Practice: 102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written

Scenario #91 - Non-Dairy Operation Less Than 300 AU with Land Application

Scenario Description:

A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be developed to address resource concerns on a small non-dairy Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) of less than 300 animal units (AU)--primarily swine, poultry, and beef AFOs. The producer may export (material transferred to another owner with written documentation of the transfer) modest amounts of the manure or organic products from the farm. For operations where manure is both applied to land the AFO owner/operator controls and exported offsite, guidance to determine appropriate CNMP CAP scenario selection shall be provided by NRCS at the state level. The producer has an animal production area, farms cropland and applies most nutrients. The CNMP is a conservation plan that addresses resource concerns on the AFO production area and land application areas. Production area components of the plan must include animal confinement facilities, feeding and lounging lots, animal mortality facilities, and manure containment and storage facilities. Land application components of the plan must include all lands under the control of the AFO owner or operator where waste materials are being applied. Planned practices on the production area and land application areas must result in meeting NRCS quality criteria for water quality and soil erosion. Any applicable air emission and negative air quality impacts occurring as a result of planned CNMP activities, or existing on-farm activities must be mitigated in the CNMP if feasible. The CNMP meets the AFO owner/operator's production objectives.

Before Situation:

The owner/operator of a small sized non-dairy AFO has not received a written Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) that addresses all resource concerns present on the facility production area and land waste application areas. Various levels of management and conservation implementation has occurred on the farm. Little documentation of the systems used and practices installed exists. The producer may or may not have a conservation plan or a nutrient management plan. Partial implementation of CNMP-related practices for the AFO has potentially occurred. Resource concerns on the AFO production area and land waste application areas remain to be addressed through the development of a complete CNMP including management and conservation practices for proper manure/wastewater storage and handling, proper disposal of animal mortality, treatment of land application areas to reduce soil erosion to sustainable levels, and application of waste nutrients at an agronomic rate that meets application crop needs and does not exceed site risk analysis assessment condition. Negative air quality impacts and farmstead safety and security issues may remain on the AFO, and recordkeeping methods for crop yields, inspection and monitoring of the existing CNMP-related practices, and manure application and imports/exports may need further improvement.

After Situation:

A certified Technical Services Provider (TSP) has delivered, to the AFO owner/operator, a comprehensive nutrient management plan meeting CNMP CAP criteria (GM - Part 405 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans) and to NRCS with the CNMP Case File data that describes management and conservation practice solutions to all identified resource concerns on the small-sized non-dairy AFO production area and land application areas. Collection, transfer, and storage of manure and wastewater systems, mortality management facilities, as well as any rainfall or runoff diversion systems will be inventories-evaluated and planned for adequacy according to applicable NRCS conservation practice standard technical criteria by a Professional Engineer. Management and conservation practices in the CNMP document delivered to the client ensure that, if implemented, the AFO will properly, within applicable NRCS standards and specifications, store, handle, and contain manure and wastewater materials generated by the AFO; dispose of AFO mortality; implement conservation practices to reduce soil erosion on land application areas to sustainable levels; land apply waste material nutrients in a manner than meets NRCS 590 Nutrient Management standard technical criteria. Decisions presented within the CNMP have been made to mitigate, if feasible, negative air quality impacts and improve farmland safety and security. Practices selected in the Record of Decision will provide estimated quantities for conservation practices to be installed in units of measure that align with the practice standards. Accurate recordkeeping documents for crop yields, operation and maintenance of existing and new CNMP-related practices, manure application, AFO manure imports and exports, and other information relevant to the management and compliance of the AFO with state and/or local rules and regulations are included in the CNMP. If the CNMP is not implemented all identified resource concerns will still exist.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$6,051.35	$7,261.61

Practice: 102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written

Scenario #92 - Dairy Operation Less Than 300 AU with Land Application

Scenario Description:

A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) and CNMP Case File will be developed to address resource concerns on a small Dairy Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) of less than 300 animal units (AU). The producer may export (material transferred to another owner with written documentation of the transfer) modest amounts of the manure or organic products from the farm. For operations where manure is both applied to land the AFO owner/operator controls and exported offsite, guidance to determine appropriate CNMP CAP scenario selection shall be provided by NRCS at the state level. The producer has an animal production area, farms cropland and applies most nutrients. The CNMP is a conservation plan that addresses resource concerns on the AFO production area and land application areas. Production area components of the plan must include animal confinement facilities, feeding and lounging lots, animal mortality facilities, and manure containment and storage facilities. Land application components of the plan must include all lands under the control of the AFO owner or operator where waste materials are being applied. Planned practices on the production area and land application areas must result in meeting NRCS quality criteria for water quality and soil erosion. Any applicable air emission and negative air quality impacts occurring as a result of planned CNMP activities, or existing on-farm activities must be mitigated in the CNMP if feasible. The CNMP meets the AFO owner/operator's production objectives.

