

For: State and County Offices

Updated Policy for ECP Fence Repairs

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

1-ECP (Rev. 6), subparagraph 72 A and 1-ECP (Rev. 7), subparagraph 203 A provide that:

- cost share (C/S) may be offered for either of the following:
 - ECP practices to replace or restore farmland
 - conservation structures after being damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster
- NRCS standards and specifications must be met for each ECP practice by using the minimum performance necessary to replace or restore damaged and/or destroyed conservation structures and/or farmland.

7 CFR 701.112(d) provides that practice specifications will represent the minimum levels of performance needed to address the ECP need.

B Purpose

This notice provides:

- updated policy related to ECP fence repair that addresses performance needed to meet the ECP need
- timeline of new policy
- instructions related to automation
- State and County Office actions.

Disposal Date

December 1, 2022

4-22-22

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Fence Repair Not Required to Meet NRCS Standards and Specifications

A New Fence Repair Policy

DAFP has determined to authorize C/S assistance for fences repaired to a condition that meets the needs for ECP and does not meet NRCS technical standards and specifications, if:

- an eligible person or legal entity files a C/S request
- a fence was damaged by an eligible disaster event
- needed repair is approved by COC according to 1-ECP (Rev. 7), paragraph 38; and reviewed by STC or designee if applicable according to 1-ECP (Rev. 7), subparagraph 402 B.

B Policy Effective Date

The new policy is effective for approved disaster events that occurred from October 1, 2021, and forward.

3 Scenarios, Rates, and Software Guidance

A Applicable Payment Scenarios and Rates

The approved FY 2021 ECP payment scenarios were authorized for use on September 16, 2021, and did not include a scenario for fence repair.

DAFP determined the repair rate will be 25 percent of the total allowable cost to repair the existing fence as determined by FSA STC. Separate repair components will be created, and the associated cost will use 25 percent of the current replacement rate. This means that the current ECP fence replacement scenario according to the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide will be used for replacement and repair situations, but the associated cost will differ. County Offices should choose the scenario that best fits the producer's situation.

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3 Scenarios, Rates, and Software Guidance (Continued)

A Applicable Payment Scenarios and Rates (Continued)

The updated FY 2022 ECP payment scenarios will be effective upon issuing this notice and will include the addition of fence repair rates. The following example scenarios reflect FY 2022 fence repair rates.

Code	State	Practice Code	Practice	Scenario Number	Scenario Name	Scenario Unit	Typical Size	Total Cost	Cost per Unit	75_Rate	90_Rate	25% of Total Cost for Fence Repair	75_RateR	90_RateR
2101382001	Alabama	382	Fence	1	Multi Strand Barbed/Smooth Wire	Feet	1320	\$3,100.26	\$2.35	\$1.76	\$2.11			
2101382002	Alabama	382	Fence	2	Multi Strand Barbed or smooth Wire Difficult terrain	Feet	1320	\$4,008.91	\$3.04	\$2.28	\$2.73			
2101382003	Alabama	382	Fence	3	Woven Wire	Feet	1320	\$4,074.24	\$3.09	\$2.31	\$2.78			
2101382004	Alabama	382	Fence	4	Electric	Feet	1320	\$2,627.88	\$1.99	\$1.49	\$1.79			
2101382001RE	Alabama	382	Fence - Repair	1	Multi Strand Barbed/Smooth Wire	Feet	1320	3100.26	2.3487	1.7615	2.1138	\$0.59	\$0.44	\$0.53
2101382002RE	Alabama	382	Fence - Repair	2	Multi Strand Barbed or smooth Wire Difficult terrain	Feet	1320	4008.91	3.0371	2.2778	2.7333	\$0.76	\$0.57	\$0.68
2101382003RE	Alabama	382	Fence - Repair	3	Woven Wire	Feet	1320	4074.24	3.0865	2.3149	2.7779	\$0.77	\$0.58	\$0.69
2101382004RE	Alabama	382	Fence - Repair	4	Electric	Feet	1320	2627.88	1.9908	1.4931	1.7917	\$0.50	\$0.37	\$0.45

B Program Provisioning

County Offices that were approved to implement ECP because of a disaster event that occurred beginning October 1, 2021, may have already downloaded FY 2021 ECP payment scenarios in Program Provisioning.

Once the FY 2022 payment scenarios are available, the County Office will need to download the FY 2022 payment scenarios in Program Provisioning by typing “22XX” in the component search where “XX” equals their 2-digit State code.

C Cost Share Software (CSS)

County Offices may currently have applications/agreements entered in CSS that reflect FY 2021 payment scenarios as well as fence replacement. The following table provides instructions when changes are requested and needed.

IF...	AND...	THEN...
the producer wishes to request the use of FY 2022 payment scenarios instead of FY 2021 payment scenarios	the application has been “submitted” in CSS	“un-submit” the application in CSS according to 2-ECP and modify to add the FY 2022 payment scenarios.
	the agreement has been “approved” in CSS, but no payments issued	“terminate” the agreement in CSS according to 2-ECP and enter and approve a new application with the FY 2022 payment scenarios.
	a partial or final payment has been issued	no action is needed as the FY 2021 payment scenarios will apply.

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3 Scenarios, Rates, and Software Guidance (Continued)

C Cost Share Software (CSS) (Continued)

IF...	AND...	THEN...
the producer wishes to request fence repair	the application has been “submitted” in CSS with fence replacement	“un-submit” the application in CSS according to 2-ECP and modify to add fence repair with the applicable fence repair FY 2022 payment scenarios.
	the agreement has been “approved” in CSS with fence replacement, but no payments issued	“terminate” the agreement in CSS according to 2-ECP and enter and approve a new application with the applicable fence repair FY 2022 payment scenarios.
	a partial or final payment has been issued for fence replacement	no action is needed as fence replacement will apply.

4 Action

A State Office and STC Action

State Offices and STC’s will:

- follow the provisions of this notice
- ensure that County Offices follow the provisions of this notice
- provide the applicable State scenario list to County Offices
- contact Shanita Landon in the National Office with any questions about this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices will:

- follow the provisions of this notice
- contact the State Office with any questions about this notice.