



Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Worksheet
Salina, Kansas
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Kansas Self-Assessment Worksheet - Irrigation

1) Name or Entity: List all who will be a party to the contract and identify as owner or operator. If desired, producer may provide copy of FSA-156EZ.

PHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

2) Location of Application Acres: Please provide copies of maps with legal descriptions and all fields clearly marked. Locate all wells and indicate all fields serviced by the wells on the map(s).

3) Benchmark Condition: Please complete the following information for the offered acres. Answer the following questions: (circle **Yes** or **No**)

- Will application result in conversion of any acres from irrigated to non-irrigated? If so, please delineate on map(s) provided. **Yes No**
- Do you plan to enroll any irrigated acres in the Water Rights Conservation Program or similar program? **Yes No**
- What is your current irrigation system? _____

Are you planning to increase efficiency by converting:

- from flood to center pivot? **Yes No**
- from flood to subsurface drip irrigation? **Yes No**
- Do you intend to reduce water use by converting to a less water intensive crop rotation? **Yes No**
- Do you have enough well capacity to irrigate your permitted acres? **Yes No**
- What is your water source: (circle one or both)
surface water or ground water?

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4) Eligibility Requirements for EQIP:

- The following forms must be current and on file with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) for all contract participants that would receive financial assistance. Please verify with FSA.
 - Form AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification
 - Form CCC-901A, Member's Information (for entity and joint operations only)
 - Form CCC-926, Payment Eligibility – Average Adjusted Gross Income Certification
- If applicant is not the landowner, the applicant must also furnish evidence of control of the land for the contract period. *(This may be a written lease or other legal agreement, a letter from the owner indicating the participant will have control of the acres for the life of the contract, or a statement signed and dated by the owner indicating control by the participant for the life of the contract.)* Landowners must sign the contract if the operator cannot provide control of land documentation or if a structural practice will be installed.
- If applicable, a participant will need to furnish a copy of the corporate charter, bylaws, court orders of appointment, trust agreement, last will and testament, or articles of partnership clearly designating who has signature authority for the entity or joint operation.
- If applicant is the landowner, the tenant must be given the opportunity to participate if management practices are receiving financial assistance.
- If applicable, Form FSA-211, Power of Attorney (POA) will be required. A legally developed POA, is also acceptable.
- Prior to contract approval, participants must agree and set contract shares and identify one decision maker (point of contact) for the contract.

5) Contract Management Practice Limits:

Each participant may earn up to \$50,000 in total EQIP management practice payments for any ranking category (for example: Water Quality, Grazing Lands Health, etc.). Management practice payments shall not exceed \$50,000 per contract or participant.

6) Program Participation:

Do you participate in any of the following program contracts listed below or will you be party to any other current year EQIP applications in Kansas? **Yes No**

- Conservation Reserve Program
- Conservation Security Program
- Conservation Stewardship Program
- Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program
- Grassland Reserve Program
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
- Wetlands Reserve Program

If yes, please list the servicing U. S. Department of Agriculture county office and number of active contracts or current year's applications.

Have you ever cancelled an EQIP contract or had an EQIP contract terminated?

Yes No

7) Program Requirements:

Land that has been irrigated two out of the last five years is determined by actual acre. (Example: A producer has 320 acres. He has irrigated 40 acres each year for five years, rotating it around the field. No one acre has been irrigated twice in the last five years. This land is ineligible.) Land has to be irrigated two out the last five years to be eligible. The producer agrees not to use any associated water savings to bring in new land, other than incidental land to convert to more efficient systems; non-irrigated land converted to irrigation will be no more than five percent of the current irrigated acres by field.

Producers are required to furnish reports from the previous five years, to determine the average benchmark condition and eligible acres, and each year during the contract to ensure net water savings. These reports must be provided by the application evaluation cutoff date for the participant to be eligible under that funding period.

8) Certification:

This Self-Assessment Worksheet must be completed and signed prior to the EQIP application evaluation cutoff date in order for your application to receive additional points in the EQIP ranking.

I have read and answered all the questions on this worksheet and provided the information requested to the best of my ability.

Signature

Date