



# 2001 Environmental Quality Incentives Program



## Customer Focus—Citizens Management Committee and City of Wichita

*“Private land conservation improves water quality. The public benefits from developing strong partnerships between all water using communities and the watershed where their water comes from,”* said Gerald Blain, (left) Superintendent of Production and Pumping, Water Production Division, City of Wichita.

*“The partnership between the City of Wichita and the Cheney Lake Watershed is a mutually beneficial one that gives me, as a producer, an incentive to improve and maintain water quality for my urban neighbors now and in the future,”* said Allan Grilliot, (right) Chairman, Citizens Management Committee.

## Kansas Summary

### Overview

In Kansas, strong interest and participation in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) continued through Fiscal Year (FY) 2001. Applications requesting Federal cost-share funds totaling approximately \$6.2 million dollars were submitted by 885 landowners. The Kansas FY 2001 allocation for financial assistance was about \$3.9 million. This is a shortfall of about \$2.3 million to meet current client needs. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff and our partners developed and approved 540 EQIP conservation plans and contracts, which obligated over 99 percent of allocated financial assistance funds.

### Accomplishments

EQIP financial assistance has been distributed in Kansas through 12 EQIP Priority Areas (PAs) and 3 statewide concerns outside of PAs. About \$2.6 million in EQIP Federal cost-share dollars were obligated in PAs and \$1.3 million obligated for statewide concerns. FY 2001 EQIP conservation plans and contracts covered 149,000 acres throughout the State. In addition to financial assistance, \$104,000 in EQIP education funds were awarded in grants to organizations and groups promoting resource conservation throughout the state.

### Outlook

If participation was a measure of success of this program, Kansas would report tremendous success with EQIP. The total unmet need requests from clients are \$2.3 million in FY-2001. This figure indicates the need for continued program support to address significant resource concerns

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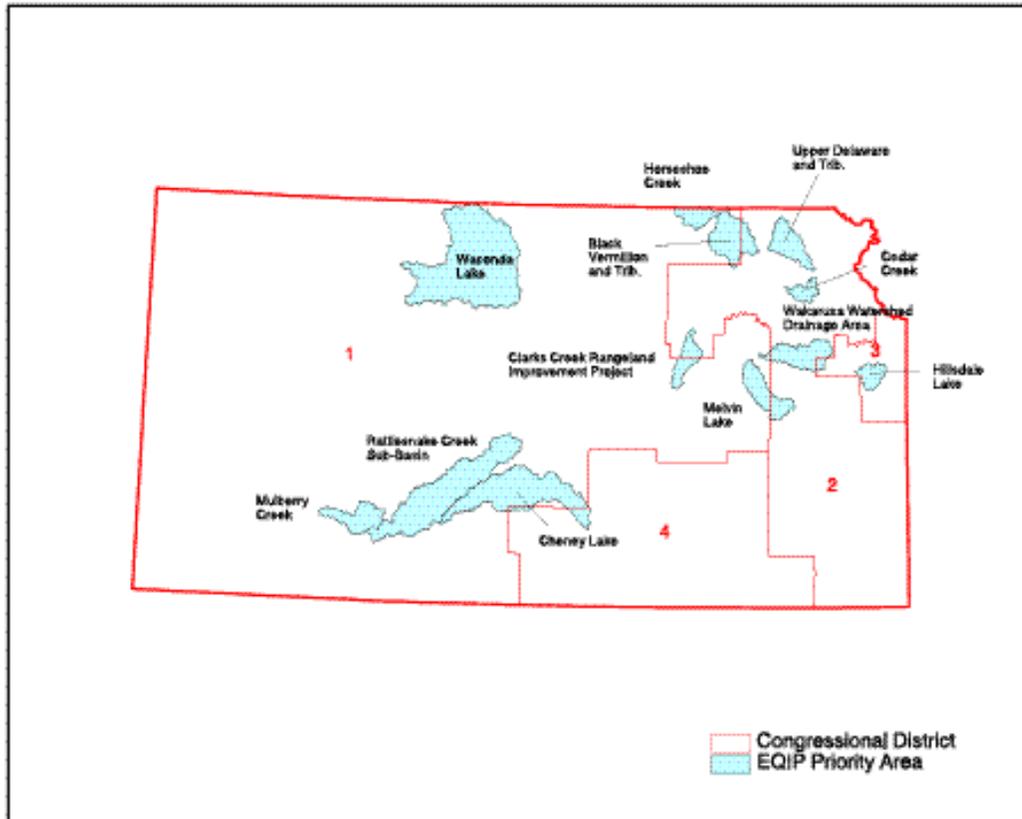
The City of Wichita recognizes the value of maintaining good water quality prior to the water entering Cheney Reservoir from five counties (Sedgwick, Kingman, Pratt, Reno, and Stafford) and provides incentive payments to farmers for implementing best management practices (BMPs). Since the project's inception in 1994, farmers have voluntarily installed 14 animal waste systems, 78 household waste systems, 95 miles of terraces, 15 diversions, 93 acres of waterways, and 69 concrete structures. Landowners also applied 850 Nutrient and Pest Management plans on 46,500 acres. Landowners agree to maintain the practices over time.

The Citizens Management Committee (CMC) administers the project and encourages participation through one-on-one contact with neighbors and small group meetings with local farmers. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical assistance to landowners through Lyle Frees, Project Coordinator, South Hutchinson. This is a win-win situation for farmers and the city: farmers install practices that improve sustainability and reduce pollution in the city's primary drinking water supply. BMPs have reduced sediments by more than 20,000 tons per year and have prevented an estimated 98,000 tons of manure from entering the watershed annually. The NRCS along with over 20 partners are helping make this a successful project.

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## Kansas EQIP Priority Areas Within Congressional Districts



## Kansas EQIP Dollars and Contracts by Congressional Districts

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2001		Cumulative Total (96-01)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 1	2,667,645	337	12,613,212	1,879
District 2	982,015	125	5,823,458	822
District 3	138,168	36	903,081	194
District 4	150,853	42	980,218	225
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>\$3,900,000*</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>\$20,000,000*</b>	<b>3,120</b>

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