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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2025–0029]

Petitions Seeking Determination of Nonregulated Status; Notice of Intent of Withdrawal of Notices of Intent

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is withdrawing notices of intent to prepare environmental impact statements for two petitions seeking determinations of nonregulated status for organisms developed using genetic engineering. APHIS' decision to withdraw the notices of intent is consistent with APHIS' July 9, 2025 Program Update that as of that date, APHIS will no longer prepare an analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act to accompany its review of petitions seeking a determination of nonregulated status. This document provides public notice of this withdrawal.

DATES: On August 18, 2025, the notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement published in the **Federal Register** on April 28, 2021 (86 FR 22384–22386, Docket No. APHIS–2020–0021) and the notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement published in the **Federal Register** on August 6, 2021 (86 FR 43160–43162, Docket No. APHIS–2020–0030) are withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joseph Tangredi, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, USDA, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, AP100–3–1106, Beltsville, MD 20705; (301) 851–4061; email: joseph.tangredi@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 28, 2021, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published in the **Federal Register** a notice of intent (86 FR 22384–22386; Docket No. APHIS–2020–0021) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for Determination of Nonregulated Status for Maize Developed Using Genetic Engineering for Dicamba, Glufosinate, Quisqualop, and 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid Resistance, With Tissue-Specific Glyphosate Resistance Facilitating the Production of Hybrid Maize Seed.

On August 6, 2021, APHIS published in the **Federal Register** a notice of intent (86 FR 43160–43162; Docket No. APHIS–2020–0030) to prepare an EIS for Determination of Nonregulated Status for Blight-Tolerant Darling 58 American Chestnut (*Castanea Dentata*) Developed Using Genetic Engineering.

APHIS is providing the public with notice of its withdrawal of the notices of intent to prepare EIS's for the aforementioned two petitions seeking determinations of nonregulated status for organisms developed using genetic engineering. Since publication of these notices of intent, two recent developments informed this decision and the need for this notice.

First, on July 3, 2025, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued an Interim Final Rule (90 FR 29632–29674) that amongst other changes, revised, moved and republished, or removed portions of USDA's existing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations in 7 CFR part 1b as well as added new portions to those regulations that apply USDA-wide. New 7 CFR 1b.7(b)(3) requires USDA subcomponents to publish a notice of intent in the **Federal Register** if a decision is made to withdraw the intent to complete an EIS.

Second, on July 9, 2025, APHIS published a Program Update titled "APHIS Announces Update to Practices for Reviewing Petitions Seeking a Determination of Nonregulated Status for Organisms Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering".¹ In this Program Update, APHIS stated that as of July 9, 2025, when evaluating a petition

¹The Program Update is available at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/news/program-update/aphis-announces-update-practices-reviewing-petitions-seeking-determination>.

seeking a determination of nonregulated status that meets the information requirements in 7 CFR 340.6, APHIS will first determine whether a modified organism is subject to regulation under 7 CFR part 340 and the plant pest provisions in the Plant Protection Act. If APHIS determines that a modified organism is unlikely to pose a greater plant pest risk relative to its comparator and, as such, is not a plant pest, APHIS will end its review and, because it lacks jurisdiction over the modified organism, APHIS must issue a determination that the modified organism is not subject to 7 CFR part 340.

Therefore, in accordance with the Program Update, APHIS will no longer prepare an analysis under NEPA to accompany its review of petitions seeking determination of nonregulated status. As such, APHIS is providing the public with notice that it is withdrawing the notices of intent to prepare EIS's in accordance with new 7 CFR 1b.7(b)(3) for two petitions seeking determinations of nonregulated status for organisms developed using genetic engineering under 7 CFR part 340.

Done in Washington, DC.

Sarah Helming,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID FSA–2025–0002]

Notice; Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP)

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is issuing this notice to announce a change to ECAP related to subsequent acres of eligible commodities. It also announces the deadline to apply for an ECAP payment for the additional acres that are now eligible as a result of the change announced in this notice.

