



Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP)

As provided for in the American Relief Act, 2025, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency announced today the Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP) which will provide \$10 billion in economic assistance payments to eligible producers of eligible commodities for the 2024 crop year.

Eligible Commodity

Rice is an eligible commodity for this program. FSA defines rice as “long grain rice and medium grain rice, including temperate japonica rice, short grain, and sweet rice.”

Eligible Acres

Acreage planted on the farm to that eligible commodity for harvest, grazing, haying, silage, or other similar purposes for the 2024 crop year.

50 percent of the acreage on the farm that was prevented from being planted during the 2024 crop year to that eligible commodity because of drought, flood, or other natural disaster, or other condition beyond the control of the producers on the farm, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Payment Rates

To calculate a producer’s ECAP payment, FSA will multiply the payment rate for an eligible commodity by the producer’s eligible acres of that eligible commodity.

Commodity	Payment Rate/Acre
Barley	\$ 21.67
Canola	\$ 31.83
Large Chickpeas	\$ 24.02
Small Chickpeas	\$ 31.45
Corn	\$ 42.91
Cotton	\$ 84.74
Crambe	\$ 19.08
Flax	\$ 20.97
Lentils	\$ 19.30
Mustard	\$ 11.36

Oats	\$ 77.66
Peanuts	\$ 75.51
Peas	\$ 16.02
Rapeseed	\$ 23.63
Rice	\$ 76.94
Safflower	\$ 26.32
Sesame	\$ 16.83
Sorghum	\$ 42.52
Soybeans	\$ 29.76
Sunflowers	\$ 27.23
Wheat	\$ 30.69

Tranche 1 Payments

The first tranche of ECAP payments will be prorated at 85 percent. FSA will issue an additional payment at a later date this year with any additional remaining funds. USA Rice is providing a payment calculator that can be found [here](#) (for estimation purposes only).

Payment Limitations

The total amount of ECAP payments received, directly or indirectly, by a person or legal entity (except a joint venture or general partnership) may not exceed:

- \$125,000, if less than 75 percent of the average gross income* of the person or legal entity for the 2020, 2021, and 2022 tax years is derived from farming, ranching, or silviculture activities[†]
- \$250,000, if not less than 75 percent of the average gross income* of the person or legal entity for the 2020, 2021, and 2022 tax years is derived from farming, ranching, or silviculture activities[†]

These payment limitations are separate from the payment limitations that apply for other programs.

* ECAP will use the definition of “gross income” provided in the Internal Revenue Code in 26 U.S.C. 61. The term “gross income” is not used by IRS on tax forms; therefore, to ensure consistency and provide a logical approach for producers, average gross income will be calculated based on the applicable 3-year average (2020, 2021, and 2022) of the reported “total income” on IRS forms 1040, 1041, 1065, and 1120, or similar reported income.

[†]Income derived from farming, ranching, and silviculture operations means income of a person or legal entity derived from:

1. Production of crops and unfinished raw forestry products
2. Production of livestock, aquaculture products used for food, honeybees, and products derived from livestock
3. Production of farm-based renewable energy
4. Selling (including the sale of easements and development rights) of farm, ranch, and forestry land, water or hunting rights, or environmental benefits
5. Rental or lease of land or equipment used for farming, ranching, or forestry operations, including water or hunting rights
6. Processing, packing, storing, and transportation of farm, ranch, or forestry commodities including for renewable energy
7. Feeding, rearing, or finishing of livestock
8. Payments of benefits, including benefits from risk management practices, Federal crop insurance indemnities, and catastrophic risk protection plans
9. Sale of land that has been used for agricultural purposes
10. Benefits (including, but not limited to, cost-share assistance and other payments) from any Federal program made available and applicable to payment eligibility and payment limitation rules, as provided in 7 CFR part 1400
11. Income reported on IRS Schedule F or other schedule, approved by the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, used by the person or legal entity to report income from such operations to the IRS
12. Wages or dividends received from a closely held corporation, an Interest Charge Domestic International Sales Corporation (also known as IC-DISC), or legal entity comprised entirely of family members when more than 50 percent of the legal entity's gross receipts for each tax year are derived from farming, ranching, and forestry activities as defined in this document
13. Any other activity related to farming, ranching, or forestry, as determined by the Deputy Administrator.

Applications

Pre-filled applications will be available beginning March 19, 2025, and mailed to eligible producers in late-March 2025 based on their acreage of eligible commodities on the FSA-578 (certification of acres).

Applicants must submit the FSA-63 ECAP, Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP) Application, electronically or to their local FSA county office by August 15, 2025. Applicants will submit one application that includes all eligible acreage in all counties nationwide.

To apply for ECAP, an applicant must have reported their planted and prevented planted acreage of eligible commodities to FSA on the FSA-578 and filed a notice of loss for acres that were prevented from being planted on the CCC-576, if applicable. Late filings will be accepted.

Additional Documentation

Applicants must also submit the following eligibility forms to FSA by August 17, 2026, if not already on file with FSA for the 2024 program year:

- AD-2047, Customer Data Worksheet, for new applicants and applicants who need to update their information
- CCC-901, Member Information for Legal Entities, if applicable
- CCC-902E, Farm Operating Plan for an Entity; if applicable
- CCC-902I, Farm Operating Plan for an Individual, if applicable
- CCC-943, 75% of Average Gross Income from Farming, Ranching, or Forestry Certification, for producers and members of legal entities who are requesting an increase to the payment limitation
- AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELIC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification, for the producer and affiliated persons
- SF-3881, ACH Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form

Initial and Subsequent Crops

In situations where a producer planted, or was prevented from planting, both an initial crop and a subsequent crop on the same acreage for the 2024 crop year, the initial crop will be eligible for ECAP if it was an eligible commodity. If the subsequent crop that was planted or prevented from being planted was also an eligible commodity, it will also be eligible for ECAP if it was in an approved double cropping combination.

A subsequent eligible commodity will also be eligible for ECAP when it is planted or prevented from being planted after an initial crop that is not an eligible commodity or a fruit, vegetable, or wild rice, and the combination does not meet the existing definition of an approved double cropping situation (for example, an initial crop of mixed forage followed by a subsequent crop of corn).

Full program details may be previewed in the Notice of Funding Availability [here](#).