Before Situation:

The owner/operator of a small sized dairy AFO has not received a written Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) that addresses all resource concerns present on the facility production area and land waste application areas. Various levels of management and conservation implementation has occurred on the farm. Little documentation of the systems used and practices installed exists. The producer may or may not have a conservation plan or a nutrient management plan. Partial implementation of CNMP-related practices for the AFO has potentially occurred. Resource concerns on the AFO production area and land waste application areas remain to be addressed through the development of a complete CNMP including management and conservation practices for proper manure/wastewater storage and handling, proper disposal of animal mortality, treatment of land application areas to reduce soil erosion to sustainable levels, and application of waste nutrients at an agronomic rate that meets application crop needs and does not exceed site risk analysis assessment condition. Negative air quality impacts and farmstead safety and security issues may remain on the AFO, and recordkeeping methods for crop yields, inspection and monitoring of the existing CNMP-related practices, and manure application and imports/exports may need further improvement.

After Situation:

A certified Technical Services Provider (TSP) has delivered, to the AFO owner/operator, a comprehensive nutrient management plan meeting CNMP CAP criteria (GM - Part 405 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans) and to NRCS the CNMP with Case File data that describes management and conservation practice solutions to all identified resource concerns on the small-sized dairy AFO production area and land application areas. Collection, transfer, and storage of manure and wastewater systems, mortality management facilities, as well as any rainfall or runoff diversion systems will be inventories-evaluated and planned for adequacy according to applicable NRCS conservation practice standard technical criteria by a Professional Engineer. Management and conservation practices in the CNMP document delivered to the client ensure that, if implemented, the AFO will properly, within applicable NRCS standards and specifications, store, handle, and contain manure and wastewater materials generated by the AFO; dispose of AFO mortality; implement conservation practices to reduce soil erosion on land application areas to sustainable levels; land apply waste material nutrients in a manner than meets NRCS 590 Nutrient Management standard technical criteria. Decisions presented within the CNMP have been made to mitigate, if feasible, negative air quality impacts and improve farmland safety and security. Practices selected in the Record of Decision will provide estimated quantities for conservation practices to be installed in units of measure that align with the practice standards. Accurate recordkeeping documents for crop yields, operation and maintenance of existing and new CNMP-related practices, manure application, AFO manure imports and exports, and other information relevant to the management and compliance of the AFO with state and/or local rules and regulations are included in the CNMP. If the CNMP is not implemented all identified resource concerns will still exist.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7,549.85	$9,059.82

Practice: 102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written

Scenario #93 - Non-Dairy Operation Greater Than or Equal to 300 AU and Less Than 700 AU with Land Application

Scenario Description:

A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be developed to address resource concerns on a medium non-dairy Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) of greater than or equal to 300 and less than 700 animal units (AU).--primarily swine, poultry, and beef AFOs. The producer may export (material transferred to another owner with written documentation of the transfer) modest amounts of the manure or organic products from the farm. For operations where manure is both applied to land the AFO owner/operator controls and exported offsite, guidance to determine appropriate CNMP CAP scenario selection shall be provided by NRCS at the state level. The producer has an animal production area, farms cropland and applies most nutrients. The CNMP is a conservation plan that addresses resource concerns on the AFO production area and land application areas. Production area components of the plan must include animal confinement facilities, feeding and lounging lots, animal mortality facilities, and manure containment and storage facilities. Land application components of the plan must include all lands under the control of the AFO owner or operator where waste materials are being applied. Planned practices on the production area and land application areas must result in meeting NRCS quality criteria for water quality and soil erosion. Any applicable air emission and negative air quality impacts occurring as a result of planned CNMP activities, or existing on-farm activities must be mitigated in the CNMP if feasible. The CNMP meets the AFO owner/operator's production objectives.

