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## ECP Sign-up Announced for GRAFTON COUNTY

Grafton County has been approved to conduct a sign-up for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP). Two severe weather events have occurred in Grafton County during August, 2011. On August 21, 2011 a tornado damaged structures, fences and cropland in Canaan, NH. On August 27 through August 29, 2011 Tropical Storm Irene caused flash flooding, high water and damage to cropland and fences throughout Grafton County. **PRODUCERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED LOSSES FROM THE TORNADO AND/OR TROPICAL STORM IRENE MAY CONTACT THE GRAFTON COUNTY FSA OFFICE AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE. THE SIGN UP IS FROM OCTOBER 24, 2011 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2011.**

Producers suffering damage may be eligible for assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) administered by FSA. Qualifying damage includes damage that would:

- be so costly to rehabilitate that Federal assistance is or will be needed to return the cropland to productive use
- be unusual and is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area
- affect the productive capacity of the cropland
- impair or endanger the land.

A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost share levels not to exceed 75 percent of the eligible cost of restoration measures. The following types of measures may be eligible:

- removing debris from farmland
- grading, shaping, releveling, or similar measures
- restoration of permanent fences
- restoring conservation structures and other installations.
- restoring erosion damage in sugar bushes

For more information, please contact the Grafton County FSA Office at 19 Archertown Rd, Orford, NH 03777 or call 603-353-4650 (ext 2).

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