



Fruit and Vegetable Growers Assistance

Financial and technical assistance is available for fruit and vegetable growers under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). NRCS may be able to help you implement the following conservation activities:

- Irrigation
- Conservation Tillage
- Buffers
- Pest Management
- Nutrient Management
- Pollinator Habitat
- and more!

What assistance is available?

- Short-term contracts to assist eligible growers with applying conservation practices such as irrigation, IPM, conservation tillage, buffers, nutrient management, pollinator habitat establishment, and more than 100 other practices that reduce erosion, improve soil, and help farmers better manage their land
- Technical assistance to help growers carry out the practices
- Financial assistance or incentive payments to reduce producer costs associated with installing conservation practices.

How do I apply?

- Contact a local USDA NRCS Service Center, found at <http://offices.usda.gov>, or Conservation District Office.
- Request an updated conservation plan
- Complete an application for one of the cost-share or incentive programs

When do I apply?

Now! Applications are accepted on a continuous basis throughout the year with periodic pooling dates to evaluate, rank, prioritize and select applicants. Contracts are written as long as funding lasts.

Are all growers eligible?

- Some programs are only available to farmers engaged in the production of crops, livestock, or other agricultural products on the applicant's farming operation.
- New and beginning farmers, African Americans, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Hispanics, Asians and Pacific Islanders and veterans may be eligible for additional incentive payments in some programs.



Natural Resources Conservation Service

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To learn more, contact your local NRCS Field Office

County	Phone	County	Phone	County	Phone
Adams	717-334-4216 ext 3	Elk	814-375-2125 ext 3	Montgomery	215-453-9527 ext 3
Allegheny	724-482-4800 ext 3	Erie	814-796-6760 ext 3	Montour	570-784-1062 ext 3
Armstrong	724-545-1022 ext 3	Fayette	724-437-7971 ext 3	Northampton	610-625-8392 ext 3
Beaver	724-482-4800 ext 3	Forest	814-226-8160 ext 3	Northumberland	570-286-7114 ext 3
Bedford	814-623-7900 ext 3	Franklin	717-264-8074 ext 3	Perry	717-582-4144 ext 3
Berks	610-372-4655 ext 3	Fulton	717-485-3812 ext 3	Pike	570-282-8732 ext 3
Blair	814-695-6291 ext 3	Greene	724-627-5821	Potter	814-274-8166 ext 3
Bradford	570-265-6969 ext 3	Huntingdon	814-627-1626 ext 3	Schuylkill	570-622-1312 ext 3
Bucks	215-453-9527 ext 3	Indiana	724-463-8547 ext 3	Snyder	570-837-0007 ext 3
Butler	724-482-4800 ext 3	Jefferson	814-375-2125 ext 3	Somerset	814-445-6876 ext 3
Cambria	814-472-5502 ext 3	Juniata	717-436-8953 ext 3	Sullivan	570-265-6969 ext 3
Cameron	814-375-2125 ext 3	Lackawanna	570-282-8732 ext 3	Susquehanna	570-278-1011 ext 3
Carbon	570-779-0645 ext 3	Lancaster	717-299-5361 ext 3	Tioga	570-724-1726 ext 3
Centre	570-726-3196 ext 3	Lebanon	717-272-3908 ext 3	Union	570-524-2549
Chester	610-696-0398 ext 3	Lehigh	610-625-8392 ext 3	Venango	814-226-8160 ext 3
Clarion	814-226-8160 ext 3	Luzerne	570-779-0645 ext 3	Warren	814-723-1217
Clearfield	814-375-2125 ext 3	Lycoming	570-433-3902 ext 3	Washington	724-222-3060 ext 3
Columbia	570-784-1062 ext 3	Mercer	724-662-3740 ext 3	Wayne	570-282-8732 ext 3
Crawford	814-724-1852 ext 3	McKean	814-274-8166 ext 3	Westmoreland	724-834-3970 ext 3
Cumberland	717-249-1037 ext 3	Mifflin	717-248-9541 ext 3	Wyoming	570-836-2490 ext 3
Delaware	610-696-0398 ext 3	Monroe	570-282-8732 ext 3	York	717-755-2966 ext 3
Dauphin	717-921-2380 ext 3				