Before Situation:

The owner/operator of a medium sized non-dairy AFO has not received a written Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) that addresses all resource concerns present on the facility production area and land waste application areas. Various levels of management and conservation implementation has occurred on the farm. Little documentation of the systems used and practices installed exists. The producer may or may not have a conservation plan or a nutrient management plan. Partial implementation of CNMP-related practices for the AFO has potentially occurred. Resource concerns on the AFO production area and land waste application areas remain to be addressed through the development of a complete CNMP including management and conservation practices for proper manure/wastewater storage and handling, proper disposal of animal mortality, treatment of land application areas to reduce soil erosion to sustainable levels, and application of waste nutrients at an agronomic rate that meets application crop needs and does not exceed site risk analysis assessment condition. Negative air quality impacts and farmstead safety and security issues may remain on the AFO, and recordkeeping methods for crop yields, inspection and monitoring of the existing CNMP-related practices, and manure application and imports/exports may need further improvement.

After Situation:

A certified Technical Services Provider (TSP) has delivered, to the AFO owner/operator, a comprehensive nutrient management plan meeting CNMP CAP criteria (GM - Part 405 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans) and to NRCS with the CNMP Case File data that describes management and conservation practice solutions to all identified resource concerns on the non-dairy AFO production area and land application areas. Collection, transfer, and storage of manure and wastewater systems, mortality management facilities, as well as any rainfall or runoff diversion systems will be inventories-evaluated and planned for adequacy according to applicable NRCS conservation practice standard technical criteria by a Professional Engineer. Management and conservation practices in the CNMP document delivered to the client ensure that, if implemented, the AFO will properly, within applicable NRCS standards and specifications, store, handle, and contain manure and wastewater materials generated by the AFO; dispose of AFO mortality; implement conservation practices to reduce soil erosion on land application areas to sustainable levels; land apply waste material nutrients in a manner than meets NRCS 590 Nutrient Management standard technical criteria. Decisions presented within the CNMP have been made to mitigate, if feasible, negative air quality impacts and improve farmland safety and security. Practices selected in the Record of Decision will provide estimated quantities for conservation practices to be installed in units of measure that align with the practice standards. Accurate recordkeeping documents for crop yields, operation and maintenance of existing and new CNMP-related practices, manure application, AFO manure imports and exports, and other information relevant to the management and compliance of the AFO with state and/or local rules and regulations are included in the CNMP. If the CNMP is not implemented all identified resource concerns will still exist.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7,794.50	$9,353.39

Practice: 102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written

Scenario #94 - Dairy Operation Greater Than or Equal to 300 AU and Less Than 700 AU with Land Application

Scenario Description:

A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be developed to address resource concerns on a medium Dairy Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) of greater than or equal to 300 and less than 700 animal units (AU). The producer may export (material transferred to another owner with written documentation of the transfer) modest amounts of the manure or organic products from the farm. For operations where manure is both applied to land the AFO owner/operator controls and exported offsite, guidance to determine appropriate CNMP CAP scenario selection shall be provided by NRCS at the state level. The producer has an animal production area, farms cropland and applies most nutrients. The CNMP is a conservation plan that addresses resource concerns on the AFO production area and land application areas. Production area components of the plan must include animal confinement facilities, feeding and lounging lots, animal mortality facilities, and manure containment and storage facilities. Land application components of the plan must include all lands under the control of the AFO owner or operator where waste materials are being applied. Planned practices on the production area and land application areas must result in meeting NRCS quality criteria for water quality and soil erosion. Any applicable air emission and negative air quality impacts occurring as a result of planned CNMP activities, or existing on-farm activities must be mitigated in the CNMP if feasible. The CNMP meets the AFO owner/operator's production objectives.

Before Situation:

The owner/operator of a medium sized Dairy AFO has not received a written Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) that addresses all resource concerns present on the facility production area and land waste application areas. Various levels of management and conservation implementation has occurred on the farm. Little documentation of the systems used and practices installed exists. The producer may or may not have a conservation plan or a nutrient management plan. Partial implementation of CNMP-related practices for the AFO has potentially occurred. Resource concerns on the AFO production area and land waste application areas remain to be addressed through the development of a complete CNMP including management and conservation practices for proper manure/wastewater storage and handling, proper disposal of animal mortality, treatment of land application areas to reduce soil erosion to sustainable levels, and application of waste nutrients at an agronomic rate that meets application crop needs and does not exceed site risk analysis assessment condition. Negative air quality impacts and farmstead safety and security issues may remain on the AFO, and recordkeeping methods for crop yields, inspection and monitoring of the existing CNMP-related practices, and manure application and imports/exports may need further improvement.

