

Statutory and Regulatory Authorities for ECP and BCAP

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

Statutory Authority

- Agricultural Credit Act of 1978, Sections 401–407 (16 U.S.C. 2201–2206): Authorizes cost-share assistance to eligible producers for recovery from natural disasters.

Regulatory Authority (CFR)

- 7 CFR Part 701: Governs ECP operations, including application, eligibility, payments, and compliance procedures.
- 7 CFR § 701.43: Specifies that information collections under this part are approved under OMB Control Number 0560-0082.

Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)

Statutory Authority

- 7 U.S.C. 8111: Establishes BCAP authority, including matching payments, project area establishment, eligibility, and compliance requirements.
- Section 9010 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-79): Reauthorizes BCAP and establishes program requirements.

Regulatory Authority (CFR)

- 7 CFR Part 1450: BCAP regulations governing matching payments, project area establishment, annual payments, contracts, and eligibility.
- Subparts A–C (§§ 1450.1–1450.215): Define general provisions, matching payment provisions, and establishment/annual payment rules.

OMB Information Collection Approval

- OMB Control Number 0560-0082: Approves information collection requirements for both ECP and BCAP under the Paperwork Reduction Act.