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Underutilized ECP Funds Report

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Farmland damage from recent blizzards, ice storms, and other disasters has created substantial demand for very limited ECP resources.

Generally, 1-ECP:

- subparagraph 1 A, provides that ECP is established to rehabilitate farmlands and conservation facilities damaged by natural disasters and to provide assistance during periods of severe drought
- subparagraph 1 C, provides that ECP assistance is limited to producers who have suffered damage of such magnitude that it would be too costly to rehabilitate without Federal assistance
- subparagraph 152 A, provides that signup periods for ECP benefits may be no longer than **60 calendar days** unless approved by the National Office
- subparagraph 182 A, requires realistic expiration dates for completing approved ECP practices of no more than **6 months**.

Notes: Exceptions may be authorized by STC under unusual circumstances.

- subparagraph 184 A, indicates that AD-245 shall be cancelled when completion of the practice and the performance report is not filed by the expiration date.

An analysis of allocations and earnings suggests that some ECP funds may be underutilized.

Disposal Date	Distribution
April 1, 2007	Above State Offices

Notice ECP-45

1 Overview (Continued)

B Purpose

This notice:

- provides the results of the analysis suggesting that some ECP funds may be underutilized
- requires a State Office review ECP funds underutilization
- requires State Offices to return underutilized funds.

2 Underutilized Funds Report

A ECP Funds Allocated But Not Earned

Exhibit 1 is a report by State of funds allocated and paid. This report indicates that up to \$49 million have **not** yet been earned and portions of those funds may be available to be returned to the National Office for other ECP needs.

3 State Office Action

A Reviewing Reports and Consulting With County Offices

State Offices shall:

- review Exhibits 1 and 2
- review monthly ACP-305 to identify County Offices with underutilized ECP funds based on ECP funds:
 - allocated but not obligated
 - approved but not earned
- after consulting with applicable County Offices, identify and return to the National Office available funds that have been:
 - allocated but not approved
 - approved but not earned

Note: When the performance report is not filed by the expiration date, follow 1-ECP, subparagraph 184 A for canceling approved AD-245.

- based on the extraordinary demand for very limited ECP resources, accelerate sign-up periods and accelerate completion of approved practices where appropriate.

3 State Office Action (Continued)

B Reporting Review Results

State Offices shall report:

- using the format in Exhibit 2
- the funds identified in Exhibit 2:
 - that are to be returned to the National Office upon receipt in the State Office of the approved FSA-357
 - needed for ongoing activity, including justification
- actions taken for signup period acceleration
- actions taken for approved practice approval acceleration, where appropriate
- by **COB Tuesday, February 20, 2007**, to Robert Stephenson, Director, CEPD, by FAX at **202-720-4619**.

ECP Funds Allocated but Not Approved

State	Allocation as of 1-24-2007	ECPD Payments in eFunds as of 1-24-2007	ECPF Payments in eFunds as of 1-24-2007	ECPH Payments in eFunds as of 1-24-2007	ECPO Payments in eFunds as of 1-24-2007	ECPT Payments in eFunds as of 1-24-2007	ECP TA Payments in eFunds as of 1-24-2007	Potential Funds to be De-Allocated
Alabama	3,972,431	0	0	987,508	0	0	9,964	2,974,959
Arizona	381,836	0	38,867	0	0	0	0	342,969
Arkansas	1,530,629	341,782	0	0	0	88,186	43,385	1,057,276
California	4,893,364	0	654,704	0	0	0	17,947	4,220,713
Colorado	986,112	79,587	11,352	0	52,581	0	0	842,592
Connecticut	129,865	0	5,502	0	0	0	0	124,363
Florida	345,231	0	0	2,315	0	0	0	342,916
Georgia	1,352,338	0	13,005	1,193	0	18,706	0	1,319,434
Hawaii	1,666,360	0	357,623	0	0	0	0	1,308,737
Illinois	167,232	40,099	10,896	0	0	0	0	116,237
Indiana	107,638	0	0	0	0	61,427	0	46,211
Kansas	446,675	0	40,594	0	0	0	0	406,081
Kentucky	426,222	5,057	0	0	0	151,893	0	269,272
Louisiana	4,458,814	0	0	1,675,698	0	0	0	2,783,116
Maine	325,110	0	40,937	0	0	0	0	284,173
Massachusetts	175,141	0	31,696	0	0	0	0	143,445
Minnesota	122,580	0	779	0	0	3,525	0	118,276
Mississippi	2,381,889	106,287	0	785,908	0	0	0	1,489,694
Missouri	3,462,936	1,073,648	0	0	4,094	444,082	0	1,941,112
Montana	2,835,208	185,665	11,274	0	26,276	0	0	2,611,993
Nebraska	588,211	84,533	0	0	5,752	0	0	497,926
Nevada	717,099	0	180,360	0	0	0	5,812	530,927
New Hampshire	290,403	0	89,427	0	0	0	0	200,976
New Jersey	303,418	0	0	0	0	0	0	303,418
New Mexico	925,412	0	0	0	7,166	0	0	918,246
New York	2,481,030	0	72,785	0	0	0	0	2,408,245
North Carolina	33,766	0	10,372	4,166	0	0	0	19,228
North Dakota	467,733	67,064	0	0	0	0	0	400,669
Ohio	370,475	5,971	0	0	0	0	0	364,504
Oklahoma	4,922,999	1,012,769	630	0	120,173	99,815	0	3,689,612
Oregon	256,816	0	15,785	0	0	0	0	241,031
Pennsylvania	2,265,537	1,303	92,396	0	0	0	4,275	2,167,563
Rhode Island	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,000
South Dakota	6,342,469	2,608,831	0	0	0	2,756	219,903	3,510,979
Tennessee	3,273,938	168,363	0	0	0	555,756	54,855	2,494,964
Texas	7,749,343	6,554	0	212,113	1,009,185	0	0	6,521,491
Vermont	306,418	0	25,502	0	900	0	0	280,016
Virginia	101,890	0	0	0	0	0	0	101,890
Washington	417,736	0	0	0	6,447	0	686	410,603
West Virginia	112,257	0	4,305	18,997	0	0	0	88,955
Wyoming	2,250,857	182,473	0	0	6,724	0	0	2,061,660
Totals	64,365,418	5,969,986	1,708,791	3,687,898	1,239,298	1,426,146	356,827	49,976,472

State Office Reporting Format

State Offices shall send, by **COB Tuesday, February 20, 2007**, to Robert Stephenson, Director, CEPD, by FAX at **202-720-4619**, the following report.

Note: Negative reports are **required**.

Emergency Conservation Program
Report of Underutilized Funds

1. State Office: _____

2. Potential funds in State available for release: _____

3. Funds returned to National Office: _____

4. Funds needed in State: _____

5. Justification in support of line 4: _____

8. STC action to accelerate signup periods: _____

9. STC action to accelerate performance requirements: _____

Submitted by: _____, **SED** **Date:** _____