After Situation:

A certified Technical Services Provider (TSP) has delivered, to the AFO owner/operator, a comprehensive nutrient management plan meeting CNMP CAP criteria (GM - Part 405 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans) and to NRCS the CNMP with Case File data that describes management and conservation practice solutions to all identified resource concerns on the dairy AFO production area and land application areas. Collection, transfer, and storage of manure and wastewater systems, mortality management facilities, as well as any rainfall or runoff diversion systems will be inventories-evaluated and planned for adequacy according to applicable NRCS conservation practice standard technical criteria by a Professional Engineer. Management and conservation practices in the CNMP document delivered to the client ensure that, if implemented, the AFO will properly, within applicable NRCS standards and specifications, store, handle, and contain manure and wastewater materials generated by the AFO; dispose of AFO mortality; implement conservation practices to reduce soil erosion on land application areas to sustainable levels; land apply waste material nutrients in a manner than meets NRCS 590 Nutrient Management standard technical criteria. Decisions presented within the CNMP have been made to mitigate, if feasible, negative air quality impacts and improve farmland safety and security. Practices selected in the Record of Decision will provide estimated quantities for conservation practices to be installed in units of measure that align with the practice standards. Accurate recordkeeping documents for crop yields, operation and maintenance of existing and new CNMP-related practices, manure application, AFO manure imports and exports, and other information relevant to the management and compliance of the AFO with state and/or local rules and regulations are included in the CNMP. If the CNMP is not implemented all identified resource concerns will still exist.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$8,627.08	$10,352.49

Practice: 102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written

Scenario #95 - Non-Dairy Operation Greater Than or Equal to 700 AU with Land Application

Scenario Description:

A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be developed to address resource concerns on a large non-dairy Animal Feeding Operation ((AFO) of greater than or equal to 700 animal units (AU)--primarily swine, poultry, and beef AFOs. The producer may export (material transferred to another owner with written documentation of the transfer) modest amounts of the manure or organic products from the farm. For operations where manure is both applied to land the AFO owner/operator controls and exported offsite, guidance to determine appropriate CNMP CAP scenario selection shall be provided by NRCS at the state level. The producer has an animal production area, farms cropland and applies most nutrients. The CNMP is a conservation plan that addresses resource concerns on the AFO production area and land application areas. Production area components of the plan must include animal confinement facilities, feeding and lounging lots, animal mortality facilities, and manure containment and storage facilities. Land application components of the plan must include all lands under the control of the AFO owner or operator where waste materials are being applied. Planned practices on the production area and land application areas must result in meeting NRCS quality criteria for water quality and soil erosion. Any applicable air emission and negative air quality impacts occurring as a result of planned CNMP activities, or existing on-farm activities must be mitigated in the CNMP if feasible. The CNMP meets the AFO owner/operator's production objectives.

Before Situation:

The owner/operator of a large sized non-dairy AFO has not received a written Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) that addresses all resource concerns present on the facility production area and land waste application areas. Various levels of management and conservation implementation has occurred on the farm. Little documentation of the systems used and practices installed exists. The producer may or may not have a conservation plan or a nutrient management plan. Partial implementation of CNMP-related practices for the AFO has potentially occurred. Resource concerns on the AFO production area and land waste application areas remain to be addressed through the development of a complete CNMP including management and conservation practices for proper manure/wastewater storage and handling, proper disposal of animal mortality, treatment of land application areas to reduce soil erosion to sustainable levels, and application of waste nutrients at an agronomic rate that meets application crop needs and does not exceed site risk analysis assessment condition. Negative air quality impacts and farmstead safety and security issues may remain on the AFO, and recordkeeping methods for crop yields, inspection and monitoring of the existing CNMP-related practices, and manure application and imports/exports may need further improvement.

