

**For:** State and County Offices

**FY 2023 ECP Payment Scenarios**

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



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

The 2018 Farm Bill allowed ECP cost share to be paid based on the total allowable cost to install an ECP practice at a rate of either 75 percent or 90 percent.

ECP payment scenarios are used to establish the total allowable costs and document all authorized costs and payment rates used to calculate cost share for ECP payment scenarios.

Using ECP practice payment scenarios will:

- decrease improper payment rates by providing streamlined, straightforward, and consistent program implementation
- reduce County Office workload
- improve payment processing timelines.

Payment rates will be published once the agency has established all activities, procedures, and actions needed to publish final payment rates for the FY according to 1-ECP (Rev. 7), subparagraph 148 B.

ECP applications for disasters happening after September 30, 2022, will use FY 2023 payment scenarios.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
December 1, 2023 3-29-23	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 1 Overview (Continued)

#### B Purpose

This notice provides:

- policy related to FY 2023 payment scenarios
- instructions related to automation
- State and County Office actions.

### 2 Scenarios and Software Guidance

#### A Applicable Payment Scenarios and Rates

FY 2023 ECP payment scenarios are effective on the date of this notice and include fence repair rates.

DAFP has authorized **only** the following States to use FY 2023 payment scenarios related to FY 2022 Presidential disaster declarations where restoration activities will be performed in FY 2023:

- New Mexico – 2022 wildfires in San Miguel and Mora counties
- Puerto Rico – Hurricane Fiona
- Florida – Hurricane Ian.

FY 2023 payment scenarios are posted on the [ECP Payment Scenario SharePoint](#).

#### B Program Provisioning

County Offices approved to implement ECP because of a disaster event that happened on or after October 1, 2022, may have already downloaded FY 2022 ECP payment scenarios in Program Provisioning to include on ECP applications.

Now that FY 2023 payment scenarios are available, County Offices must download the applicable FY 2023 payment scenarios in Program Provisioning by entering “23XX” in the component search, using their 2-digit State code to replace “XX”.

#### C Cost Share Software (CSS)

County Offices may currently have applications or agreements entered in CSS that reflect FY 2022 payment scenarios. The following table provides instructions on how and when to change existing applications.

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**2 Scenarios, Rates, and Software Guidance (Continued)**

**C Cost Share Software (CSS) (Continued)**

<b>IF...</b>	<b>THEN...</b>	<b>AND...</b>
the application has been “submitted” (complete application status) in CSS	“un-submit” the application in CSS according to 2-ECP and modify to add the FY 2023 payment scenarios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enter original signature date as submission date</li> <li>• attach revised FSA-848 to original FSA-848.</li> </ul> <p><b>Notes:</b> A new producer signature is not required on FSA-848.</p> <p>If later approved and funded, producer will receive an approval letter and FSA-848A with signature required within 15 days.</p>
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 2023 payment scenarios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• attach new FSA-848 to original FSA-848</li> <li>• enter original signature date as the submission date</li> <li>• adjust expiration date to the original expiration date</li> <li>• re-enter original Needs Determinations and Environmental Compliance</li> <li>• enter in ink on FSA-848A Remarks on page 2 “Updated rates from FY 2022 to FY 2023” and attach to original FSA-848A</li> <li>• send approval letter with explanation about payment rate update; producer signature is required on FSA-848A within 15 days.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> A new producer signature is not required on FSA-848.</p>
a partial or final payment has been issued	no action is needed as the FY 2022 payment scenarios will apply.	

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### 3 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 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.