

# Another Conservation Success Story...

## Marion County, Georgia

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### Marion County Waste Storage Facility Becomes a Reality

Peggy Woolam, owner and operator of Bryan's Run Poultry Farm in Marion County, was faced with the problem of updating her poultry operation to meet new state and local regulations.

She has eight broiler houses in Marion County and is therefore required to have a Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit, which includes a Nutrient Management Plan.

Woolam contacted the Buena Vista Field Office of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for assistance. She was accepted into the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and received 75% cost-share assistance to help with the cost of installing the stack house and incinerator.

NRCS assisted Woolam with a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan which included a litter storage facility, or stack house, and also an incinerator to dispose of dead birds.

Construction of the waste storage facility and installing an animal mortality system brought Woolam's operation in compliance with all the latest state and local regulations that coincide with an Confined Animals Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit.



This new waste storage facility has enabled Peggy Woolam to come into compliance with all regulations required for a CAFO permit.



Peggy Woolam owns and operates Bryan's Run Poultry Farm in Marion County with the help of her brother, Henry Keeble.

#### What is the Environmental Quality Incentives Program?

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was reauthorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land.

EQIP offers contracts with a minimum term that ends one year after the implementation of the last scheduled practices and a maximum term of ten years. These contracts provide incentive payments and cost-shares to implement conservation practices. Persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production on eligible land may

participate in the EQIP program. EQIP activities are carried out according to an environmental quality incentives program plan of operations developed in conjunction with the producer that identifies the appropriate conservation practice or practices to address the resource concerns. The practices are subject to NRCS technical standards adapted for local conditions. The local conservation district approves the plan. EQIP may cost-share up to 75 percent of the costs of certain conservation practices. Incentive payments may be provided for up to three years to encourage producers to carry out management practices they may not otherwise use without the incentive. However, limited resource producers and beginning farmers and ranchers may be eligible for cost-shares up to 90 percent. Visit [www.ga.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ga.nrcs.usda.gov) for information on this and other programs.

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