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SUBJECT: LTP – Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

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TO: All NRCS Employees

FSA has announced that Indiana has been approved to conduct a sign-up for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) for eleven counties in southeastern Indiana affected by this summer's drought conditions. The counties approved for the ECP sign-up are:

Clark	Scott
Dearborn	Washington
Ohio	Franklin
Jefferson	Lawrence
Switzerland	Orange
Ripley	

At the present time, there are no funds available to Indiana to provide ECP assistance, but these counties have been approved to accept applications. There may be requests for technical assistance from producers anticipating future funding. Producers are allowed to install the emergency practice once they apply and are eligible for ECP funding if and when funds are made available.

Pipelines and associated watering facilities will need to meet NRCS standards and specifications to be eligible for funding. Spring developments are considered a temporary practice by FSA for ECP and can be installed by the producer without technical assistance if the producer elects to do so.

Servicing ECP requests will need to be charged to CTA. If ECP funding is approved for Indiana, NRCS would receive reimbursement for servicing ECP.

Questions concerning ECP may be directed to the Area Conservationists or Harold Thompson, ASTC - Programs at 317-290-3200, ext. 320.

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