After Situation:

A certified Technical Services Provider (TSP) has delivered, to the AFO owner/operator, a comprehensive nutrient management plan meeting CNMP CAP criteria (GM - Part 405 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans) and to NRCS with the CNMP Case File data that describes management and conservation practice solutions to all identified resource concerns on the non-dairy AFO production area and land application areas. Collection, transfer, and storage of manure and wastewater systems, mortality management facilities, as well as any rainfall or runoff diversion systems will be inventories-evaluated and planned for adequacy according to applicable NRCS conservation practice standard technical criteria by a Professional Engineer. Management and conservation practices in the CNMP document delivered to the client ensure that, if implemented, the AFO will properly, within applicable NRCS standards and specifications, store, handle, and contain manure and wastewater materials generated by the AFO; dispose of AFO mortality; implement conservation practices to reduce soil erosion on land application areas to sustainable levels; land apply waste material nutrients in a manner than meets NRCS 590 Nutrient Management standard technical criteria. Decisions presented within the CNMP have been made to mitigate, if feasible, negative air quality impacts and improve farmland safety and security. Practices selected in the Record of Decision will provide estimated quantities for conservation practices to be installed in units of measure that align with the practice standards. Accurate recordkeeping documents for crop yields, operation and maintenance of existing and new CNMP-related practices, manure application, AFO manure imports and exports, and other information relevant to the management and compliance of the AFO with state and/or local rules and regulations are included in the CNMP. If the CNMP is not implemented all identified resource concerns will still exist.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$9,415.50	$11,298.60

Practice: 102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written

Scenario #96 - Dairy Operation Greater Than or Equal to 700 AU with Land Application

Scenario Description:

A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be developed to address resource concerns on a large Dairy Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) of greater than or equal to 700 animal units (AU). The producer may export (material transferred to another owner with written documentation of the transfer) modest amounts of the manure or organic products from the farm. For operations where manure is both applied to land the AFO owner/operator controls and exported offsite, guidance to determine appropriate CNMP CAP scenario selection shall be provided by NRCS at the state level. The producer has an animal production area, farms cropland and applies most nutrients. The CNMP is a conservation plan that addresses resource concerns on the AFO production area and land application areas. Production area components of the plan must include animal confinement facilities, feeding and lounging lots, animal mortality facilities, and manure containment and storage facilities. Land application components of the plan must include all lands under the control of the AFO owner or operator where waste materials are being applied. Planned practices on the production area and land application areas must result in meeting NRCS quality criteria for water quality and soil erosion. Any applicable air emission and negative air quality impacts occurring as a result of planned CNMP activities, or existing on-farm activities must be mitigated in the CNMP if feasible. The CNMP meets the AFO owner/operator's production objectives.

Before Situation:

The owner/operator of a large sized Dairy AFO has not received a written Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) that addresses all resource concerns present on the facility production area and land waste application areas. Various levels of management and conservation implementation has occurred on the farm. Little documentation of the systems used and practices installed exists. The producer may or may not have a conservation plan or a nutrient management plan. Partial implementation of CNMP-related practices for the AFO has potentially occurred. Resource concerns on the AFO production area and land waste application areas remain to be addressed through the development of a complete CNMP including management and conservation practices for proper manure/wastewater storage and handling, proper disposal of animal mortality, treatment of land application areas to reduce soil erosion to sustainable levels, and application of waste nutrients at an agronomic rate that meets application crop needs and does not exceed site risk analysis assessment condition. Negative air quality impacts and farmstead safety and security issues may remain on the AFO, and recordkeeping methods for crop yields, inspection and monitoring of the existing CNMP-related practices, and manure application and imports/exports may need further improvement.

After Situation:

A certified Technical Services Provider (TSP) has delivered, to the AFO owner/operator, a comprehensive nutrient management plan meeting CNMP CAP criteria (GM - Part 405 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans) and to NRCS the CNMP with Case File data that describes management and conservation practice solutions to all identified resource concerns on the dairy AFO production area and land application areas. Collection, transfer, and storage of manure and wastewater systems, mortality management facilities, as well as any rainfall or runoff diversion systems will be inventories-evaluated and planned for adequacy according to applicable NRCS conservation practice standard technical criteria by a Professional Engineer. Management and conservation practices in the CNMP document delivered to the client ensure that, if implemented, the AFO will properly, within applicable NRCS standards and specifications, store, handle, and contain manure and wastewater materials generated by the AFO; dispose of AFO mortality; implement conservation practices to reduce soil erosion on land application areas to sustainable levels; land apply waste material nutrients in a manner than meets NRCS 590 Nutrient Management standard technical criteria. Decisions presented within the CNMP have been made to mitigate, if feasible, negative air quality impacts and improve farmland safety and security. Practices selected in the Record of Decision will provide estimated quantities for conservation practices to be installed in units of measure that align with the practice standards. Accurate recordkeeping documents for crop yields, operation and maintenance of existing and new CNMP-related practices, manure application, AFO manure imports and exports, and other information relevant to the management and compliance of the AFO with state and/or local rules and regulations are included in the CNMP. If the CNMP is not implemented all identified resource concerns will still exist.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$9,593.20	$11,511.84

