

For: AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, and TX State and County Offices

**Codes for Emergency Conservation Program Hurricane Gulf of Mexico (ECPHGM) and
Emergency Conservation Program Hurricane Gulf of Mexico Poultry (ECPHGMP)**

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1 Overview

A Background

Hurricane damage in calendar year 2005 resulted in supplemental appropriation of \$199,800,000 for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP). Of the \$199,800,000, no more than \$20 million was appropriated for restoration or rehabilitation of poultry houses.

B Purpose

This notice:

- informs State and County Offices of the codes to be used for the 2005 hurricanes, including:
 - program codes
 - practice codes
 - ledger codes
 - payment codes
 - eFunds codes
- provides instructions to immediately return any unused regular ECP funds for redistribution to States with urgent needs.

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2 Program Codes

A Tracking Allocation

The 2005 hurricane funds will be tracked separately from the regular ECP. The program codes for these funds are “ECPHGM” and “ECPHGMP”.

Funds under:

- **ECPHGM** are to be used for the following:
 - poultry (debris removal only)
 - forestry
 - oysters
 - nursery
 - established ECP practices used under regular ECP but using ECPHGM funds
- **ECPHGMP** are to be used **only** for rehabilitation or reconstruction of poultry houses.

3 Codes for ECPHGM and ECPHGMP

A Practice Codes for ECPHGM and ECPHGMP

Practice codes to be used under **ECPHGM** and **ECPHGMP** are as follows.

Program Codes	Practice Codes
ECPHGM	EC1, Removing Debris from Farmland
	EC2, Grading, Shaping, Releveling, or Similar Measures
	EC3, Restoring Permanent Fences
	EC4, Restoring Conservation Structures and Other Installations
	EC5, Emergency Wind Erosion Control Measures
	EC7, Other Emergency Conservation Measures
	EC7-OY, Special Practice, Oysters
	EC7-F, Special Practice, Forestry
	EC7-DR, Special Practice, Debris Removal
	EC8, Field Windbreaks and Farmstead Shelterbelts Emergency Measures
ECPHGMP	EC7-PH, Special Practice, Restoring Poultry Houses

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B Ledger Codes for ECPHGM and ECPHGMP

Since the allocation is separate and the funds are distinct from regular ECP, separate ledgers have been established for ECPHGM and ECPHGMP. Ensure that County Offices are aware of this distinction.

Example: A County Office in an affected State could have 3 separate ledgers running concurrently with applications from producers with hurricane damage. There may be regular ECP already allocated in the County Office using ledger code “ECPH”, then “ECPHGM”, and also “ECPHGMP”.

C Fund Codes for ECPHGM

The following are fund codes for ECPHGM. “ECPHGM Regular” is for all ECPHGM practices that are not forestry, nursery, oyster, or poultry.

ECPHGM Fund Codes	
Fund Code Name	Fund Code
ECPHGM Regular	30
ECPHGM Forestry	31
ECPHGM Nursery	32
ECPHGM Oysters, Private	33
ECPHGM Oysters, Public	34
ECPHGM Poultry	35

D Payment Codes for ECPHGM and ECPHGMP

For applications under:

- **ECPHGM**, use “ECPHGM” as the payment code
- **ECPHGMP**, use “ECPHGMP” as the payment code.

E Payment Codes for Regular ECP

If a County Office had previously approved ECP applications using regular ECP funds for hurricane damage, continue to use “ECPH” as the payment code.

F eFunds Codes for ECPHGM and ECPHGMP

In eFunds:

- **ECPHGM** funds will be listed as “4820”
- **ECPHGMP** funds will be listed as “4825”.

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3 Codes for ECPHGM and ECPHGMP (Continued)

G Technical Assistance for ECPHGM and ECPHGMP

Technical assistance funds must be maintained separate from the regular ECP. State Offices shall issue technical assistance payments using program code "ECPGTA".

4 Action

A State Office Action

State Office shall:

- notify County Offices of the provisions of this notice
- **immediately** return any ECP funds (regular ECP, ECPHGM, or ECPHGMP) that are not needed for currently approved disaster activities to CEPD.

Note: Notify Ilka Gray, Program Analyst, CEPD, PAB, by e-mail at **Ilka.Gray@wdc.usda.gov** or memorandum of the amount of ECP funds that can be returned.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- follow State Office instructions about allocation increases and decreases
- **immediately** return any ECP funds (regular ECP, ECPHGM, or ECPHGMP) that are not needed for currently approved disaster activities to the State Office
- follow all instructions in this notice.

All ECP fund codes will need to be reconciled at the end of FY.