

# Treating Nutrient Concerns— Poultry Litter Application

through the  
Environmental Quality Incentives Program

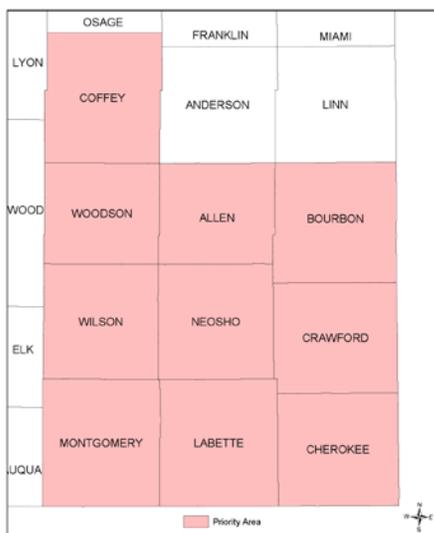
## Fact Sheet

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### Overview

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is making additional financial assistance available to producers in southeast Kansas who are interested in addressing runoff issues from poultry litter application and/or storage. This assistance is available through NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for producers who want to address poultry litter application on their pastures and cropland. Some watersheds are showing a build-up of excess nutrients, especially phosphorus, beyond the normal plant requirements for most crops or grasses. The excess nutrients can leave the fields and enter streams, lakes, and other water bodies.

### Southeast Kansas EQIP Poultry Litter Priority Area



### EQIP Assistance

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers who face threats to soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. Through EQIP, NRCS develops contracts with agricultural producers to implement conservation practices to address environmental natural resource problems. Payments are made to producers once conservation practices are completed according to NRCS requirements. Producers are reminded that EQIP is also available to address other natural resource concerns and provide opportunities to improve soil, water, air, plants, and animals and related resources on

agricultural land such as cropland and rangeland, and non-industrial private forestland.

### Financial Assistance Available

EQIP can assist producers who are applying and/or storing poultry litter because it offers the following:

- A voluntary approach to address increasing nutrient levels in priority surface waters in southeast Kansas
- Technical assistance for nutrient management plans, waste storage facilities, and other associated practices
- Financial assistance for eligible landowners to implement and install conservation practices to NRCS standards and construction specifications

### Conservation Practices Available for Poultry Litter\*

- 317 – Composting Facility
- 102 – Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
- 340 – Cover Crop
- 342 – Critical Area Planting
- 362 – Diversion
- 393 – Filter Strips
- 512 – Forage and Biomass Planting
- 412 – Grassed Waterway
- 590 – Nutrient Management
- 600 – Terraces
- 635 – Vegetative Treatment Area
- 313 – Waste Storage Facility

\*List includes common practices—other practices may be available.

### More Information

EQIP helps address the unique circumstances of socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers who have natural resource concerns that need to be addressed on their land. Qualifying Kansas producers compete separately and receive higher payment rates.

For more information visit, the Kansas NRCS Web site <http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/> or your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center. To find a service center near you, check your telephone book under "United States Government" or on the Internet at [offices.usda.gov](http://offices.usda.gov). Follow us on Twitter @NRCS\_Kansas.