

Emergency Land Conservation Programs with FSA

**The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)
and
Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)**

Overview

- FSA provides funding to carry out emergency measures in the restoration of land damaged by a natural disaster through
 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)
 - Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)
- These programs are:
 - available as needed based on damage to eligible land from natural disasters
 - subject to availability of funds

Key Program Points

	Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)	Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)
Producer Eligibility	A farmer or rancher with an interest in farming who is an agricultural producer** and contributes to part of the practice cost	Nonindustrial Private Forest Land owners
Land Eligibility	Cropland	Nonindustrial Private Forest Land

**Agricultural Producer – an owner, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper of a farm, and the farm is used to commercially produce: grains, row crops, seed crops, vegetables, hay, pasture, orchards, vineyards, flowers, bulbs, trees, field-grown ornaments, livestock, or other agricultural commodities

Key Program Points (continued)

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Practices	<p>Conservation practices to rehabilitate farmland, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Debris removal on crop fields• Restoration of livestock fencing• Restoration of conservation structures• Water provisions for livestock during drought	<p>Emergency measures needed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repair damage caused by a natural disaster to natural resources on nonindustrial private forest land• Restore forest health and forest related resources on the land.

Key Program Points (continued)

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Cost Shares Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75%• 50% - Temporary practices under drought measures• 90% - Limited Resource Producer• cost shares for fencing are adjusted by a percentage based on the age of the fence being restored	75%

Program Administration

1. After a natural disaster occurs, the FSA County Office investigates for damage.
 - May meet with the County Emergency Board to:
 - Discuss the event and current reports of damage
 - Learn of other situations
 - Determine the scope of damage
 - Review all reports received
 - By producers, other agencies, etc
 - Field visits
 - Photographs

Program Administration (continued)

2. The County Committee is notified of the situation and determines whether implementation of ECP or EFRP should be requested.
3. A request to implement ECP or EFRP is submitted to the State Committee for concurrence

Program Administration (continued)

4. With State Committee Concurrence, the request is forwarded to WDC for approval and funding.
5. The FSA County Office can now hold a sign up for individuals to apply for assistance.*

* While a sign up designates a specific time for producers to apply for assistance, an application can be taken at any time. Producers should be aware that applications may not be approved if practices are started before filing an application or before COC approval of an application.