

For: State and County Offices

Implementing ECP When Funds Are Unavailable

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1 Overview

A Background

Recent natural disasters in agricultural counties have resulted in numerous requests for ECP assistance. Almost all ECP funds have been allocated except for a small National reserve for emergencies.

B Purpose

This notice:

- informs State and County Offices that almost all ECP funds have been allocated from the National level
- provides instructions:
 - for handling requests for ECP assistance when funds are unavailable
 - to immediately return any unused ECP funds for redistribution to States with urgent needs.

C Contact

State Offices may direct questions about returning ECP funds to Ilka Gray, CEPD by either:

- memorandum
- e-mail at ilka.gray@wdc.usda.gov.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2006	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Action

A County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- follow 1-ECP, paragraph 153, when both of the following apply:
 - County Office has received concurrence from State Office to implement ECP or, for drought, from the ECP Program Manager
 - no ECP allocation has been received

Note: See 1-ECP, paragraph 21.

- **immediately** return any ECP funds that are **not** needed for currently approved disaster activities to the State Office. See 1-ECP.

B State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- notify County Offices of the provisions of this notice
- **immediately** return any ECP funds that are **not** needed for currently approved disaster activities to CEPD.