

NEBRASKA STATE INITIATIVES

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[CLICK HERE for Nebraska EQIP Ranking Tools for the following statewide initiatives-document:](#)

- High Tunnel System
- On-Farm Energy
- Organic Certified
- Organic Transition
- Nebraska Forestry Initiative
- Prescribed Burn Plan
- Tribal Initiative
- Wildlife Initiative Nebraska (WIN)
- Water Quality Degradation Excess Pathogens/Manure Animal Feeding Operation
- State Water Quality Initiative - Long Pine Creek

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CENTRAL AREA

- Cropland
- Cropland - Irrigation/Central
- Grassland

EAST AREA

- Cropland
- Cropland
- Grassland

WEST AREA

- Cropland
- Cropland - Irrigation/West
- Grassland

National EQIP Initiatives

The table below identifies the national initiatives supported by EQIP that may be available to producers engaged in specific kinds of agricultural activities, located in specific geographic locations, or opportunities associated with agency approved initiatives. In addition to the following EQIP initiatives, interested producers should also check with their local or State NRCS offices as described in the “how to apply for assistance” link above.

Program Name	Program Description
EQIP	Provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers through contracts up to a maximum term of ten years in length. These contracts provide financial assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and for opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.
Nebraska EQIP Initiatives	
State Water Quality Initiative	Helps farmers and ranchers implement conservation systems to improve water quality in a watershed determined by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to be impaired. This program works in conjunction with Nebraska's Nonpoint Source Water Quality Grants-Section 319  program activities.
On-Farm Energy Initiative	Enables the producer to identify ways to conserve energy on the farm through two types of Agricultural Energy Management Plans (AgEMP) for headquarters and/or for landscape, also known as an on-farm energy audit (headquarters and/or landscape); and by providing financial and technical assistance to help the producer implement various conservation practices recommended in these on-farm energy audits.
Organic Initiative	Provides financial assistance to help implement conservation practices for organic producers and those transitioning to organic to address natural resource concerns

	It also helps growers meet requirements related to National Organic Program (NOP) requirements and certain program payment limitations.
National Water Quality Initiative	Helps farmers and ranchers implement conservation systems to reduce nitrogen, phosphorous, sediment and pathogen contributions from agricultural land in specific approved watershed. Contact your local NRCS field office to see if you are eligible.
Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative	Helps producers plan and implement seasonal high tunnels, which are steel-framed, polyethylene-covered structures that extend growing seasons in an environmentally safe manner.
Ogallala Aquifer Initiative	The main goals of the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative are to reduce aquifer water use, improve water quality and enhance the economic viability of croplands and rangelands in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas, South Dakota and Wyoming.
National Landscape Initiatives	
Landscape Initiatives	These initiatives enable NRCS to more effectively address priority natural resource concerns by delivering systems of practices, primarily to the most vulnerable lands within geographic focus areas.

Other EQIP Programs

Program Name	Program Description	Who Can Apply
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<p>Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)</p>	<p>Using EQIP financial assistance, CIG awards competitive grants to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production.</p>	<p>Non-Federal governmental or nongovernmental organizations, Tribes, or individuals.</p>
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