

2010 Financial Assistance Programs

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Program Summary for 2009

- Conventional EQIP: \$16,919,312
- EQIP Air Quality: \$1,068,048
 - EQIP Organic: \$137,816
(Returned \$780,000.)
 - WHIP: \$1,249,610
- Easements totaling over \$600,000

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Payment Schedule Changes - examples

- Brush Management
- Road Dust Control
- Irrigation Water Management
- Livestock Well – Remote Location
- We used to require receipts, and were able to update costs based upon that information. Now we don't. Please make sure you provide cost information to support your changes.
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Ranking Questions

- Remove/change question related to previous contract history
- Remove question related to "high priority practices."
- Questions are subjective. Provide clarification for questions, especially National questions.
- Ranking points need to reflect degree of priority for a given resource concern.
- Increase points for Water Quantity, Soil Erosion.
- Add points if project is "shovel ready."
- Ranking questions for GRP: 20 year agreement and permanent easement same points

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- Allow NRCS state offices to move leftover organic and air quality EQIP funds to the regular EQIP fund to approve additional contracts, rather than having the funds swept and send back to NHQ.
- Broaden to allow more participation. Example: Add Water Quantity – Inefficient Use on Irrigated Land for the EQIP Organic Program.
- Not allowed by program

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- Provide LWG packages in electronic format.
- STC packets are available for download. Local Work Group packets will be for the upcoming FY.