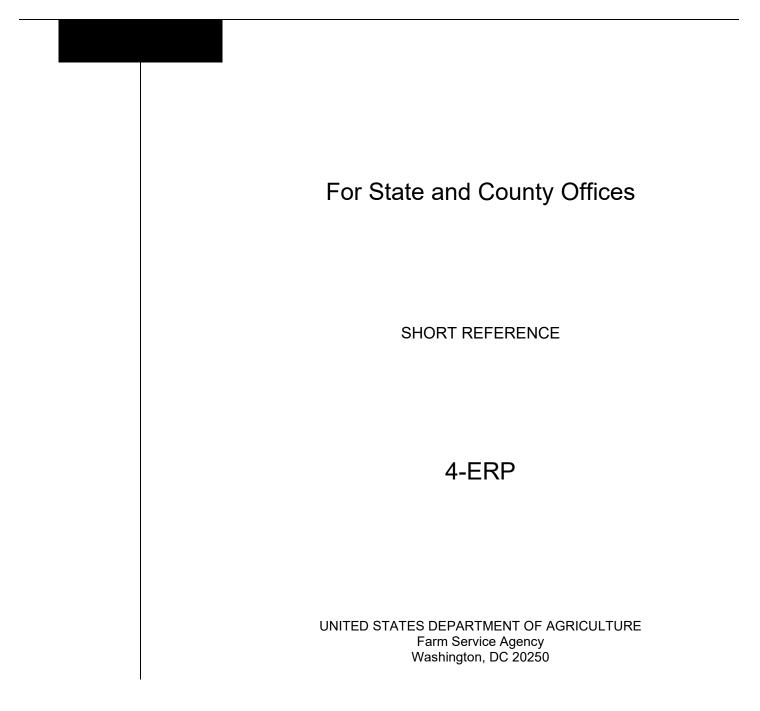


# **Emergency Relief Program Phase 2 Automation**



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#### **Amendment Transmittal**

#### A Reason for Issuance

This handbook provides automation procedure for using the ERP Phase 2 system.

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#### Part 1 General Information

#### **1** Basic Provisions

# A Purpose

This handbook contains instructions for using web-based software to administer ERP Phase 2.

### **B** Authority and Responsibilities

PDD has the authority and responsibility for the instructions in this handbook. SND has the authority and responsibility for policy in 3-ERP.

#### C Related FSA Handbooks

The following FSA handbooks are related to ERP.

IF the area of concern is about	THEN see
appeals	1-APP.
assignments and joint payments	63-FI.
ERP phase 2 policy and procedure	3-ERP.
common payment process	9-CM.
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misaction, misinformation, or equitable relief, scheme,	7-CP.
device, or failure to fully comply	
payment eligibility 6-PL.	
prompt payment provisions or foreign person tax	61-FI.
withholding	
receipt for service and customer interactions	1-RFS.
reporting to IRS 62-FI.	
signatures, estates, trusts, minors, or powers of attorney,	1-CM.
registers, or controlled substance violations	
web-based eligibility records 3-PL (Rev. 2).	

# 2 **Responsibilities**

#### **A** Background

The responsibilities described in this paragraph are in addition to the responsibilities in 3-ERP.

#### **B** Office Responsibilities

The following table describes the responsibilities of each office for ERP activity.

Office	Responsibilities
PDD	Implements web-based processes to support ERP functions in State and
	County Offices.
	Provides procedural assistance to State Offices on data entry requirements and software operations.
State Offices	Provides application training to County Offices.
	Provides procedural assistance to County Offices on data entry requirements and software operations.
FPAC Business	Develops software and provides technical assistance to PDD.
Center ISD	

#### 3 RFS

#### A Overview

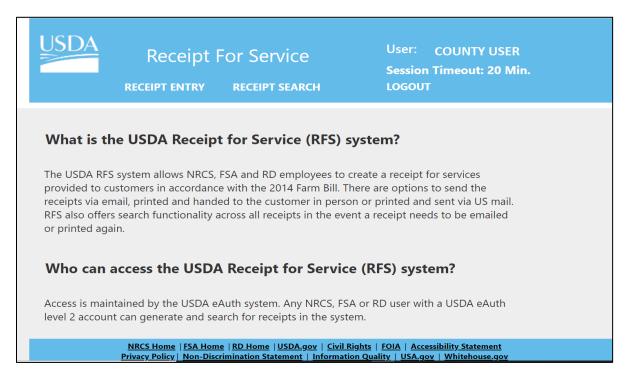
1-RFS provides policy for RFS and all ERP activity should be documented using RFS-Receipt for Service.

Note: RFS-Receipt for Service training materials can be found on the DAFP Internet site.

#### **3 RFS (Continued)**

#### **B** Example of Receipt for Service Screen

The following is an example of the Receipt for Service Screen.



#### C Action

Access the RFS application according to the following table.

Step	Action	
1	Access the FSA Applications Intranet page at	
	https://intranet.fsa.usda.gov/fsa/applications.asp.	
2	Under "FSA Applications", "Applications Directory", CLICK "P-Z".	
3	CLICK "RFS – Receipt for Service".	

4-10 (Reserved)

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#### Part 2 ERP Phase 2 Application System

#### 11 Accessing ERP Phase 2 System

#### A Overview

All ERP functions:

- are within the web-based software
- can only be updated by FSA employees with eAuthentication Level II certification.

