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USDA Extends Application Deadline for Revenue Loss Programs to July 14

Nine Partner Organizations to Provide Assistance with ERP Phase Two Applications

The USDA is extending the deadline for the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase Two and Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP) to July 14, 2023, to give producers more time to apply for assistance. The original deadline was June 2.

Additionally, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is partnering with nine organizations to provide educational and technical assistance to agricultural producers and provide assistance in completing an ERP Phase Two application. Depending on a producer's location, these nine partners can aid either by phone or through online meeting software like Zoom or Microsoft Teams. The extended deadline will give producers more time to work with these partner organizations and apply for assistance.

Eligibility

To be eligible for ERP Phase Two, producers must have suffered a decrease in allowable gross revenue in 2020 or 2021 due to necessary expenses related to losses of eligible crops from a qualifying natural disaster event. Assistance will be primarily to producers of crops that were not covered by Federal Crop Insurance or NAP, since crops covered by Federal Crop Insurance and NAP were included in the assistance under ERP Phase One.

To be eligible for PARP, an agricultural producer must have been in the business of farming during at least part of the 2020 calendar year and had a 15% or greater decrease in allowable gross revenue for the 2020 calendar year, as compared to a baseline year.

FSA offers an online [ERP tool](#) and [PARP tool](#) that can help producers determine what is considered allowable gross revenue for each respective program.

Producers should contact their local FSA office to make an appointment to apply for ERP Phase Two and PARP assistance. Producers should also keep in mind that July 15 is a major deadline to complete acreage reports for most crops. FSA encourages producers to complete the ERP Phase Two application, PARP application and acreage reporting during the same office visit.

More Information

For more information, view the [ERP Phase Two Fact Sheet](#), [PARP Fact Sheet](#), the [ERP Phase Two-PARP Comparison Fact Sheet](#), [ERP Phase Two application video tutorial](#), [PARP application video tutorial](#), [myth-buster blog](#) or contact your local [USDA Service Center](#).

Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP)

For those producers that will be or that have shorn their sheep, and are interested in receiving a wool LDP, you must sign the CCC-633EZ page 1, prior to losing beneficial interest. If you have already signed page 1, you will be required to furnish the following information on page 4 of the CCC-633EZ to receive an LDP:

1. Certified or production evidence of wool weights with receipts.

2. Flock size, which includes the number of ewes, yearlings and rams shorn.
3. Shearing date.
4. The breed of your sheep.

The CCC-633EZ page 4, will then need to be signed, dated, and shares entered.

July 15 – Deadline to File 2023 Spring Seeded Acreage Report

Producers who have not yet completed their acreage report for 2023 should make an appointment with this office before July 15, 2023.

Crops including, but not limited to, the following: spring seeded alfalfa, perennial forage crops, native grazing and cover crops planted for soil health should be reported by July 15, 2023.



The number of new disaster programs and other Farm Bill mandated programs require an acreage report in order to comply with program eligibility requirements. An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits. FSA staff is available to assist producers in completing acreage reports, including providing maps.

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety and seeding rates
- Intended use of the crop
- Number of acres of the crop
- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop
- Planting date(s)
- Planting pattern, when applicable
- Producer shares
- Irrigation practice(s)
- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable

If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

Loans for Targeted Underserved Producers

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has several loan programs to help you start or continue an agriculture production. Farm ownership and operating loans are available.

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, FSA has provided priority funding for members of targeted underserved applicants.

A targeted underserved applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities.

For purposes of this program, targeted underserved groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

For more information on FSA's farm loan programs and targeted underserved and beginning farmer guidelines, contact your USDA Service Center at (307 682-8843 Ext 2 or visit fsa.usda.gov/farmloans).

Important Deadlines

June 2nd: ELAP Livestock/Feed Transportation Deadline

June 19th : Office Closed in Observance of Juneteenth

July 4th: Office Closed in Observance of the 4th Of July

July 14th: ERP Phase 2 and PARP Deadline

July 15th: Deadline to Report 2022 NAP Production

July 15th: Spring Acreage Reporting Deadline



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June 14th, 2023