

REVENUE LOSS ASSISTANCE

Emergency Relief Program Phase 2 and Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program *Guide for New Customers*



Before You Begin

Your first step is to contact your USDA Service Center and make an appointment. You can find the contact information for your local USDA Service Center at farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

To make the most of your appointment, ask FSA staff to help you determine what documents you may need to bring to the office with you. Examples could include lease agreements, bank account information, legal paperwork or personal identification numbers.

To best prepare for your first visit, take a look at these resources:

- [Get Started at Your USDA Service Center](#)
- [New Farmers Fact Sheet](#)
- [Guide to USDA Resources for Historically Underserved Farmers and Ranchers](#)

Are You Eligible?

Emergency Relief Program Phase Two

USDA is implementing the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) as a two-phased program.

- **Phase Two enrollment begins Jan. 23, 2023, runs through June 2, 2023**, and fills remaining gaps and covers eligible producers who did not participate in existing risk management programs. To be eligible for ERP Phase Two, producers must have suffered a decrease in allowable gross revenue in 2020 or 2021 (compared to 2018 and 2019) due to necessary expenses related to losses of eligible crops from a qualifying natural disaster event.
- Phase One utilized existing data to provide relief to producers who had crop insurance or participated in the Noninsured Crop Insurance Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). ERP Phase One implementation ended on Dec. 16, 2022.

ERP Phase Two provides payments if you suffered eligible revenue losses due to qualifying disaster events, such as a wildfire, hurricane, flood, excessive heat, winter storm, derecho, freeze, smoke exposure, excessive moisture or qualifying drought, in calendar years 2020 and 2021.

If you produce a crop, including eligible aquaculture, in the United States as part of a farming operation that is intended to be commercially marketed, you may be eligible for ERP. Some exclusions are crops for grazing, aquatic species that do not meet the definition of aquaculture, Cannabis sativa L. and any part of that plant that does not meet the definition of hemp, and timber.

All producers who receive ERP payments, are required to purchase crop insurance, or NAP coverage where crop insurance is not available, for the next two available crop years.

Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program

Agricultural producers who were 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 2018 or 2019 calendar year gross revenue, may be eligible for the Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP).

Commodities that are not eligible for PARP include timber, wild free-roaming animals, horses and other animals used or intended to be used for racing or wagering, aquatic species that do not meet the definition of aquaculture, and Cannabis sativa L. that does not meet the definition of hemp.

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Need Assistance Applying for ERP Phase Two or PARP?

We encourage you to reach out to your local USDA Service Center first to make an appointment. You can find your local USDA Service Center at farmers.gov/service-center-locator. Our staff is here to help you through every step of the process and will help you complete the necessary eligibility and application forms.

Additionally, FSA has a Call Center (877-508-8364, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. Eastern) where a representative will help walk you through the application. If the FSA Call Center employee determines you need additional assistance from your local FSA office, they will help direct you to the right location.

If you need information in a language other than English, resources are available at farmers.gov/translations. Additionally, we offer free translation services which can be arranged through your local USDA Service Center.

FSA also partners with many community-based organizations who can help you navigate USDA programs. To find an organization, visit fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/cooperative-agreements.

Resources

ERP PHASE 2	PARP
Emergency Relief Webpage – fsa.usda.gov/erp	PARP Webpage – farmers.gov/parp
ERP Phase Two Fact Sheet	PARP Fact Sheet
ERP Phase Two/PARP Comparison Fact Sheet	
Tax Resources – farmers.gov/taxes	