Note: See 3-ERP for ERP policy and provisions.

#### **B** Accessing the ERP System

Step	Action	
1	Access the FSA Applications Intranet page at	
	https://intranet.fsa.usda.gov/fsa/applications.asp.	
2	Under "FSA Applications", "Applications Directory", CLICK "A-C".	
3	CLICK "Emergency Relief Program (ERP)".	
4	The ERP Login Screen will be displayed. CLICK "ERP Login".	

#### 12 ERP Phase 2 Home Screen

#### A Overview

The ERP Home Screen allows users to select the applicable program year, State, and county. The system will default to the user's assigned State and county. If the user is assigned to multiple County Offices, the software will default to the State/county with the lowest State/county code first.

#### **B** Example of ERP Home Screen

Following is an example of the ERP Home Screen.

ERP Phase 2	Emergency Reli	ef Program Phase 2	?   WESLEY JENNINGS ✓
Home Tools ~			
State/County:			
Select State/County	~		
Customer Search	Application Selection		

### 12 ERP Phase 2 Home Screen (Continued)

#### **C** Top Navigation Bar

The top navigation bar will be displayed on all screens within the ERP System. The following table provides an explanation of the links in the top navigation bar.

Explanation
Allows users to navigate to the ERP Home Screen.
<ul> <li>Allows users to navigate to:</li> <li>Receipt for Service</li> <li>Email Notification</li> <li>Reports</li> <li>COC Determination Bulk Approval</li> <li>COC Determination Electronic Approval</li> </ul>
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#### **D** ERP Home Screen Selection Options

The following table provides the field descriptions and actions for the ERP Home Screen.

Field	Description/Action
State	Select the applicable State.
County	Select the applicable county.

#### **E** Page Options

The following table provides available options for selecting a producer.

Option	Description/Action
Customer Search	Users can select this option to search for a specific producer. Choosing this option will initiate a SCIMS search.
	<b>Note:</b> Nationwide customer service is available for ERP.
Application Selection	If this option is selected, all applications in the selected State/county will be displayed.
	<b>Note:</b> A State/county must be selected before displaying the applications entered.

# **13** Application Selection Screen

#### A Overview

The Application Selection Screen allows users to create, edit, and/or view applications for ERP.

#### **B** Example of Application Selection Screen

Following is an example of the Application Selection Screen.

ERP Phase 2	<b>2</b>   Emergency Relief I	Program Pha	se 2			?
Home Tools 🗸						
itate: Florida (12)			Count	y: Baker (003)		
Customer Search	Edit View Form ECPR Detection					
<u>S</u>						
•	Producer ^	Application Status	Year	COC Determination	Specialty Crops Obligation Status	Other Crops Obligation Status
<u>S</u>		· · · ·	<b>Year</b> 2020			

# **C** Application Selection Screen Descriptions and Actions

The following table provides descriptions and actions for the Application Selection Screen.

Field/Button	Description/Action
State	Displays the recording State.
County	Displays the recording county.
Customer Search	Allows user to select a specific producer.
	If an application already exists, the user will be directed to the application; otherwise, a new application cannot be created. <b>Note:</b> A producer is allowed 1 application nationwide.
Edit	After selecting the producer, CLICK "Edit" to access the application.
View Form	After selecting the producer, CLICK "View Form" to view FSA-521.
ECPR	After selecting the producer, CLICK "ECPR" to view the Estimated Calculation Payment Report.
	<b>Note:</b> The "ECPR" tab will be disabled at the beginning of sign-up.

# **13** Application Selection Screen (Continued)

<b>Field/Button</b>		Description/Action			
Delete	Deletes an application entered in error.				
	A pop-up box will be displayed asking the user if they are sure they want to delete the application.				
	CLICK:				
	• "Yes" to	delete the application			
	Note: The Selection	e application will be deleted from the Application Screen.			
	• " <b>No</b> " to re	eturn to the Application Selection Screen.			
	Note: Th	ne application will not be canceled.			
	o aj	Applications deleted after COC approval will result in an verpayment that must be transferred to NRRS. The pplication can no longer be edited after being deleted. A			
Application ID		ew application will need to be created if deleted in error.			
Application ID Producer		system-generated application number for the producer.			
Status	Indicator	Description			
Status	Initiated	Application has been created and the "Producer Signature Date" field is blank.			
	Enrolled	Application has been created and a producer signature date has been recorded.			
	Approved	The COC date has been recorded and determination is "Approved" for both 2020 and 2021.			
	Partially Approved	The COC date has been recorded and determination is "Approved" for only one year.			
	A A	The COC date has been recorded and determination is "Disapproved" for both 2020 and 2021.			
	Partially Disapproved	The COC date has been recorded and determination is			
	Split	The COC date has been recorded and determination is "Approved" for one year and "Disapproved" for the other year.			
	Pending Obligation	The COC date has been recorded, determination is "Approved", and obligation is now pending.			
		Note: This status is a rare occurrence.			

