

Instructions for FSA-521:

EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM (ERP) PHASE 2 APPLICATION

ERP Phase 2 is a revenue-based program that provides assistance for eligible crop revenue losses due to qualifying disaster events and related conditions occurring in calendar years 2020 and 2021. This form will be used by applicants to apply for ERP Phase 2 benefits. In general, payments are based on the difference in allowable gross revenue between a benchmark year and the disaster year. Table 1 on the reverse of this form provides guidance for determining allowable gross revenue sources

One application is to be filed in the Recording County Office for the entire operation nationwide, no matter if losses were sustained in one or both disaster years. <https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>

Customers who have established electronic access credentials with USDA may electronically transmit this form to the USDA servicing office, provided that (1) the customer submitting the form is the only person required to sign the transaction, or (2) the customer has an approved Power of Attorney (Form FSA-211) on file with USDA to sign for other customers for the program and type of transaction represented by this form.

Features for transmitting the form electronically are available to those customers with access credentials only. If you would like to establish online access credentials with USDA, follow the instructions provided at the USDA eForms web site.

<https://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eForms/welcomeAction.do?Home> .

Producers must complete the following items: 4; 5-10 (if applicable); 16-21(if applicable); and 27 A through 27 C.

FSA will complete fields noted as “Agency Use Only”.

Items 1-3 for Agency Use Only

Item No. / Fld Name	Instruction
1 Application Number (Agency Use Only)	Application Number will be assigned by the automated system.
2 Recording State Name/Code (Agency Use Only)	Information obtained from FSA records.
3 Recording County Name/Code	Information obtained from FSA records.

Item No. / Fld Name	Instruction
(Agency Use Only)	Note: Signed application must be returned to the recording county office listed.

Part A – Producer Agreement

Item No. / Fld Name	Instruction
Producer Agreement (Informational Purposes)	Eligible producers agree that revenue losses suffered were due to expenses associated with losses of eligible crops, due in whole or in part, to a qualifying disaster event that occurred in the 2020 or 2021 calendar year. In addition to compliance with regulatory requirements in 7 CFR Part 760, Subpart S, producers also agree to provide all information required or requested by FSA for program participation in ERP Phase 2 and to complete the FSA-522 Crop Insurance and/or NAP Coverage Agreement.

Part B – Producer Information

Item No. / Fld Name	Instruction
4 Producer Name, Address, and Phone Number	Enter the following producer information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Address, including the ZIP code • Phone number, including the area code

Part C – 2020 Disaster Year Revenue Certification

<p>Complete items 5-10 in Part C if eligible revenue losses due to a qualifying disaster event or related condition occurred in calendar year 2020.</p> <p>Note: If the qualifying disaster event occurred in calendar year 2021 only, continue to Part D.</p>

Item No. / Fld Name	Instruction
5 % of Expected Revenue from	Enter the percentage of allowable gross revenue for the 2020 disaster year that was derived from specialty and /high value crops, if applicable. Items 5 and 6 must equal 100 percent.

Specialty and High Value Crops	<p>Note: Specialty crop means fruits, tree nuts, vegetables, culinary herbs and spices, medicinal plants, and nursery, floriculture, and horticulture crops. A list of common specialty crops identified by USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service may be found at https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp/specialty-crop .</p> <p>High value crops include direct market crops, organic crops, and crops grown for a specific market in which specialized products can be sold resulting in an increased value compared to the typical market for the crops, such as soybeans intended for tofu production.</p>
6 % of Expected Revenue from Other Crops	<p>Enter the percentage of allowable gross revenue for the 2020 disaster year that was derived other crops (not specialty or high value crops).</p> <p>Items 5 and 6 must equal 100 percent.</p> <p>Note: Other crops include cotton, peanuts, rice, feedstock, or any crop grown with an intended use and marketed as grain, silage or forage, or not identified as a specialty crop in Phase 1.</p>
7 Benchmark Year	<p>Check (✓) either 2018, 2019, or adjusted for the benchmark year intended to represent a typical year of revenue for the operation.</p> <p>“Adjusted” must be selected if your operation size decreased in a disaster year, as compared to the benchmark year.</p> <p>Example: Producer A consistently planted approximately 1,000 acres of cotton from 2010 through 2019. However, in 2020, Producer A sold 600 acres decreasing the operation size to 400 acres.</p> <p>“Adjusted” may be selected if you began farming in 2020 or 2021, did not have a full year of benchmark allowable gross revenue, or expanded your operation in a disaster year, compared to the benchmark year.</p>
8 Benchmark Revenue	<p>Enter the allowable gross revenue for the benchmark year selected in item 7.</p> <p>Note: Table 1 on the reverse of the application provides guidance for determining allowable gross revenue sources.</p> <p>An optional FSA-521 A worksheet is available to aid in the calculation of an “adjusted” Benchmark Revenue and may be found at insert link here.</p>
9 Representative Revenue Year	<p>Select the tax year from which the revenue best represents the disaster effects of the 2020 calendar year.</p>

	Cannot choose same representative revenue year in Part C and Part D
10 Disaster Year Revenue	Enter the Disaster Year Revenue, which is the allowable gross revenue for the year selected in item 9.

