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New England Cottontail Habitat

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Environmental Quality Incentives Program

In New Hampshire

Seasonal High Tunnels (below) & Heavy Use Areas (above: before and after)

Above: Land before and after cover crop
Below: Rotational grazing

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The EQIP Program
Financial Assistance for Conservation Practices

EQIP offers technical help for planning and designing conservation practices that protect our water and air, improve soil health, enable us to better care for farm animals, manage animal waste, and sustain our agricultural land. EQIP also offers financial assistance to make these practices more affordable.

Who can participate?
All private landowners and operators who are engaged in forestry, wildlife management, crop, or livestock production on eligible land may participate in the EQIP Program. Participation is voluntary.

Eligible land includes cropland, pasture, hayland, forestland or other lands associated with the agricultural operation.

How do I get started?
Call your local NRCS field office to discuss your resource needs and work with staff to develop a conservation plan. Your conservation planner will visit your farm and identify resource concerns, discuss your goals, inventory resources, and evaluate alternatives. Your goals and objectives, with a list of recommended conservation practices for your farm, will be included in your conservation plan.

How do I apply?
Once you have a conservation plan and would like to apply for EQIP funds to help you implement your list of recommended conservation practices, we will help you understand the program eligibility process. NRCS will evaluate your completed eligibility forms and needed practices. After you have finalized practice decisions and agree to move forward, we'll work with you on the application. EQIP applications are accepted on a continuous basis, but they are considered for funding during specific ranking periods. Once you have passed eligibility and finalized practice decisions, your application is eligible to be considered for the next ranking period.

How are applications ranked?
Applications will be ranked according to state and local resource concerns and the amount of conservation benefits the work will provide. Applications demonstrating the highest environmental benefit will be awarded contracts until NH EQIP funds have been exhausted.

What is the process for implementing the contract requirements and for getting paid?
Once you have been selected and sign the contract, you will be provided standards and specifications for completing the practice(s) and you will have a specified time to implement them. The contract will be carried out, in part, according to the conservation plan that you developed. Once the work is implemented and inspected, you will receive the predetermined payment rate for the work if it meets NRCS standards and specifications. All practices established with EQIP funding must be maintained for the life span of the practice.

What are payment rates and is there a limit on how much I can get paid?
EQIP offers payment rates for installed practices to eligible producers based on allowable average costs for the region. Historically under-served producers may qualify for a higher practice payment rate. The total limitation on EQIP payments is $450,000 per individual or entity member for the period from 10/1/2014 to 9/30/2018, regardless of the number of farms or contracts. Payments are made to participants once conservation practices are completed according to NRCS requirements and certified by NRCS staff.