# C Application Selection Screen Descriptions and Actions (Continued)

# 13 Application Selection Screen (Continued)

		Description/Action
<b>Field/Button</b>	Indicator	Description
COC	Approved	The FSA Representative date has been recorded and
Determination		determination is "Approved".
	Disapproved	The FSA Representative date has been recorded and
		determination is "Disapproved".
	"Blank"	The FSA Representative date has not been recorded
		and no determination has been made.
Specialty	Approved	The application has been successfully obligated and gross
Obligation Status		payment has been sent to the Common Payment System.
	Failed	An obligation has failed because of lack of response from the accounting system or from a lack of funding.
		A Message will be displayed informing the user of the remediation.
	Not Required	An obligation is not required because the producer has no
		share on a specialty crop or the payment calculates to
		zero on the application.
	Rejected	An obligation has been rejected. Counties are to contact
		their State Office specialist for assistance.
		A message will be displayed informing the user of
New Cassis Ites	A	remediation.
Non-Specialty	Approved	The application has been successfully obligated and gross
Obligation Status	Failed	payment has been sent to the Common Payment System.
	Failed	An obligation has failed because of lack of response from the accounting system or from a lack of funding.
		the accounting system of from a fack of funding.
		A message will be displayed informing the user of
		remediation.
	Not Required	An obligation is not required because the producer has no
	1	shares on a non-specialty crop or the payment calculates
		to zero on the application.
	Rejected	An obligation has been rejected. Counties are to contact
		their State Office specialist for assistance.
		A message will be displayed informing the user of
		remediation.
	Failed	An obligation has failed because of lack of response from
		the accounting system or from a lack of funding.

# C Application Selection Screen Descriptions and Actions (Continued)

### 14 ERP Phase 2 Application Screen

# A Overview

After a producer has been selected, the ERP Application Screen will be displayed.

### **B** Example of ERP Application Screen

Following is an example of the ERP Application Screen.

	ERP Phase 2   E	mergency Relief Progr	am Phase 2			0 I	
	Home Tools ~						
	Disaster Year Revenue Ce	rtification			Sum	mary	
Producer: Producer, Dale S		Florida (12) ding State: Florida (12)		nty: Baker (003) ording County: Baker (003)		Application Status: Not created Application ID: Unassigned	
PART C - 2020 DISASTER YE	AR REVENUE CERTIFICATION						
Source	% of Expected Revenue from Specialty and High Value Crops	% of Expected Revenue from Other Crops	Benchmark Year	Benchmark Revenue	Representative Revenue Year	Disaster Year Revenue	Actions
PRODUCER			Select 🗸		Select 🗸		Clear
COC USE ONLY							
PART D - 2021 DISASTER YE	AR REVENUE CERTIFICATION						
Source	% of Expected Revenue from Specialty and High Value Crops	% of Expected Revenue from Other Crops	Benchmark Year	Benchmark Revenue	Representative Revenue Year	Disaster Year Revenue	Actions
PRODUCER			Select 🗸		Select 🗸		Clear
COC USE ONLY							
1 of 2 Steps					Exi	it Save Continue	Save and Continue

### C ERP Application Screen Descriptions and Actions

The following table provides descriptions and actions for the ERP Application Screen.

Tab	Description/Action
Disaster Year	Screen is defaulted to "Disaster Year Revenue Certification". Follow
Revenue	paragraph 15 to enter application information.
Certification	
Summary	The "Summary" tab will display all information entered from all tabs and allows users to:
	<ul> <li>view information entered from other screens</li> <li>enter the producer's signature date</li> <li>enter the producer's signature type</li> <li>enter the COC determination and date.</li> </ul>
	CLICK "Summary". Follow paragraph 21 to enter applicable information.

# 14 ERP Phase 2 Application Screen (Continued)

# **D** ERP Application Screen Header Information

The following table provides the header information for the ERP Application Screen.

Field	Description
State	Displays the selected State name and code from the ERP Home Screen.
County	Displays the selected county name and code from the ERP Home Screen.
Producer	Displays the name of the producer.
Recording State	Displays the recording State name and State code of the producer.
Recording County	Displays the recording county name and county code of the producer.
<b>Application Status</b>	Displays the system-generated application status.
Application ID	Displays the system-generated application number. A number is
	generated after the application has information entered and has been
	saved.

#### **E ERP** Application Screen Footer Information

The following table provides the footer information for the ERP Application Screen.

Field	Description
Exit	Exits the application and returns the user to the Application Selection Screen.
	Information not previously saved is not saved.
Save	Saves the application.
	<b>Note:</b> Users who prefer to tab across the application must CLICK "Save" before proceeding to the next tab.
Continue	Proceeds to the next tab without saving data.
Save and	Saves the application and proceeds to the next tab.
Continue	

#### **15 Disaster Year Revenue Certification Screen**

#### A Overview

The Disaster Year Revenue Certification Screen allows users to enter the information for the producer according to FSA-521, Part C and Part D.

### **15 Disaster Year Revenue Certification Screen (Continued)**

# **B** Example of Disaster Year Revenue Certification Screen

Following is an example of the Disaster Year Revenue Certification Screen.

