

# United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency

## Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Outline

The **Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)** is a cost-share assistance program for eligible producers during periods of severe drought to supply emergency water for livestock, including confined livestock and poultry.

### **The following permanent practices will receive 75% cost-share assistance:**

- Buried pipelines;
- Construction and deepening of wells;
- Troughs when mounted on concrete or similar foundation;
- Solar panels;
- Submersible pumps.

### **The following temporary practices will receive 50% cost-share assistance:**

- Above-ground pipe;
- Spring developments;
- Earthen tanks where a source of underground water is available;
- Dugouts and development of seeps;
- Portable water troughs, stock tanks or tubs.

**Hauling water to livestock is also available for cost share assistance.**

### **Components NOT authorized for cost-share assistance:**

- Constructing pipelines to supply water for vegetable or other short-term crops;
- Establishing permanent or temporary vegetative cover;
- Livestock water facilities to make it possible to graze crop residues, field borders, temporary or supplemental pasture crops;
- Water facilities primarily for headquarters;
- Livestock water facilities to provide water on land on which the cover will be used for:
  - \* \*Hay, silage, and/or field chopped and hauled to headquarters for feeding
- Dry wells;
- Above-ground pumps or motors.

**Sign-up for ECP began on February 11, 2014 and will end March 27, 2014.**

Please contact your County Farm Service Agency office if you are interested in participating in Emergency Conservation Program and to schedule an onsite inspection.