



2011 Annual Report

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Colorado Partnership Program (CPP)

This report contains fiscal year activity for the state of Colorado from the time period of October 2010 to September 2011.

Fiscal Year 2011 Colorado Partnership Program

Statewide Activities

Number of Contracts Approved.....	44
Dollar Amount Approved.....	\$558,645
Acres Treated	1,570

Who We Are

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to help agricultural producers and others care for the land. NRCS has six mission goals that include high quality, productive soils; clean and abundant water; healthy plant and animal communities; clean air; an adequate energy supply; and working farms and ranchlands.

Vision

Productive Lands -
Healthy Environment

Mission

Helping People Help the Land

“The Colorado Partnership Program will allow NRCS to use its resources and partnerships to implement conservation on working farms, ranches, and forest lands.”

Resource Conservationist for Programs

The Program

As allowed by the 2008 Farm Bill, NRCS may make Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) program resources available to owners and operators of agricultural and nonindustrial private forest lands who are located in an approved Colorado Partnership Program (CPP) project area.

As authorized by Congress, this is **not** a grant program to partners. This is a program whereby partners with approved projects will enter into multi-year agreements with NRCS to help enhance conservation outcomes on agricultural lands and private nonindustrial private forest lands.

One purpose of CPP is to leverage resources of certain Federal government programs along with services and resources of non-Federal partners to implement natural resource conservation practices.

Proposals submitted by eligible partners are evaluated and competitively ranked for consideration of NRCS programs to support the project.

The Request For Proposal (RFP) outlines the process and requirements partners must use to submit proposals and CPP requirements.

The RFP also provides details regarding which programs are offered and funding availability each fiscal year.

The Benefits

The voluntary CPP provides financial and technical assistance to landowners that work together to address regional conservation concerns.

Eligible Partners

Federally recognized Indian Tribes, State and local units of government, producer associations, farmer cooperatives, institutions of higher education, and nongovernmental organizations (NGO) with a history of working cooperatively with producers. Individual producers are not eligible to submit a partnership proposal.

Producers

Owners and operators of agricultural and nonindustrial private forest lands are eligible to apply for program benefits offered through CPP.

In order for a producer to be considered for financial assistance through a CPP partner agreement, the land associated with a program application must be located within an approved CPP project area.

Only producers who are eligible for EQIP or WHIP may receive financial assistance through these programs.

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