	ERP Phase 2   E	Emergency Relief Progr	am Phase 2		<b>e</b> 1	
	Home Tools 🗸					
	Disaster Year Revenue C	ertification			Summary	
roducer: Producer, Dale S		: Florida (12) rding State: Florida (12)		unty: <b>Baker (003)</b> cording County: <b>Baker (003)</b>	Application Status: <b>Not created</b> Application ID: <b>Unassigned</b>	
ART C - 2020 DISASTER	YEAR REVENUE CERTIFICATION					
Source	% of Expected Revenue from Specialty and High Value Crops	% of Expected Revenue from Other Crops	Benchmark Year	Benchmark Revenue	Representative Disaster Year Revenue Revenue Year	Actions
PRODUCER			Select	/	Select V	Clear
OC USE ONLY						
ART D - 2021 DISASTER	YEAR REVENUE CERTIFICATION					
ource	% of Expected Revenue	% of Expected Revenue	Benchmark	Benchmark	Representative Disaster Year Revenue	Actions
	from Specialty and High Value Crops	from Other Crops	Year	Revenue	Revenue Year	
PRODUCER			Select	/	Select 🗸	Clear
OC USE ONLY						
1 of 2 Steps					Exit Save Continue	Save and Continue

# C Disaster Year Revenue Certification Descriptions and Actions

The following table provides the descriptions and actions for the Disaster Year Revenue Certification.

Field/Button	Description/Action
% of Expected Revenue	User enters a value of the revenue the producer expects to receive
from Specialty and High	from their specialty and high value crops.
Value Crops	
	<b>Note:</b> Value must be 0.00 to 100.00.
% of Expected Revenue	The system auto-populates the value from the inputted value
from Other Crops	above.
	<b>Note:</b> Values from both "% of Expected Revenue" will equal 100%.
Benchmark Year	User selects from a dropdown of either "Adjusted", "2018", or "2019".
	Note: "Adjusted", "2018", or "2019" can be used in either Part C or Part D.
Benchmark Revenue	User enters the producer's revenue or adjusted revenue from the
	benchmark year selected.

# 15 Disaster Year Revenue Certification Screen (Continued)

# C Disaster Year Revenue Certification Descriptions and Actions (Continued)

The following table provides the descriptions and actions for the Disaster Year Revenue Certification.

Field/Button	Description/Action
Representative Revenue	User selects from a dropdown of either:
Year	
	• "2020" or "2021" in Part C
	• "2021" or "2022" in Part D.
	<b>Note:</b> Years selected in Part C and Part D must be consecutive years.
Disaster Year Revenue	User enters the producer's revenue from the disaster year
	selected.
Clear	If selected by user, all data entered in either Part C or Part D will
	be removed from the selected part.

# 16-17 (Reserved)

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### 18 Summary Screen

#### A Overview

This screen allows users to review the information for the producer, record the producer's signature date and type and COC determination date.

#### **B** Example of Summary Screen

Following is an example of the Summary Screen.

	Disaster Year Revenue Ce	-11811			Summary	
Producer: : Producer, Dale S	State:	Florida (12) ding State: Florida (12)	County: Baker Recording Cour	(003) nty: Baker (003)	Application Statu Application ID: 13	
PART C - 2020 DISAST Disaster Year Revenu	TER YEAR REVENUE CERTIFICATION	u .				
Source	% of Expected Revenue from Specialty and High Value Crops	% of Expected Revenue from Other Crops	Benchmark Year	Benchmark Revenue	Representative Revenue Year	Disaster Year Revenue
PRODUCER	5.00	95.00	2019	1500000.00	2020	850000.00
COC USE ONLY						
PART D - 2021 DISAST	FER YEAR REVENUE CERTIFICATION % of Expected Revenue from Specialty and	N % of Expected Revenue from Other Crops	Benchmark Year	Benchmark Revenue	Representative Revenue Year	Disaster Year Revenue
and the second se	High Value Crops	90.00		1500000.00	2021	1000000.00
PRODUCER COC USE ONLY	10.00	90,00	2019	1500000.00	2021	1000000.00
Authorized Override:	10N		Producer Signatu Select	иге Туре	¥	
COC DETERMINATION						
		Determination 2020 COC Determination Sta			termination 2021	
Date(MM/DD/YYYY)				000	C Determination Status	

# 18 Summary Screen (Continued)

# **C** Summary Screen Descriptions and Actions

The following table provides the descriptions and actions for the Summary Screen

Field/Button	Description/Action		
Producer Signature Date	User can manually enter the date or use 1 of the available calendar widgets to populate the date.		
	<b>Note:</b> The "Today" calendar widget populates the current date.		
Producer Signature Type	Using the "Producer Signature Type" drop-down menu, select the method that the producer used to submit their application.		
	The following are the producer signature types:		
	• Box –the online Box resource was used to transmit FSA-521 to the producer who manually signed the FSA-521 and used the online Box resource to return to the County Office		
	• Emailed/faxed –the signed FSA-521 was received by the County Office by e-mail or FAX		
	• In-person –the signed FSA-521 was delivered to the County Office in person		
	• Mailed –the signed FSA-521 was mailed to the County Office		
	• One-Span – the signed FSA-521 was electronically signed by		
	the producer and returned electronically to the County Office.		
COC Determination	User can manually enter the date County Office received FSA-521		
Date	or use 1 of the available calendar widgets to populate the date.		
	Note: Refer to 3-ERP to identify when a COC determination		
	may be made.		
Determination 2020	User can select the radio button for the COC Determination on		
	FSA-521 Part C (2020) of either "Approved" or "Disapproved".		
Determination 2021	User can select the radio button for the COC Determination on		
	FSA-521 Part D (2021) of either "Approved" or "Disapproved".		

