

KENTUCKY EQIP AND WHIP UPDATE

FY2012

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)

- Total Financial Assistance Received
 - \$13.8 Million
 - \$2.8 Million was earmarked for use in the National Initiatives



GENERAL EQIP

- General EQIP Sub Accounts include:
 - 14 Pooling Areas across the State
 - Beginning Farmer
 - Limited Resource Producer
 - Socially Disadvantaged Producer
 - Forestland
 - Grassland Bird
 - Bio-Mass Crop
 - Wildlife *New for FY2012*



GENERAL EQIP

- New Prescreening Sheet Used
 - Focused on Conservation Planning
- All High and Medium Applications were funded
- 645 General EQIP apps funded for \$10.3 Million
- 300 Low applications will be deferred to the next EQIP ranking period.

EQIP NATIONAL INITIATIVES

- ◉ Organic, Seasonal High Tunnel, On-Farm Energy, Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watershed Initiative (MRBI), National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)
- ◉ Three National Application Periods announced for Organic, Seasonal High Tunnel, and On-Farm Energy
 - February 3, 2012
 - March 30, 2012
 - June 1, 2012

EQIP NATIONAL INITIATIVES

◉ Organic

- 7 applications funded for \$105,000
- \$10,000 remaining
- One more application period to go

◉ On-Farm Energy

- 7 applications funded for \$13,593

◉ Seasonal High Tunnel

- First application period we received 131 requests for \$789,279
- We were given \$739,000 from Headquarters



EQIP NATIONAL INITIATIVES

◉ Seasonal High Tunnels

- We funded the remaining requests with our General EQIP funds
- Second application period we received 80 requests for \$456,263
- States could use General EQIP funds if available
- Kentucky decided to fund all requests
- 211 requests funded so far for a total of \$1.2 Million
- One application period to go
- Funding will be based on remaining General EQIP funds



EQIP NATIONAL INITIATIVES

○ MRBI

- We received \$1.3 Million to use in the MRBI project areas for FY2012
- We funded 35 requests for \$784,877
- A third application period was announced this week
 - Application deadline is May 31, 2012
- \$500,000 in MRBI funds remaining

○ NWQI

- We have set aside \$582,000 (5% of General EQIP funds)
- First Application Period ends May 18, 2012
- Second Application Period ends June 15, 2012

WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVES PROGRAM (WHIP)

- ◉ November 15, 2011 was the end of the FY2012 application period
- ◉ We received 65 WHIP requests for \$400,000
- ◉ We did not receive any WHIP Financial Assistance for FY 2012
- ◉ States given the option to use General EQIP funds
- ◉ Kentucky created an EQIP State Wildlife Account
- ◉ 65 WHIP applications transferred to the EQIP Wildlife Account with the help of KDFWR Farm Bill Staff
- ◉ 62 total requests funded for \$347,589.