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USDA Approves Emergency Forest Restoration Assistance for Counties in SC

(Columbia, SC), March 30, 2016 – South Carolina USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting State Executive Director, W. Jack Nettles announced that counties in SC are approved to accept applications for the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) to address flood damages. Those counties are:

Aiken	Clarendon	Georgetown	Marion
Allendale	Colleton	Horry	Newberry
Bamberg	Darlington	Kershaw	Orangeburg
Barnwell	Dillon	Lancaster	Richland
Berkeley	Dorchester	Laurens	Saluda
Calhoun	Fairfield	Lee	Sumter
Charleston	Florence	Lexington	Williamsburg
Chester			

EFRP provides payments to eligible owners of nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) land to enable the owners to carry out emergency measures to restore land damaged by a natural disaster. EFRP sign-up will begin on April 1, 2016, and end on May 30, 2016.

"It is important that producers apply for EFRP assistance timely because program funds will be allocated based on the number of applications received as well as by on-site inspections that will determine the extent of the damage," said Nettles. "I encourage eligible landowners who haven't participated in FSA programs to contact their local county FSA office as soon as possible because FSA records will have to be created for these individuals."

Producers in the following counties in South Carolina also qualify for assistance because their counties are contiguous. Those counties are:

Abbeville	Chesterfield	Greenwood	Spartanburg
Anderson	Edgefield	Hampton	Union
Beaufort	Greenville	Marlboro	York

After applications are received the South Carolina Forestry Commission will provide technical assistance by evaluating the damage and developing a plan to restore the NIPF land. The local FSA county committee will determine land eligibility and approve applications.

In order to meet eligibility requirements, NIPF land must have existing tree cover or had tree cover immediately before the natural disaster occurred and be sustainable for growing trees. The land must also be owned by any nonindustrial private individual, group, association, corporation or other private legal entity that has definitive decision-making authority over the land. The natural disaster must have resulted in damage that if untreated would impair or endanger the natural resources on the land and/or materially affect future use of the land. Individuals may receive up to 75 percent of the eligible cost of restoring the damage. The minimum qualifying cost of restoration is \$1000 per participant, approximately five acres, unless a waiver is requested and approved.

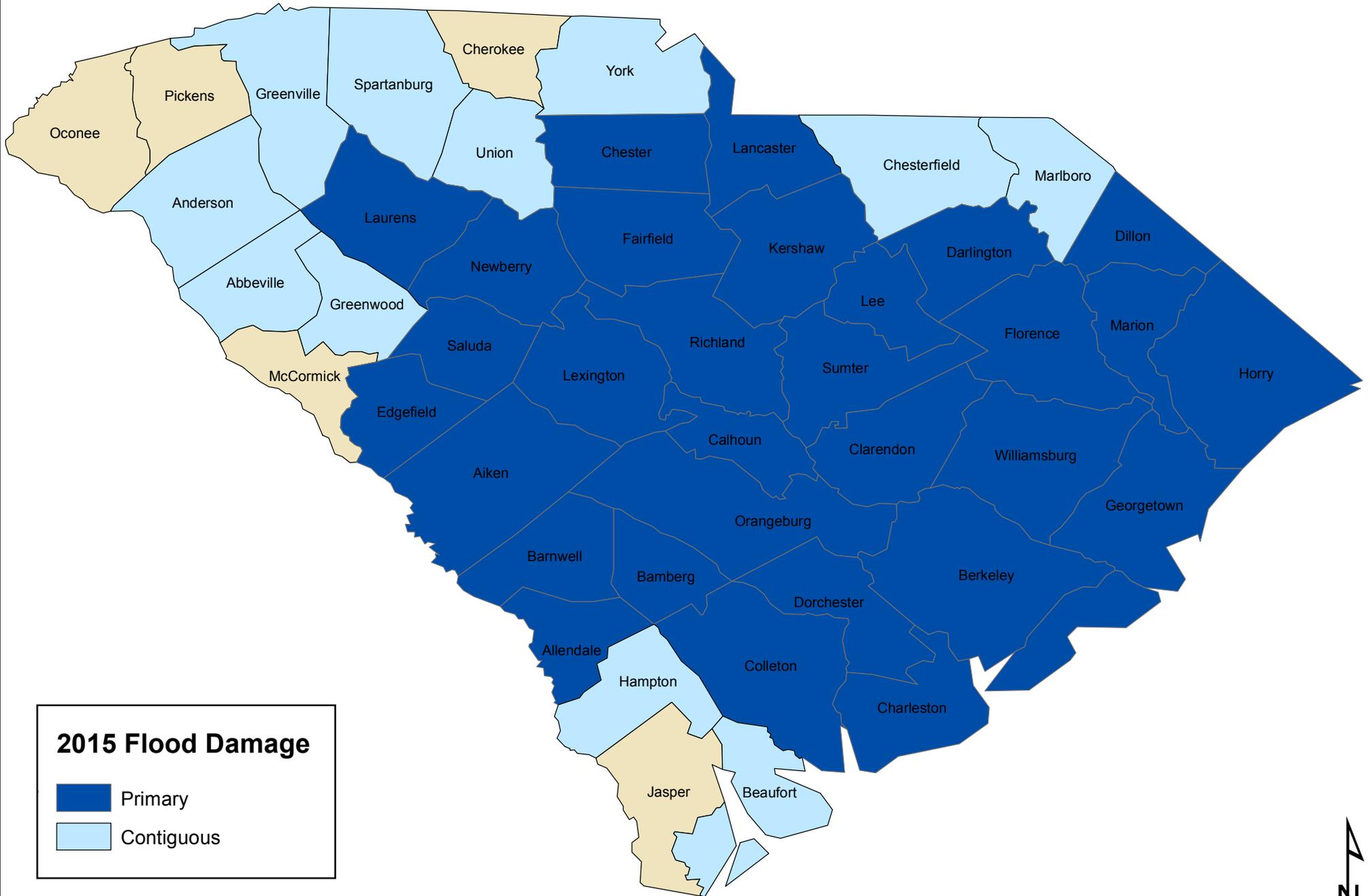
Please contact your local County FSA office for more information or visit <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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EFRP REQUEST - FLOODING