# 19-50 (Reserved)

### Part 3 ERP Phase 2 Payment Provisions

#### 51 General Payment Provisions

#### **A** Introduction

The ERP payment process is an automated process that determines:

- whether the producer is eligible to receive payment
- the payment amount that can be sent to NPS for disbursement
- the overpayment amount that will be updated to the Pending Overpayment Report.

#### **B** Frequency of Payment Processing

Payments are processed nightly for the following:

- gross payment amounts sent through the automated payment process
- payments on the Nonpayment Report if changes have been made in the system during the day for the producer or supporting system information.

All payments on the Nonpayment Report are processed once a week to ensure all payment eligibility updates have been applied to the reduced payment amount.

#### C Obtaining FSA-325

FSA-325 must be completed, according to 1-CM, by individuals or entities requesting payment **earned** by a producer who has died, disappeared, or been declared incompetent subsequent to applying for benefits. Payment must be issued to the individuals or entities requesting payment using the deceased, incompetent, or disappeared producer's ID number.

**Note:** If FSA-521 has been filed by the producer, a revised FSA-521 is **not** required when payments are issued under the deceased, incompetent, or disappeared producer's ID number.

#### **D** Administrative Offset

ERP payments are subject to administrative offset provisions, including TOP services.

#### 51 General Payment Provisions (Continued)

#### **E** Funds Control Process

The funds for ERP payments will be controlled at the National level. If adequate funding is not available or there is an issue with the payment obligation, those producers meeting either condition will be listed on the Failed Obligations/Insufficient Funds Report in the Common Payment Reports System.

Funding for ERP payments is established as follows.

Program Code	Accounting Code
20ERPSC2	2438
21ERPSC2	
20ERPNS2	2439
21ERPNS2	

#### **F** Sequestering Payments

ERP payments are not subject to sequestration.

#### **G** Submitting Payment Problems

If there is an issue with an ERP payment, then State Office specialists should upload the applicable information to the payment problem SharePoint web site at <u>FSA Farm Programs</u> <u>Software Issues - Home (sharepoint.com)</u>.

#### H Assignments

A producer entitled to an ERP payment may assign payments according to 63-FI.

#### I Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy status does **not** exclude a producer from requesting ERP benefits.

**Note** Contact the OGC Regional Attorney for guidance on issuing ERP payments on all bankruptcy cases.

#### J Payments Less Than \$1

ERP payments will be issued in dollars and cents so all payment amounts will be sent to NPS.

#### 51 General Payment Provisions (Continued)

#### K Payment Due Date

See 61-FI for general guidance for determining payment due dates for various programs. The ERP payment system sends the current system date to NPS as the payment due date. The system **cannot** determine the payment due date because of numerous factors. County Offices will manually determine the payment due date by determining the later of the following:

- date producer signed the application
- date producer filed payment eligibility documentation, including the following:
  - AD-1026
  - CCC-902
  - FSA-510
  - FSA-860
- if the producer is an entity or joint operation, date members filed the requisite payment eligibility documentation
- availability of software to process the payment.

#### L Prompt Payment Interest

Prompt Payment Act provisions apply according to 61-FI. Interest will apply to payments issued more than 30 calendar days after the payment is considered due.

If the payment is **not** issued within 30 calendar days after the later of the dates in this subparagraph, then prompt payment interest is payable to the producer. County Offices must:

- manually determine the payment due date based on the factors identified in this subparagraph
- follow the provisions of 61-FI for issuing the interest payment.

#### 52 Payment Limitation

#### **A** Payment Limitation Amount

The payment limitation for the ERP is \$125,000 per person or legal entity (direct attribution applies) for each year (2020 or 2021), unless the producer applying requests the optional payment limitation according to 3-ERP. When applicable, the payment limitation increase must be completed according to 3-PL (Rev. 2),

As each payment is processed, the available payment limitation for the person or legal entity will be reduced until:

- all ERP payments are issued for the person or legal entity
- the maximum payment limitation has been attributed to a person or legal entity.

#### 53 Payment Eligibility

#### A Determining Payment Eligibility

The payment process reads the web-based eligibility system for the applicable year to determine whether a producer or member of a joint operation is eligible to be paid. If the producer or member is ineligible to be paid, then the individual or entity will be listed on the Nonpayment Report with the applicable message. Eligibility values must be updated before the producer can be paid.

#### **B** Eligibility Values

The following identifies eligibility determinations applicable to the ERP and how the system will use the subsidiary eligibility data for payment processing.

Eligibility Determination	Value	Eligible for ERP Payment	Exceptions
AD-1026	Certified	Yes	
	Not Filed	No	
	Good Faith	Yes	
	Determination	res	
	COC Exemption	Yes	
	Awaiting Affiliate Certification	No	
	Affiliate Violation	No	

# 53 Payment Eligibility (Continued)

# **B** Eligibility Values (Continued)

Eligibility		Eligible for ERP	Exceptions
Determination	Value	Payment	
AGI	Not Filed		
	Filed CCC-941		
Note: See 5-PL and	Exempt		
3-PL (Rev. 2)	Not Met – Producer		
for additional	Not Processed	Not	
information	Compliant – Producer	Applicable	
about AGI	Compliant – Less		
determinations.	than 3 years		
	Not Compliant		
	Compliant – FSA		
	Determined <u>3</u> /		
Adjusted Gross	Producer certifies at		
Income – 75% Rule	least 75 percent of		
	their average AGI		
<b>Note:</b> This provision	was derived from	Not	
applies to	farming, ranching or	Applicable	
producers who	forestry.		
exceed the			
\$900,000 AGI			
limitation.			

