

Environmental Quality Incentives Program EQIP

2012 National Incentives



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Natural Resources Conservation Service

In Program Year FY12 NRCS Will Offer the Following National Initiatives:

- * Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs)
- * Seasonal High Tunnels
- * Energy
- * Organic



Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs):

- Applications for CAPs will not be ranked
- Approved by NHQ as funding is available
- National Payment Rates are being Developed (Except for CNMP)
- States Will Not modify CAP planning criteria
- CAPs must be developed by Certified Technical Service Providers (TSP)



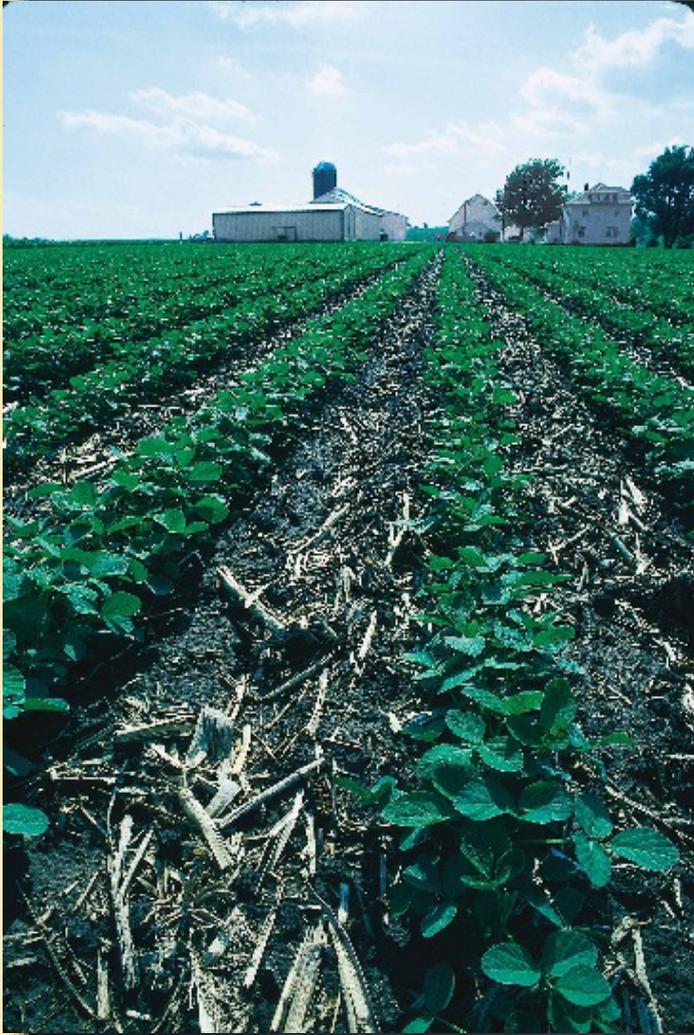


Seasonal High Tunnels:

- Land Use – Crop
- Ranking Criteria – States can Develop local ranking questions
- Application Periods – 3 will be offered and set by NHQ
- Payment Schedule – States will set payment amounts except for CAPs
- Practices Offered – Set by NHQ, (not just High Tunnel Practice)



Energy:



- Land Uses – Crop, headquarters, pasture/rangeland
- Ranking Criteria – States can Develop local ranking questions
- Application Periods – 3 will be offered and set by NHQ
- Payment Schedule – States will set payment amounts except for CAPs
- Practices Offered – Set by NHQ

Organic:

- Land Uses – Crop, headquarters, pasture/rangeland
- Ranking Criteria – States can Develop local ranking questions
- Application Periods – 3 will be offered and set by NHQ
- Payment Schedule – States will set payment amounts except for CAPs
- Practices Offered – Set by NHQ



High Tunnel, Energy & Organic:

- Ranking Criteria:
 - High Tunnel & Organic – The General EQIP Washington State Questions will be used
 - Energy – State specific questions are being developed
- Application Periods:
 - Period 1 – Ends February 02, 2012
 - Period 2 – Ends March 30, 2012
 - Period 3 – Ends June 01, 2012



National Initiatives:

- **Negatives:**

- Takes some of the control for implementation out of the states control
- No guarantee of funding levels compared to previous years
- Change



- **Positives:**

- Streamlines some of the processes
- Potential to receive more funding than previous years
- Change



Questions?

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