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Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds available to Minnesota producers

St. Paul, MN, April 23, 2012- Agricultural producers looking to solve natural resource problems on their farms should apply now for assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) administered by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

EQIP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers through contracts up to a maximum term of ten years in length. These contracts provide financial assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and for opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland. In addition, a purpose of EQIP is to help producers meet Federal, State, Tribal and local environmental regulations.

Applications for EQIP are accepted on a continuous basis, however, NRCS establishes application “cut-off” or submission deadline dates for evaluation and ranking of eligible applications.

Completed applications must be received at local NRCS Field Offices throughout Minnesota by June 1 in order to be considered for this scoring period.

To find out more about EQIP in Minnesota, contact your local NRCS field office or visit the MN NRCS website: www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov

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