Items 11- 15 for Agency Use Only

11 COC Adjusted % of Expected Revenue from Specialty and High Value Crops (Agency Use Only)	
12 COC Adjusted % of Expected Revenue from Other Crops (Agency Use Only)	
13 COC Adjusted Benchmark Revenue (Agency Use Only)	
14 COC Adjusted Disaster Year Revenue (Agency Use Only)	
15 COC Approved or Disapproved (Agency Use Only)	

Part D – 2021 Disaster Year Revenue Certification

Complete items 16-21 in Part D if eligible revenue losses due to a qualifying disaster event or related condition occurred in calendar year 2020.

Note: If the qualifying disaster event occurred in calendar year 2020 only, continue to Part E.

Item No. / Fld Name	Instruction
16 % of Expected Revenue from Specialty and High Value Crops	<p>Enter the percentage of allowable gross revenue for the 2021 disaster year that was derived from specialty and /high value crops, if applicable.</p> <p>Items 16 and 17 must equal 100 percent.</p> <p>Note: Specialty crop means fruits, tree nuts, vegetables, culinary herbs and spices, medicinal plants, and nursery, floriculture, and horticulture crops. A list of common specialty crops identified by USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service may be found at https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp/specialty-crop .</p> <p>High value crops include direct market crops, organic crops, and crops grown for a specific market in which specialized products can be sold resulting in an increased value compared to the typical market for the crops, such as soybeans intended for tofu production.</p>
17 % of Expected Revenue from Other Crops	<p>Enter the percentage of allowable gross revenue for the 2021 disaster year that was derived other crops (not specialty or high value crops).</p> <p>Items 16 and 17 must equal 100 percent.</p> <p>Note: Other crops include cotton, peanuts, rice, feedstock, or any crop grown with an intended use and marketed as grain, silage or forage, or not identified as a specialty crop in Phase 1.</p>
18 Benchmark Year	<p>Check (✓) either 2018, 2019, or adjusted for the benchmark year intended to represent a typical year of revenue for the operation.</p> <p>“Adjusted” must be selected if your operation size decreased in a disaster year, as compared to the benchmark year.</p>

	<p>Example: Producer A consistently planted approximately 1,000 acres of cotton from 2010 through 2019. However, in 2020, Producer A sold 600 acres decreasing the operation size to 400 acres.</p> <p>“Adjusted” may be selected if you began farming in 2020 or 2021, did not have a full year of benchmark allowable gross revenue, or expanded your operation in a disaster year, compared to the benchmark year.</p>
19 Benchmark Revenue	<p>Enter the allowable gross revenue for the benchmark year selected in item 18.</p> <p>An optional FSA-521 A worksheet is available to aid in the calculation of an “adjusted” Benchmark Revenue and may be found at insert link here.</p>
20 Representative Revenue Year	<p>Select the tax year from which the revenue best represents the disaster effects of the 2021 calendar year.</p> <p>Must be consecutive if applying in Part C and Part D</p>
21 Disaster Year Revenue	<p>Enter the Disaster Year Revenue, which is the allowable gross revenue for the year selected in item 20.</p>

Items 22- 26 for Agency Use Only

22 COC Adjusted % of Expected Revenue from Specialty and High Value Crops (Agency Use Only)	
23 COC Adjusted % of Expected Revenue from Other Crops (Agency Use Only)	
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COC Adjusted Benchmark Revenue (Agency Use Only)	
25 COC Adjusted Disaster Year Revenue (Agency Use Only)	
26 COC Approved or Disapproved (Agency Use Only)	

Part E – Producer Certification Items 27 A - 27 C

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27 A Signature	
27 B Title/Relationship of the Individual Signing in the Representative Capacity	
27 C Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	

Part F – County Committee (COC) Determination Items 28 A – 28 B

28 A COC or Designee Signature	COC or their representative will sign.
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28 B Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	
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