## 53 Payment Eligibility (Continued)

# **B** Eligibility Values (Continued)

Eligibility Determination	Value	Eligible for ERP Payment	Exceptions
Substantive Change	Eligible	Yes	
_	Not Applicable	Yes	
	Not Eligible	No	
Conservation	In Compliance	Yes	
Compliance -	Partial Compliance	Yes	
Farm/Tract Eligibility	In Violation	No	
	No Association	Yes	
	Past Violation	Yes	
	Reinstated	Yes	
Controlled Substance	No Violation	Yes	
	Growing	No	
	Trafficking	No	
	Possession	No	

### **C** Eligibility Conditions Priority

If a producer has multiple invalid subsidiary eligibility conditions, only the highest priority ineligible condition will be printed on the Nonpayment Report. The following is the priority of conditions.

Priority	Condition	
1	Conservation Compliance	
2	Controlled Substance	
3	AD-1026	

### 54 Payment Overview

# A Supporting Files for Integrated Payment Processing

The ERP payment process is an integrated process that reads a wide range of information from other program determinations and values to determine whether a payment should be issued, the amount of the gross payment, reductions, and net payment amount. For payments to be calculated correctly, all supporting files must be updated correctly, including the following.

Type of	How Information Is Used	<u> </u>
Information	for Payment Processing	Source
FSA-521 Data	The information from FSA-521 is used to compute the payment amount for the producer.	Application System
Payment Eligibility Information General Name and Address Information	To determine whether the producer and members of a joint operation or entity are eligible for payment for the applicable program year. To determine the producer's business type and general name and address information.	Subsidiary Eligibility System and Business File CRM Business Partner
Entity and Joint Operation Information	<ul> <li>To determine the members, shares, and values for the following:</li> <li>substantive change value</li> <li>members and member's share of the following:</li> <li>general partnership</li> <li>joint ventures</li> <li>entities.</li> </ul>	Business File
Combined Producer Information	To determine whether the producer or members of entities or joint operations are combined with other producers to ensure that the payment limitation is controlled properly.	Combined Producer System
Available Payment Limitation	To determine payment limitation availability.	Payment Limitation System
Financial-Related Information	Calculated payment information is provided to NPS. Determined overpayment amount is updated to the Pending Overpayment Report and, if applicable, transferred to NRRS.	NPS or NRRS

#### 54 Payment Overview (Continued)

#### **B** Prerequisites for Payments

The following table details the actions that must be performed or verified as having been completed to properly issue payments.

Step	Action
1	FSA-521 has been approved and the approval date has been recorded in the system.
2	Ensure that Business Partner data is updated for the producer and each member of a joint operation or entity, including the following:
	• customer's name
	• citizenship country and resident alien status, if applicable
	• TIN
	• address.
3	Ensure that AD-1026 is on file for the applicable year for producers seeking benefits
	and that the eligibility information is recorded in the web-based eligibility system.
4	Ensure that all eligibility certifications and determinations have been recorded in the
	Subsidiary Eligibility System according to 3-PL (Rev. 2).
5	Ensure that the Business File is updated according to 3-PL (Rev. 2).
6	Ensure that combined producer information is recorded in the web-based combined
	producer system according to 3-PL (Rev. 2).
7	Ensure that all assignment and joint payees have been updated in Financial Services
	if CCC-36, CCC-37, or both are filed.

#### 55 Payment Process

#### A Computing Payment and Overpayment Amounts

The ERP payment process is an integrated process that reads a wide range of files to:

- determine whether a payment should be issued or if an overpayment has occurred
- calculate the following:
  - gross payment amount
  - reduction amounts
  - net payment amount
  - overpayment amount.

Payments will be calculated and automatically sent through the payment process.

# 55 Payment Process (Continued)

# A Computing Payment and Overpayment Amounts (Continued)

The following is a high-level overview of the ERP payment process.

Step	Action		
1	Payment is triggered according to subparagraph 54 B.		
2	Determine whether there is an unsigned payment for the producer in NPS, and if		
	so, cancel the payment in NPS.		
3	Determine the gross payment amount for the producer.		
4	Determine whether the producer is an entity or joint operation, and if so, obtain		
	member information from Business File, if applicable.		
5	Determine whether the producer and/or members are eligible for payment.		
6	Provide the following to direct attribution for each producer:		
	• gross payment amount		
	• highest priority reason, if producer is ineligible because of subsidiary		
	eligibility provisions.		
7	Direct attribution will determine the following:		
	reduction amounts		
	• payment limitation availability		
	• net payment or overpayment amount		
	• reasons for nonpayments or overpayments.		
8	Provide the payment amount to NPS or update the producer and overpayment		
	amount to the Pending Overpayment Report.		
9	Payment, nonpayment, and overpayment information is available in the Common		
	Payment Reports system. See 9-CM, Part 5 for information about the common		
	payment reports.		

