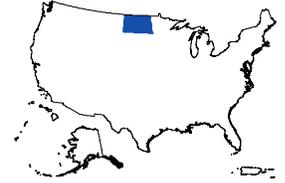


2000 Environmental Quality Incentives Program



Customer Focus—

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Sioux County, North Dakota

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe was looking for a conservation program to alleviate stress on the pastures of their bison operation and provide quality water for the animals. EQIP was the program that would address the financial and technical needs of the tribe.

Water developments were installed where needed most. Assistance provided included cross fencing and development of a planned grazing system. Mike Faith, wildlife enhancement manager for the tribe, praises NRCS as a great resource for technical and financial assistance.

North Dakota Summary

Overview

North Dakota had overwhelming interest in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in 2000. In FY 2000, financial assistance of \$3,138,790 was allocated to North Dakota for EQIP long-term contracts. At the close of FY 2000, \$3,122,256 had been obligated to 356 contracts for the application of conservation practices. EQIP funding is also used for educational and technical assistance for contract implementation.

Accomplishments

FY 2000 was another active year in EQIP. Since the program's inception in 1997, North Dakota has been involved in assisting producers on planning and implementing 1,943 contracts.

Outlook

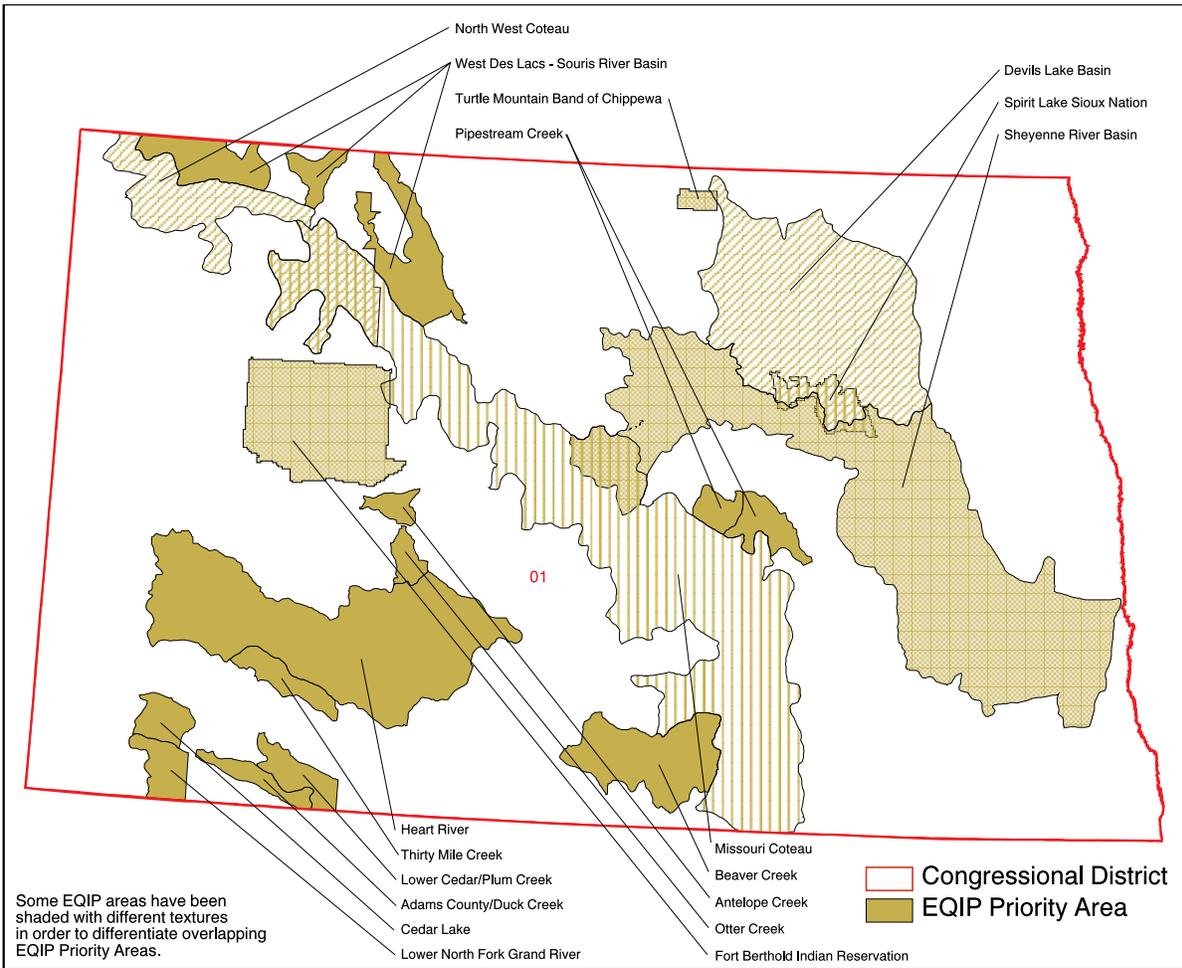
Conservation planning and conservation application continues to be a major focus of North Dakota producers. EQIP has generated immense interest of private landowners and operators to participate since it provides the technical and financial assistance to accomplish their conservation goals. The program's funding limitation has left 122 applications (requesting \$1,660,000) to be funded in FY 2000.

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North Dakota EQIP Priority Areas Within Congressional District



North Dakota EQIP Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District

| Congressional District | Fiscal Year 2000 | | Cumulative Total (97-00) | |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | Obligated Dollars | Number of Contracts | Obligated Dollars | Number of Contracts |
| District 1 | \$2,580,765 | 373 | \$13,059,913 | 1,983 |
| State Totals | \$2,580,765 | 373 | \$13,059,913 | 1,983 |

Note: EQIP contracts for each Congressional District are estimated from Conservation Priority Areas, which may include more than one district.

Congressional District 0 = EQIP Contracts for Statewide Natural Resource Concerns, which can be in any Congressional District in the state.

Source: FSA Recordset type01, data through 4th quarter FY2000

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