

# Livestock Water Development

## Environmental Quality Incentives Program ACT NOW Initiative



### Overview

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) ACT NOW initiative will concentrate on key counties impacted by several years of severe drought. Livestock must be present on the farm, and the operation must lack access to a water source able to provide adequate water quantity and quality on the property.

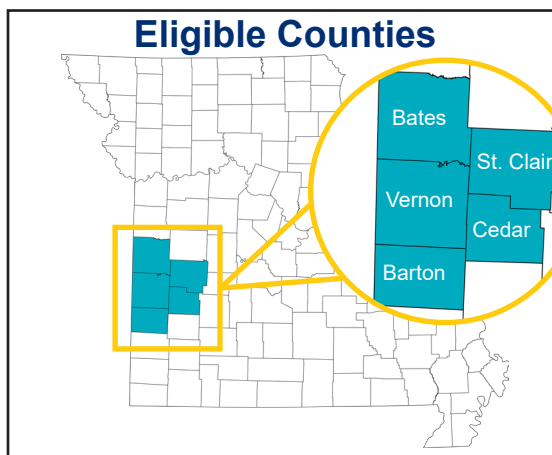
Projects can include the development of a primary water source and must include the development of a single water delivery point. See the list of eligible practice suites.

If an existing water source is present, an immovable barrier must exist between the livestock and the water source (e.g., highway). Fencing alone is not an immovable barrier.

Through the Missouri Soil and Water Conservation Program, existing impoundments may qualify for a sediment removal pilot. Contact your local Soil and Water District for more information.

### What is EQIP ACT NOW?

The ACT NOW initiative allows NRCS to expedite the approval and obligation of a ranked application in a designated ranking pool when an eligible application meets or exceeds an established minimum ranking score.



### Who is Eligible?

Farmers and ranchers who own or operate agricultural land are eligible. EQIP ACT NOW Livestock Water Development focuses on livestock operations with these land uses:

- Pasture
- Associated Agricultural Land (AAL)
- Farmstead

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

### How to Apply

Visit your local USDA-NRCS Field Service Center. Locate yours at [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov).

### Eligible Conservation Practice Suites

*The following are available to support addressing the priority resource concern(s).*

#### Pond/Grade Stabilization Structure

- Pond
- Grade Stabilization Structure
- Livestock Pipeline
- Watering Facility
- Fence
- Critical Area Treatment

#### Spring Development

- Spring Development
- Livestock Pipeline
- Heavy Use Protected Area
- Watering Facility
- Fence
- Critical Area Treatment

#### Water Well

- Water Well
- Pumping Plant
- Livestock Pipeline
- Heavy Use Protection Area
- Watering Facility
- Critical Area Treatment

#### Rural Water Connection

- Rural Water Connection
- Livestock Pipeline
- Heavy Use Protection Area
- Watering Facility
- Critical Area Treatment

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

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