# 55 Payment Process (Continued)

# **B** Triggering Payments

ERP payments will be triggered through events that occur throughout the system. Calculations and determinations will occur during the evening and nighttime hours without user intervention. The following table provides trigger types and descriptions.

Trigger Type	Description	
Initial	After release of the payment software, a process will automatically run to determine all FSA-521's with a COC approval date. This will initiate the process described in subparagraph A and does <b>not</b> require any County Office user interaction.	
	<ul> <li>Payments will be sent to NPS for certification and signature.</li> <li>Reduced payments will be listed on the Nonpayment Report.</li> </ul>	
Primary	Once the initial payments are triggered, subsequent payments will be initiated when County Office users enter a COC approval date. Entering the COC approval date initiates the payment process for the selected FSA-521's.	
Secondary	Payments that cannot be issued during any payment process are sent to the Nonpayment Report. If a condition causing the producer to be on the Nonpayment Report is corrected, the payment will be triggered to reprocess to determine whether the payment can be issued.	
Tertiary	The payment system will periodically recalculate all payments.	

#### 56 General Provisions for Canceling Payments

#### A Canceling Payments

After payment processing has been completed, County Offices must review the Payment History Report in Common Payment Reports or the NPS payment worklist to ensure that the correct payments have been generated. The user will do the following if an error is determined:

- **not** sign the payment in NPS
- correct the condition causing the incorrect payment or overpayment.
- **Notes:** User intervention is **not** allowed for the cancellation process. If the condition causing the incorrect payment is corrected, the system will automatically cancel the unsigned payment and recalculate the payment amount due.

If the payment amount is determined to be incorrect and the payment has been signed in NPS, the payment can no longer be canceled. The producer will be underpaid or overpaid once the condition causing the incorrect payment has been corrected.

#### 57 Overpayments

#### A Introduction

Overpayments will be determined during the ERP payment calculation process. Overpayment information will be updated to the Pending Overpayment Report according to 9-CM, paragraph 65. The overpayment will remain on the Pending Overpayment Report for 20 workdays to allow time for correcting the condition that caused the overpayment. If the overpayment is a legitimate debt, then the overpayment should be transferred to NRRS immediately.

#### **B** Determined Overpayments

The system will update the applicable information to the Pending Overpayment Report. See 9-CM, paragraph 65 for information on the Pending Overpayment Report.

#### C Handling Debts Less Than \$100

County Offices must follow 58-FI for handling receivables less than \$100.

#### 57 **Overpayments (Continued)**

#### D Debt Basis Codes

The system automatically assigns the debt basis code to the receivable when it is updated to the Pending Overpayment Report. The following are the debt basis codes used for overpayments.

IF the reason the payment entity/member is	THEN the discovery/debt basis reason	
overpaid is because of	is	
payment limitation issues	10-426.	
payment eligibility	10-427.	
prior payments exceed the current payment	10-428.	

#### E Charging Interest

Interest will be charged on receivables from the date the original payment was disbursed if County Office determines the producer is ineligible because of the following reasons:

- producer signed to information on FSA-521 that is subsequently determined inaccurate
- producer erroneously or fraudulently represented any act affecting a payment eligibility determination, including the following:
  - violation of conservation compliance provisions
  - violation of controlled substance provisions
- producer adopted a scheme or device intended to defeat the purposes of ERP.

Interest will **not** be charged from the date of disbursement if:

- overpayment resulted based on revised information that the producer would **not** have had reason to know was invalid
- National, State, or County Office erred
- producer voluntarily refunds the payment that was issued.

#### 57 Overpayments (Continued)

#### **E** Charging Interest (Continued)

**Notes:** Software does **not** currently support charging interest from the date of disbursement. Any receivable established is sent to NRRS with the current system date. If the receivable is **not** repaid within 30 calendar days from the date the initial notification letter is issued, interest will start accruing from the date the receivable was established.

If COC determines that the producer is ineligible, and interest must be charged from the date of disbursement:

- County Offices will contact their State Office for assistance
- State Offices will contact FPAC Business Center FMD for guidance.

#### **F** Overpayment Due Dates

Overpayments can occur for several reasons and County Offices are required to take necessary action to collect overpayments. The following lists situations that may cause overpayment and the overpayment due dates.

Time of Determination	Situation	Overpayment Due Date
Any time	Payment was issued to the wrong producer.	
After an entry affecting the payment amount is changed on FSA-521.	Payment was issued and later something occurred that changed the payment.	
After producer misrepresentation is determined.	Producer received a ERP payment and COC determines that the producer misrepresented their interest.	Immediately
After payment limitation is exceeded.	It is determined that payments have been issued exceeding the producer's effective payment limitation amount.	
After an eligibility value changes that make the producer ineligible for payment.	Producer's eligibility value changed that makes the producer ineligible for payment.	

#### 58-70 (Reserved)

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#### Part 4 Reports

# Section 1 Application Reports

# 71 ERP Phase 2 Application Reports

#### A Overview

ERP application reports are available through the "Tools" header on the ERP Home Page.

Users can access using the "Tools" drop-down menu on the header, CLICK "Reports".

### **B** Available Reports

The following reports are available to users to monitor ERP.

Report	Description
Application Status	This report captures general information for each application
	status selected.
Complete Data	This report captures all information inputted on the application.
Approved Obligation	The report captures applications with an approved
	obligation.
Failed or Rejected	The report captures applications with a failed or rejected
Obligation	obligation.

