



2001 Environmental Quality Incentives Program



Customer Focus

Bill Burton of Kodiak Game Ranch on Kodiak Island, Alaska is a participant in the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Kodiak Game Ranch is home to 400 bison, 50 cattle, and 25 elk. With technical assistance from NRCS employees and financial assistance through EQIP, Bill and his son, Buck, have developed a conservation plan that addresses their future plans, fencing and forage needs, and the health of the resources found on their 26,000 acre lease. The lease is a diverse resource mix of anadromous streams, beach dunes, extensive valleys, and steep mountainsides.

The internal cross fencing and permanent grass establishment that have been put in place through financial assistance from EQIP have stabilized ground, once in annual cropland, and aided in grazing management, increasing pasture production, plant vigor, and plant health. Through the installation of these practices, the natural resources on the ranch are being improved and protected, ensuring their long-term sustainability.

Alaska Summary

Overview

In Alaska, requests for EQIP contracts exceeded funds available. Applications requesting \$549,122 were submitted by 11 landowners. The Alaska FY 2001 allocation for financial assistance was \$375,500. NRCS staff developed and approved eight conservation plans and contracts that obligated \$322,937.

Accomplishments

EQIP financial assistance was distributed in Alaska through two Conservation Priority Areas (CPA) and six Statewide Resource Concerns (SRC). About \$207,105 in EQIP Federal cost-share dollars were obligated in CPAs and \$117,058 were obligated in SRC projects. FY 2001 EQIP conservation plans and contracts covered 1,657 acres throughout the State.

Since its inception in 1997, 76 EQIP contracts totaling \$1,439,536 have been developed in Alaska.

In addition to financial assistance, \$42,900 in FY2001 EQIP education funds was awarded to an educational assistance proposal and to two Alaska Native CPAs.

Since the inception of EQIP in Alaska, 639 occurrences of 46 conservation practices have been planned in EQIP contracts.

Outlook

The outlook for EQIP in Alaska is excellent. Total unmet need requests from clients in FY2001 was \$226,185. Two Alaska Native Conservation Priority Areas who have received only Educational Assistance funds may ask for Financial Assistance in FY2002 and beyond.

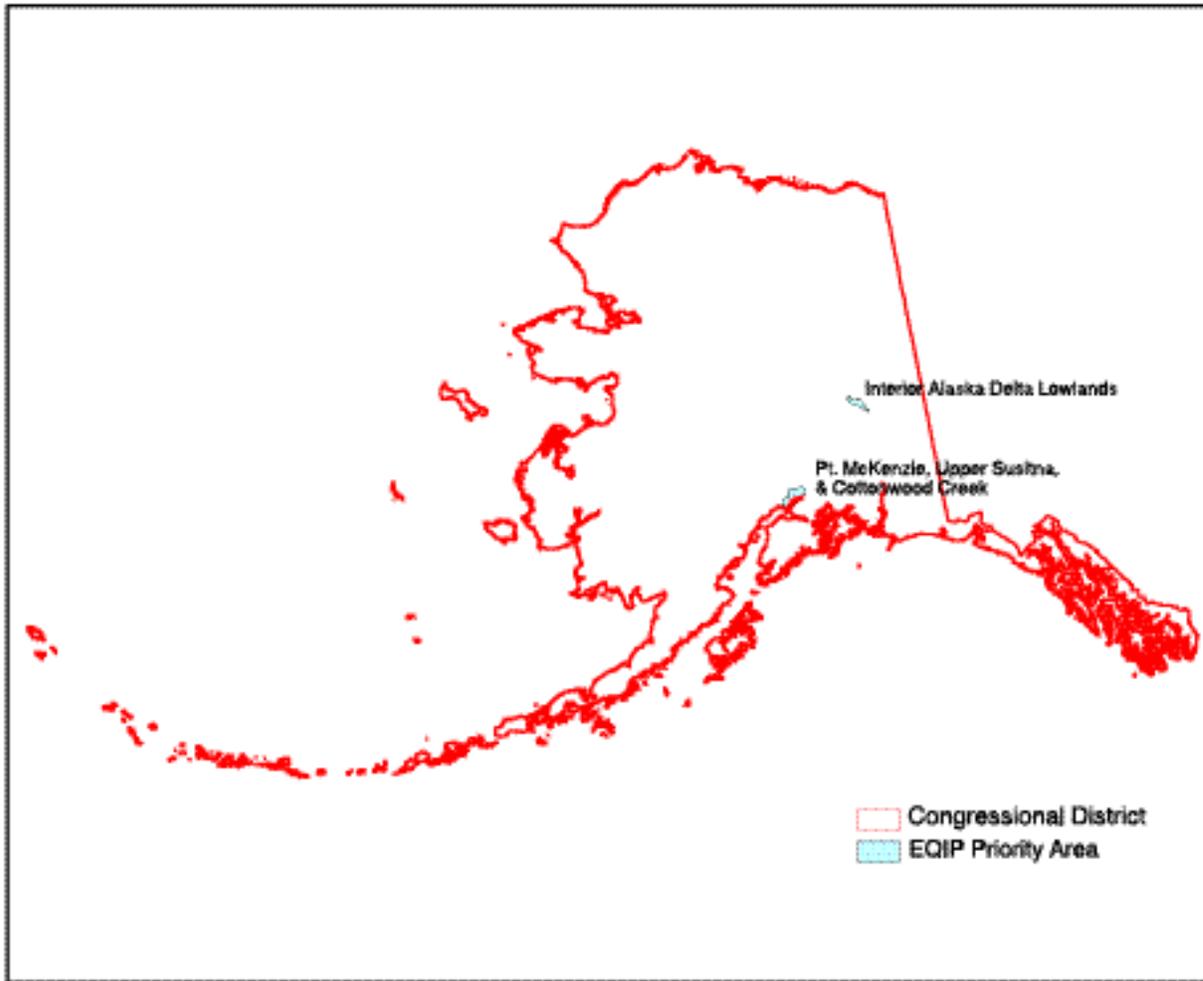
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Alaska EQIP Priority Areas Within Congressional Districts



Alaska EQIP Dollars and Contracts by Congressional Districts

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2001		Cumulative Total (97-01)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 1	\$322,937	8	\$1,439,536	76
State Totals	\$322,937	8	\$1,439,536	76

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