

HIGH PRIORITY PRACTICES

The 2018 Farm Bill and EQIP rule authorize increased payments for up to 10 high priority practices to address priority resource concerns, mainly Water Quality and Quantity. The higher payment should incentivize conservation practices that have high potential for conservation benefit but are often underutilized and historic adoption may be low.

High Priority Practice Scenarios that will pay 90% are designated as (*Pr*) within the payment schedule. In Alabama, the following scenarios are eligible for the 90% payment rate to ALL participants within the entire state.

NOTE: All payment caps still apply as designated in the Conservation Practice section below

Eligible High Priority (Pr) Scenarios for 90% rate		
309	Agrichemical Handling Facility	All Scenarios
316	Animal Mortality Facility	All Scenarios
351	Well Decommissioning	All Scenarios
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	All Scenarios
442	Sprinkler System	1) Variable Rate System- convert from traveler to a VRI center pivot (Low Pressure). 2) Variable Rate System Retrofit 3) Variable Rate System Renovation
449	Irrigation Water Management	1) Soil Moisture Sensors with Data Recorder 2) Variable Rate IWM
512	Pasture and Hay Planting	Planting of Native Warm Season Grass
590	Nutrient Management	All Scenarios
620	Underground Outlet	All Scenarios
638	Water and Sediment Control Basin	All Scenarios