72-90 (Reserved)

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#### Section 2 Payment Reports

#### 91 Displaying or Printing Payment Reports

#### A Displaying or Printing ERP-CARES and ERP-CCC Payment Reports

ERP-Payment Reports are available to provide information about each payment or nonpayment. Most of the payment reports have information that is common between program areas. Information about these reports is in 9-CM. The ERP-Payment History Report – Detail has program-specific data, so information for this report is in this handbook.

ERP-Payment Report information is available according to the following table.

Report Name	Type of Data	Reference
Estimated Calculated Payment Report	Live	9-CM, paragraph 52
Submitted Payments Report	Live	9-CM, paragraph 63
Submitted Overpayments Report	Live	9-CM, paragraph 64
Pending Overpayment Report	Live	9-CM, paragraph 65
<b>Note:</b> The Pending Overpayment Report is accessed through the Pending Overpayment Summary Report according to 9-CM, paragraph 64.5.		
Nonpayment/Reduction Report	Live	9-CM, paragraph 66
Insufficient Funds Report	Live	9-CM, paragraph 67
Payments Computed to Zero Report	Live	9-CM, paragraph 68
Payment History Report – Summary	Report Database	9-CM, paragraph 69
Payment History Report – Detail	Report Database	9-CM, paragraph 70

#### 92 (Reserved)

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#### A Background

The Payment History Report – Detail is a report that provides detailed information about a ERP payment.

### **B** Accessing the Payment History Report – Detail

Access the Payment History Report – Detail according to 9-CM, paragraph 70.

#### **C** Payment History Report – Detail Description

The following information will be displayed or printed on the Payment History Report – Detail.

Field	Description	
Program Year	Displays the program year.	
Program Name	ERP	
State	Full name of the State selected by the user.	
County	Full name of the county selected by the user.	
Producer Name and Address	• for individuals, last name, middle name, first name, and	
	<ul><li>suffix</li><li>for businesses, business name.</li></ul>	
Date (Report)	Date the report is generated by the user.	
Date (Payment)	Date the payment was processed and sent to NPS, or the date the overpayment transaction was processed and sent to NRRS.	
State/County	State and county codes associated with the applicable transaction record.	
Payment Entity/Member Name	The "Payment Entity/Member Name" field will provide payment entity or member name information if the ERP Payment History Report – Detail is generated for:	
	• an entity or joint operation where amounts were attributed to members	
	• a member to show the payment entity through whom the amount was attributed.	
Payment ID Number	Unique number that ties the program history data to the NPS history data.	

# 93 Payment History Report – Detail (Continued)

Field	Description	
Business Type	Business type of the producer and/or member.	
Type of Transaction	One of the following transaction types will be displayed:	
	• "Payment"	
	• "Receivable"	
	"Canceled Payment"	
	• "Canceled Receivable".	
Commodity	Name of the commodity.	
Gross Payment Amount	Amount of the payment initially attributed to the producer or entity member.	
Subsidiary Eligibility	Reduction amount because of a subsidiary eligibility value.	
Reduction Amount		
Payment Limitation	Reduction amount because of payment limitation.	
Reduction Amount		
Net Payment Amount	Net payment amount for the producer after all reductions have	
•	been applied.	
Totals	Total payment amount for the payment entity or member.	

# **C** Payment History Report – Detail Description (Continued)

# **D** Report Options

The following options are available on the Payment History Report – Detail.

Option	Action
Previous	The previous Payment History Report – Detail will be displayed.
	<b>Note:</b> If a single producer was selected for processing, this button will <b>not</b> be available.
Print	The Payment History Report – Detail will be sent to the applicable printer.
Next	The Payment History Report – Detail for the next producer will be displayed.
	<b>Note:</b> If a single producer was selected for processing, this button will <b>not</b> be available.

# Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Redelegations of Authority

# Reports

None.

# Forms

This table lists all forms referenced in this handbook.

		Display	
Number	Title	Reference	Reference
AD-1026	Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and		51, 53, 54
	Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification (Includes		
	Form AD-1026 Appendix)		
CCC-36	Assignment of Payment		54
CCC-37	Joint Payment Authorization		54
CCC-902	Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility 2009		51
	and Subsequent Program Years		
CCC-941	Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)		53
	Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax		
	Information - Agricultural Act of 2014		
FSA-325	Application for Payment of Amounts Due Persons		51
	Who Have Died, Disappeared, or Have Been		
	Declared Incompetent		
FSA-521	Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase 2		13, 15, 18, 51,
	Application		54, 55, 57

### Abbreviations Not Listed in 1-CM

This table lists all abbreviations not listed in 1-CM.

Approved		
Abbreviations	Term	Reference
FPAC	Farm Production and Conservation	57
ISD	Information Solutions Division	2
ERP	Emergency Relief Program	Text
PDD	Program Delivery Division	1,2
SND	Safety Net Division	1

# **Redelegations of Authority**

None

# Menu and Screen Index

The following table lists the menus and screens displayed in this handbook.

Menu or Screen Title	Reference
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Bulk COC Review	20
Bulk COC Approval/Disapproval	21
Bulk Producer Signature	19
COC Determination Electronic Approval	22
Disaster Year Revenue Certification	15
ERP Application	14
ERP Home Screen	12
Summary Screen	18

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