

# 2000 Environmental Quality Incentives Program



## Customer Focus—

### **J.C. Watson**

This is the third year of the drip irrigation project on the J.C. Watson farm, in Nyssa, Oregon. This irrigation system was one of the first EQIP projects in this area. During the past three years, Dan Culter, Manager of Watson Farms has made several changes to his system and now feels that this system is working beyond his expectations. With drip irrigation, you have increased, uniform production and decreased impact on the watershed. There's no erosion, no nutrient leaching, and less water and chemical are used to farm more acreage. On the J.C. Watson farm, over 130 acres of onions are now under drip irrigation with less man hours involved in the day-to-day workings of this farm. "I am very encouraged by the results of this irrigation system. Our onion crop this year is looking really good." **Dan Cutler, Manager of J.C. Watson Farms.**

## Oregon Summary

### Overview

In FY 2000 Oregon received 333 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) applications for over \$6,100,000 of cost share funds. At current funding levels NRCS assisted Oregon landowners to develop 149 contracts, obligating over \$3,004,000 of federal cost-share assistance.

### Accomplishments

In FY 2000, Oregon tribes and private landowners invested EQIP funds in conservation systems to ensure healthy watersheds with clean water, productive agricultural lands, and healthy fish and wildlife habitat. Under EQIP in FY 2000, Oregon funded 149 contracts resulting in nearly 207,000 acres planned of planned and 115,500 acres of conservation applied. Over 15,700 customers were assisted through EQIP of which over 10 percent were minority customers. Approximately \$320,000 of EQIP funds was obligated on tribal lands.

### Customer Focus EQIP 2000 - Outlook

As stated in Oregon's FY 2000 State of the Environment: "Science's role is to help us understand the health of Oregon's environment – democracy's role is to determine Oregon's future." Today, Oregon is at the crossroads of a locally lead conservation program on private lands and the regulatory approach to environmental protection. EQIP is the most effective, locally lead cost-share program for Oregon to address environmental issues on agricultural lands. EQIP funds are delivered through conservation plans that balance the needs of the resources, the landowner and environmental regulation. Additional funding is needed to support the locally lead private lands conservation efforts.

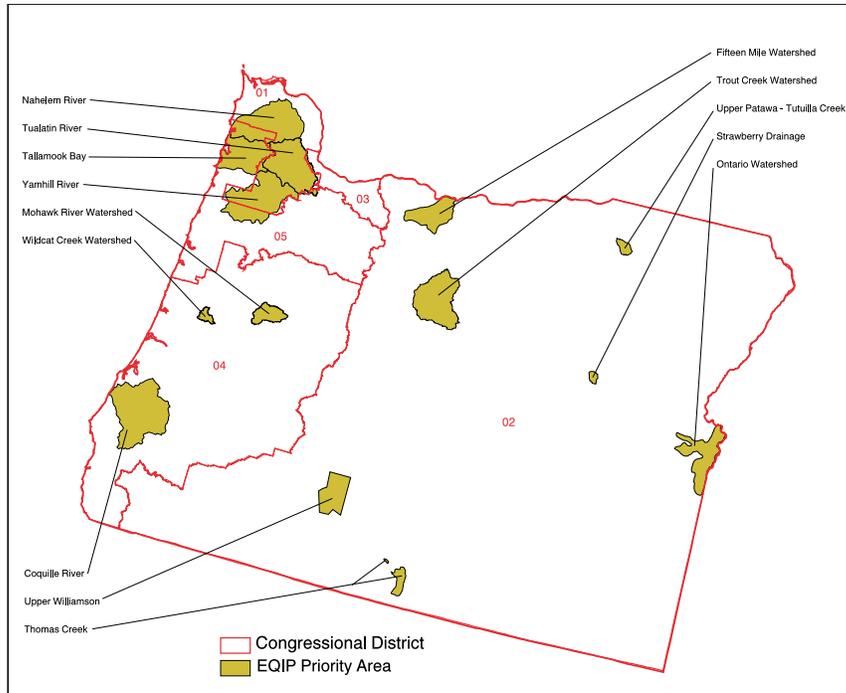
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*J.C. Watson on his farm in Nyssa, Oregon.*



## Oregon EQIP Priority Areas Within Congressional Districts



## Oregon EQIP Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2000		Cumulative Total (97-00)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 0	\$0	0	\$2,908,938	203
District 1	170,207	9	1,574,289	87
District 2	1,953,447	108	4,403,214	228
District 3	2,813	1	315,313	7
District 4	351,450	17	1,175,222	56
District 5	435,704	21	2,087,825	85
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>\$2,913,621</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>\$12,464,801</b>	<b>669</b>

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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