



TODD STAPLES, COMMISSIONER

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
2011 OPERATION NEW FENCES
PRODUCER APPLICATION**

ER-401

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**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY
Friday July 15, 2011**

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is accepting applications for the 2011 Operation New Fences (Program). The Program is designed to provide relief to Texas agricultural producers adversely impacted by wildfires between November 15, 2010 and June 30, 2011 (please note there will be a second round of applications accepted later this year for producers still being impacted). Funding for the program is available through the State of Texas Agriculture Relief Fund (STAR Fund) established to collect monetary contributions from private individuals and entities to fund disaster recovery efforts. TDA will provide vouchers to qualified producers for a specific value that is currently estimated to be in the range of \$200 to \$500 per voucher. Vouchers may be redeemed at participating Qualified Vendors for agricultural fencing supplies. A list of Qualified Vendors will be provided with the approved voucher.

Eligible producers will use vouchers at Qualified Vendors in the same manner they would use gift certificates without a cash back option. Vouchers will have an expiration date on them, approximately 30 days from the date of issuance.

Applications must be postmarked no later than **July 15, 2011**. Applications may be submitted by mail or hand delivery to one of the addresses below.

Mailing Address:

Texas Department of Agriculture
External Relations
P. O. Box 12847
Austin, Texas 78711

Physical Address:

Texas Department of Agriculture
External Relations
1700 North Congress Avenue, 11th Floor
Austin, Texas 78701

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

REQUIRED:

Form ER-401

Supporting Documentation. Applicants are required to provide an approved FSA Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) 848A Form.

Applications returned without documentation to support losses will be deemed ineligible and no assistance will be awarded. TDA reserves the right to request additional information or documentation to determine eligibility.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.



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SECTION A – CONTACT INFORMATION				
Type of Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Business (please fill out section A.1 and A.2) (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner / Individual (please fill out section A.2)				
A.1 BUSINESS CONTACT INFORMATION – Print or type the following information.				
Full legal business name (owner's name if sole proprietor – no aliases)				
D.B.A. (if applicable)				
Type of Business <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Co. <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> General Partnership (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____				
A.2 APPLICANT - Responsible Officer, Partner, Owner or Individual				
<i>Please list the full legal name (no aliases or nicknames) of the primary person responsible for the business. This person can enter into legal agreements on behalf of the business.</i>				
First Name	Last Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip	County
Business Phone () -	Cell Phone () -	E-mail Address		

SECTION B – IMPACTED PROPERTY INFORMATION		
Tax Property ID #	Primary Purpose of Property (Ex: livestock, crop, wildlife, etc)	
Date(s) of Fire:	Number of Acres burned:	Approximate length of fence impacted by fire: _____ miles
County(ies) of Property Impacted:	Location of Property (Ex: "Travis County. Two miles northeast of Austin on FM 11")	

SECTION C – FIRE DOCUMENTATION

Provide the appropriate documentation. *Applications submitted without documentation will be returned and no voucher will be awarded. If information provided is not adequate, TDA may require additional information or documentation.*

Approved FSA Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Form 848A

SECTION D – CERTIFICATIONS

By signing below, Applicant:

- (1) Certifies all information provided in connection with this application is true and correct to the best of Applicant’s knowledge;
- (2) Acknowledges any misrepresentation or false statement made by Applicant, or an authorized agent of Applicant, in connection with this application, whether intentional or not, will constitute grounds for denial of this application;
- (3) Certifies that vouchers will not be traded, sold or redeemed for cash;
- (4) Acknowledges this application and any payments owed to Applicant in connection with this application may be reduced or denied because of Applicant’s owing any debt to the State of Texas.

Notice of Penalties: The penalty for knowingly making false statements or false entries, or attempts to secure money through fraudulent means, may include fines and/or incarceration and/or forfeiture of funds under applicable state law. This application becomes public record and is subject to disclosure.

SECTION E – PRODUCER/AGENT SIGNATURE

X _____

DATE / /
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Printed Name:

State of Texas
County of _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public, State of Texas

NOTARY SEAL

Notary’s printed name: _____

Notary’s commission expires: _____

This application becomes public record and is subject to disclosure. With few exceptions, you have the right to request and be informed about the information that the State of Texas collects about you. You are entitled to receive and review the information upon request. You also have the right to ask the state agency to correct any information that is determined to be incorrect. (Reference: Government Code, Sections 552.021, 552.023, and 559.004.)

**Texas Department of Agriculture
2011 Operation New Fences
Request for Applications**

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is accepting applications for 2011 Operation New Fences (Program). The Program is designed to provide relief to Texas agricultural producers adversely impacted by wildfires between November 15, 2010 and June 30, 2011 (please note there will be a second round of applications accepted later this year to assist producers who continue to be impacted). TDA will accept applications postmarked by July 15, 2011 from eligible producers in Texas.

Funding Parameters. Funding will be determined based on participation and is estimated to range from \$200-\$500 per voucher. Applications must be complete and have all required documentation to be considered. Applications missing documentation or otherwise deemed incomplete will not be considered for funding until sufficient information has been received by TDA by the deadline. TDA reserves the right to request additional information or documentation to determine eligibility.

Eligibility Criteria. To be eligible for the program Texas agricultural producers must have been adversely impacted by wildfires between November 15, 2010 and June 30, 2011. Applicants are required to provide an approved Farm Service Agency Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Form 848A.

Submitting an Application. Applications are currently being accepted, and must be submitted on the form provided by TDA by the postmark deadline. Application form (ER-401) is currently available on TDA's website at www.TexasAgriculture.gov, or available upon request from TDA by calling (512) 475-1615. Applications must be submitted by mail or hand delivered to TDA headquarters in Austin, Texas. If mailing the application, please make sure it is in a properly addressed envelope. The application must be postmarked by Friday, July 15, 2011. Applications must be signed by the applicant, notarized, and include required supporting documentation.

Deadline for Submission of Applications. Applications must be postmarked (if mailed) by **Friday July 15, 2011**. If applications are submitted via hand delivery, they must be received by TDA by July 15.

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Further Information. Additional information about the 2011 Operation New Fences Program or the application process can be found on TDA's website at www.TexasAgriculture.gov. For questions or requests for additional information, producers may contact Ms. Jessica Glover at (512) 475-1615 or by email at Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov.