

**For:** State and County Offices

**Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Clarification**

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



**1 ECP Clarification**

**A Background**

The 2005 Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act provided funding for the ECP and also for a Tree Assistance Program (TAP). The procedure for TAP is being developed.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides guidance to FSA State and County Office staffs in implementing ECP where TAP is also available.

**C Policy Concerning ECP and TAP**

In **no** case shall producers receive compensation from **both** ECP and TAP on the same loss. Until TAP procedure is developed producers will not be able to compare potential benefits between programs.

Producers who have **not** yet received an ECP payment may cancel their ECP request and participate in TAP.

Producers who have already received an ECP payment may refund their ECP payment and participate in TAP.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
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