

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

2013 EQIP Signup

Minnesota Supplement for:
Practice Standard 554 – **Drainage Water Management**

Supplemental Criteria

1. Drainage Water Management is eligible only for the management of structures identified in a CAP130 that meets NRCS criteria and has been accepted and implemented prior to certifying the initial payment for 554.
2. Payment is authorized for management of eligible structures not to exceed 3 separate payments during the term of a contract.

Scenarios

Drainage Water Management

This scenario describes the management of a drainage water management system in a row crop field with subsurface drainage system already installed or planned to be installed with control structures, or a surface water management system with berms or levees around the field and control structures. Implementation of DWM results in improved water quality by reducing nutrient losses from the soil through ground or surface water outside of the growing season. Management of the water table results in more ground water available for crops during the growing season while lowering the water table prior to crop planting and crop harvest to avoid causing compaction.