit, then the County Office will remove all information for the applicable line item(s) and leave the producer and FSA representative signature dates in the software.

**Note:** All actions must be thoroughly documented in the COC minutes.--\*