

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Natural Resources Conservation Service



Overview

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program that provides agricultural producers the opportunity to receive on-on-one technical and financial assistance to plan and implement conservation practices. Together, NRCS and producers can invest in solutions that conserve natural resources for the future while improving agricultural operations. These benefits may include improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, increased soil health and reduced soil erosion and sedimentation, improved or created wildlife habitat, and mitigation against drought and increasing weather volatility.

Benefits

Through EQIP, NRCS provides agricultural producers with one-on-one help and financial assistance to plan and implement improvements, or what NRCS calls conservation practices. Together, NRCS and producers invest in solutions that conserve natural resources for the future while improving agricultural operations.

Program at a Glance

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will assist in developing a conservation plan that will meet the goals and visions of your operation. This conservation plan will serve as a guide or roadmap to assist you in making informed decisions on practice selection for your operation. NRCS financial assistance can cover part of the costs for implementation of conservation practices.

Who is Eligible?

Farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners who own or rent agricultural land are eligible. EQIP assistance can be used on all types of agricultural operations, including:

- Conventional and organic
- Specialty crops and commodity crops
- Forestry and wildlife
- Historically underserved farmers*
- Livestock operations

*Increased and advance payments available for historically underserved producers (beginning, limited resource, socially disadvantaged, and military veterans.)

How to Apply

Apply at your local USDA Service Center, which you can find at farmers.gov/service-locator.



More Information

For more information, visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/eqip-environmental-quality-incentives/missouri/environmental-quality>



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