DATES: We will accept applications from producers for acres that are eligible as a result of the change announced in this notice through September 30, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Sayers; telephone: (202) 720–6870; email: Kathy.Sayers@usda.gov. Individuals with disabilities who require alternative means for communication should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and text telephone (TTY mode)) or dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Service (both voice and text telephone users can initiate this call from any telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ECAP was authorized by section 2102 of Title I of Division B of the American Relief Act, 2025 (Pub. L. 118–158) and announced in a notice of funds availability (NOFA) on March 19, 2025 (90 FR 12696). This document announces a change to the provisions regarding eligible acres under ECAP. It also announces the application deadline for producers to apply for payment for the additional acres that are now eligible as a result of that change.

The NOFA provided that in cases where a producer reported both an initial eligible commodity and a subsequent eligible commodity on the same acreage and the combination did not meet the definition of an approved double cropping situation, only the initial commodity was considered eligible for an ECAP payment. This rule applied even in cases where the initial eligible commodity failed or was prevented from being planted (90 FR 12699).

This notice announces a change to the eligibility of acres of subsequent eligible commodities. In situations where a producer planted, or was prevented from planting, both an initial crop and a subsequent crop on the same acreage for the 2024 crop year, the initial crop will continue to be eligible for ECAP if it was an eligible commodity as provided in the NOFA. If the subsequent crop that was planted or prevented from being planted was also an eligible commodity and was reported to FSA by August 15, 2025, on FSA–578, Report of Acreage, the subsequent crop will now also be eligible for ECAP regardless of whether it meets the definition of “double cropping” provided in the NOFA. FSA is making this change to align the administration of ECAP with the broad intent of the authorizing legislation to address the gap between the cost of production and market prices for all eligible commodities that were planted or prevented from being planted, due to feedback from industry leaders, commodity groups, and producers who were directly impacted.

The NOFA provided a deadline of August 15, 2025, for all applicants to submit an FSA–63 ECAP, Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP) Application. This notice announces the enrollment period for the additional acres of subsequent eligible commodities that now are eligible for ECAP as a result of the change announced in this notice. Applicants must submit an FSA–63 ECAP for those additional, eligible acres to their local FSA county office by September 30, 2025. FSA will mail postcards to producers who reported acres of subsequent eligible commodities to inform them of the additional eligibility and timeframe to apply. Producers may contact their local FSA county office to obtain a copy of their pre-filled application or complete their application electronically as described in the NOFA.

This notice does not extend the deadline of August 15, 2025, to apply for acres that were eligible under the initial NOFA or submit late-filed acreage reports. As provided in the NOFA, all applicants must also submit required eligibility forms to FSA by August 17, 2026, if not already on file with FSA for the 2024 program year.

William Beam,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Information Collection; Workforce Development Participant Tracking**

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service (Agency) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the renewal of a currently approved information collection request 0596–0247, titled Workforce Development Participant Tracking. This renewal will also provide a common form for use by other Federal agencies.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before October 17, 2025 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice may be sent to Amy Firestone, Assistant Director (Acting)—Workforce Development Partnerships, USDA Forest Service, 201 14th Street SW, 2CE, Washington, DC 20250. Comments also

may be submitted by email to SM.FS.wdp@usda.gov.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be available to the public through relevant websites and upon request. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available for public viewing. Please note that comments containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

The supporting documents for the information collection request and/or any comments received are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director, National Partnership Office, 2nd Floor Central, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, 201 14th Street SW, Washington, DC, on business days between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (800) 832–1355 to facilitate entry to the building. The public may request that an electronic copy of the supporting documents for the information collection and/or any comments received be sent via return email. Requests should be emailed to SM.FS.wdp@usda.gov. The information collection request is posted online at <https://www.regulations.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Firestone, Assistant Director (Acting)—Workforce Development Partnerships, by phone at (202) 317–2807 or by email at SM.FS.wdp@usda.gov. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service then provide the phone number of the person named as a point of contact for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Workforce Development Participant Tracking.

OMB Number: 0596–0247.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2026.

Type of Review: Extension with non-substantive changes of a currently approved information collection, with a new request for common form.

Abstract: Federal land management and other agencies are authorized to offer work and education programs for individuals in natural and cultural resources careers. Some of the