

# 2001 Environmental Quality Incentives Program



## Customer Focus

Jim and Tim Coleman



The Coleman family was selected as Colorado's Association of Soil Conservationist Districts Conservationists of the Year for 2001.

The family has been in the ranching business for more than 100 years. Their 11,000 acre ranch has an EQIP contract to help manage their land and to incorporate a planned grazing system and a water management plan to help meet goals.

Through EQIP the Colemans have installed cross-fencing, tanks, and pipelines, plus many more practices.

*"To understand the land,  
you've got to become part of  
it."*

Jim Coleman

## Colorado Summary

### Overview

In Colorado, strong interest and participation in the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) continued through FY 2001. Applications requesting Federal cost-share funds totaling approximately \$12 million dollars were submitted by 948 landowners. The Colorado FY 2001 allocation for financial assistance was about \$5.7 million. This is a shortfall of about \$6.3 million to meet current client needs. NRCS staff and our partners developed and approved 456 EQIP conservation plans and contracts, which obligated nearly 99 percent of allocated financial assistance funds.

### Accomplishments

EQIP financial assistance has been distributed in Colorado through 15 Geographic Priority Areas (GPA) and 5 statewide Natural Resource Concerns (NRC). About \$3.7 million in EQIP Federal cost-share dollars were obligated in GPAs and \$2 million obligated in NRC projects. FY 2001 EQIP conservation plans and contracts covered 375,000 acres throughout the State. About 18,000 clients were provided assistance associated with EQIP in Colorado. In addition to financial assistance, \$67,000 in EQIP education funds was awarded to organizations and groups promoting resource conservation throughout the state. Since the inception of EQIP in Colorado, over 15,000 distinct conservation practices have been planned in EQIP contracts.

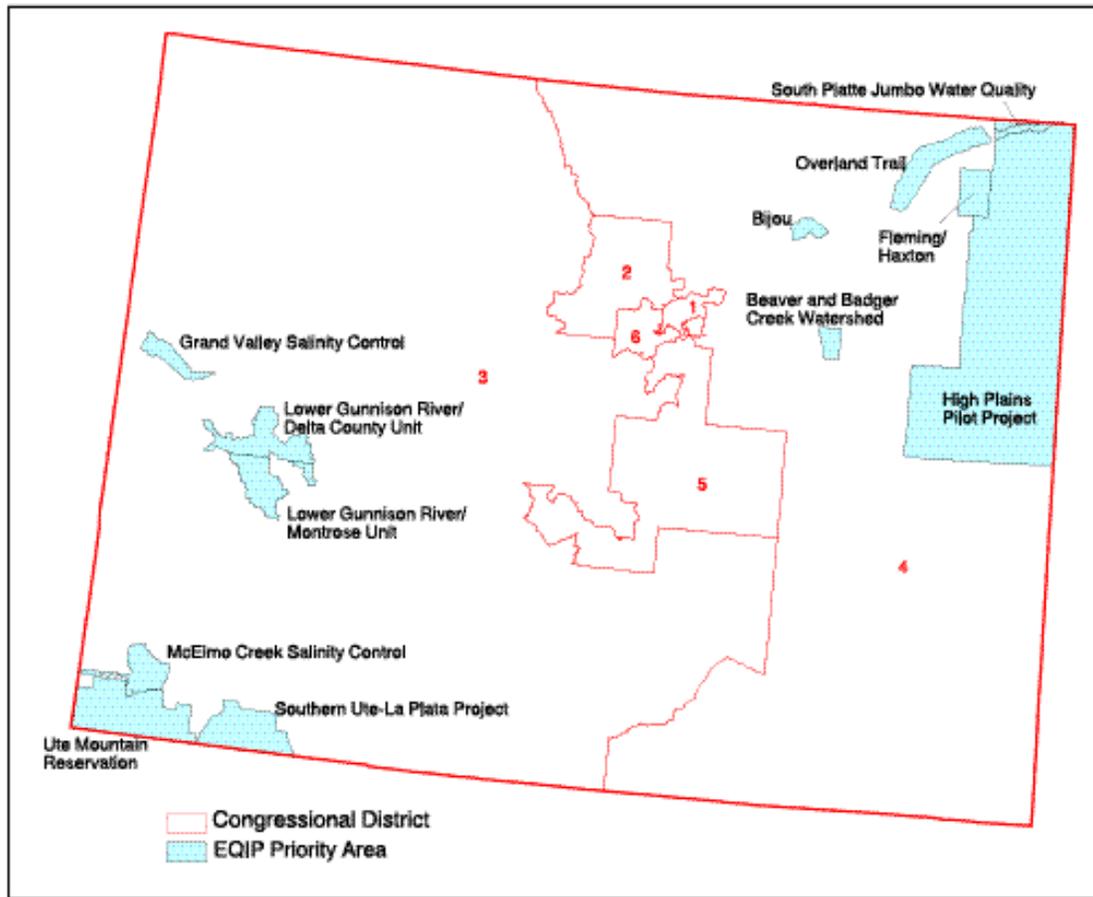
### Outlook

If participation were a measure of success of this program, Colorado would report tremendous success with EQIP. The total unmet need requests from clients are \$6.3 million in FY 2001. This figure indicates the need for continued program support to address significant resource concerns.

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## Colorado EQIP Priority Areas Within Congressional Districts



## Colorado 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 2	\$0	0	\$155,733	21
District 3	3,251,853	216	15,902,366	1442
District 4	2,209,667	233	10,561,871	1420
District 5	152,006	7	501,856	70
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>\$5,613,526</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>\$27,121,826</b>	<b>2,953</b>

\* State FIP Plan limits counties eligible for program

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