South Carolina



SC Primary and Contiguous County List - 2015 Flood

Primary

Aiken
Allendale
Bamberg
Barnwell
Berkeley
Calhoun
Charleston
Chester
Clarendon
Colleton
Darlington
Dillon
Dorchester
Fairfield
Florence
Georgetown
Horry
Kershaw
Lancaster
Laurens
Lee
Lexington
Marion
Newberry
Orangeburg
Richland
Saluda
Sumter
Williamsburg

Contiguous

Abbeville
Anderson
Beaufort
Chesterfield
Edgefield
Greenville
Greenwood
Hampton
Marlboro
Spartanburg
Union
York

Cost/Share Rates (75% of Average Cost)

Component Code	Component Description	Unit	State Average Cost	Cost/Share Rate (75%)	
16E BURN	FY16E Burn	Acre	\$30.00	\$22.50	
16E SPSS	FY16E SitePrep Subsoil	Acre	\$26.00	\$19.50	
16E SPVB	FY16E SitePrep V-Blade	Acre	\$44.00	\$33.00	
16E SPML	FY16E SitePrep Mechanical Light	Acre	\$120.00	\$90.00	
16E SPMM	FY16E SitePrep Mechanical Medium	Acre	\$200.00	\$150.00	
16E SPMH	FY16E SitePrep Mechanical Heavy	Acre	\$275.00	\$206.25	
16E SPCL	FY16E SitePrep Chemical Light	Acre	\$46.00	\$34.50	
16E SPCM	FY16E SitePrep Chemical Medium	Acre	\$76.00	\$57.00	
16E SPCH	FY16E SitePrep Chemical Heavy	Acre	\$100.00	\$75.00	
16E HWC	FY16E Herbaceous Weed Control	Acre	\$26.00	\$19.50	
16E TSI	FY16E Timber Stand Improvement	Acre	\$60.00	\$45.00	
16E SPSCALP	FY16E SitePrep Scalping	Acre	\$20.00	\$15.00	
16E TPLB S	FY16E Spot Planting Loblolly Seedlings	100 Trees	\$25.00	\$18.75	
16E TPLL S	FY16E Spot Planting Longleaf Bareroot	100 Trees	\$32.00	\$24.00	
16E TPLLC S	FY16E Spot Planting Longleaf Container	100 Trees	\$40.00	\$30.00	
16E TS	FY16E Tree Shelter	Each	\$2.00	\$1.50	
16E TPLB	FY16E Solid Planting Loblolly Seedlings	Acre	\$100.00	\$75.00	
16E TPLL	FY16E Solid Planting Longleaf Bare Root	Acre	\$110.00	\$82.50	
16E TPHW	FY16E Solid Planting Hardwoods	Acre	\$188.00	\$141.00	
16E TPLLC	FY16E Solid Planting Longleaf Container	Acre	\$160.00	\$120.00	
16E FIREBRK	FY16E Firebreak	Ln/Ft	\$0.25	\$0.19	NRCS Rate
16E AR	FY16E Access Roads	Ln/Ft	\$19.84	\$14.88	NRCS Rate
16E DRL	FY16E Debris Removal Light	Acre	\$20.00	\$15.00	NRCS Rate
16E DRH	FY16E Debris Removal Heavy	Acre	\$40.00	\$30.00	NRCS Rate

All rates from the SCFC unless otherwise indicated