Practice: 102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written

Scenario #97 - Livestock Operation Less Than 300 AU without Land Application

Scenario Description:

A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be developed to address resource concerns on a small Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) of less than 300 animal units (AU). The producer exports (material transferred to another owner with written documentation of the transfer) nearly all of the manure or organic products from the farm. For operations where manure is both applied to land the AFO owner/operator controls and exported offsite, guidance to determine appropriate CNMP CAP scenario selection shall be provided by NRCS at the state level. The CNMP is a conservation plan that addresses resource concerns on the AFO production area and land application areas owned or controlled by the AFO owner/operator. In this scenario, the primary focus will be addressing resource concerns present on the production area, including manure/wastewater handling and storage, and documentation of manure generation by the AFO, and its export. Production area components of the plan must include animal confinement facilities, feeding and lounging areas, animal mortality facilities, and manure containment and storage facilities. Planned practices on the production area must result in meeting NRCS quality criteria for water quality and soil erosion. Any applicable air emission and negative air quality impacts occurring as a result of planned CNMP activities, or existing on-farm activities must be mitigated in the CNMP if feasible. The CNMP meets the AFO owner???s/operator's production objectives.

Before Situation:

The owner/operator of a small AFO has not received a written comprehensive nutrient management plan (CNMP) that addresses all resource concerns present on the facility production areas and any applicable land application areas. Partial implementation of CNMP- related practices for the AFO has potentially occurred. Various levels of management and conservation implementation has occurred on the farm. Little documentation of the systems used and practices installed exists. The producer may or may not have a conservation plan or a nutrient management plan. Resource concerns on the AFO production area remain to be addressed through the development of a complete CNMP including management and conservation practices for proper manure/wastewater storage and handling, proper disposal of animal mortality, erosion and runoff issues from feeding and lounging areas, and recordkeeping documentation of manure generation and exports. Negative air quality impacts and farmstead safety and security issues may remain on the AFO, and recordkeeping methods for inspection and monitoring of the existing CNMP-related practices, manure imports/exports may need further improvement.

After Situation:

A certified Technical Services Provider (TSP) has delivered, to the AFO owner/operator, a comprehensive conservation plan meeting CNMP CAP criteria (GM - Part 405 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans) and to NRCS a the CNMP Case File that describes management and conservation practice solutions to all identified resource concerns on the small sized AFO production area and any applicable land application areas. Collection, transfer, and storage of manure and wastewater systems, mortality management facilities, as well as any rainfall or runoff diversion systems will be inventories/evaluated and planned for adequacy according to applicable NRCS conservation practice standard technical criteria by a Professional Engineer. Conservation practices in the CNMP document delivered to the client ensure that, if implemented, the AFO will properly, within applicable NRCS standards and specifications, store, handle, and contain manure and wastewater materials generated by the AFO; dispose of AFO mortality; minimize erosion and runoff from feeding and lounging areas, keep accurate AFO animal inventory information, and document AFO manure generation and exports. Decisions presented within the CNMP have been made to mitigate, if feasible, negative air quality impacts and improve farmland safety and security. Decisions selected in the Record of Decision will provide estimated quantities for conservation practices to be installed in units of measure that align with those in the conservation practice. Accurate recordkeeping documents for operation and maintenance of existing and new CNMP-related practices, AFO manure imports and exports, and other information relevant to the management and compliance of the AFO with state and/or local rules and regulations are included in the CNMP. If the CNMP is not implemented all identified resource concerns will still exist..

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$5,450.60	$6,540.72

Practice: 102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written

Scenario #98 - Livestock Operation Greater Than 300 AU without Land Application

Scenario Description:

A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be developed to address resource concerns on a medium-large Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) of greater than or equal to 300 animal units (AU). The producer exports (material transferred to another owner with written documentation of the transfer) nearly all of the manure or organic products from the farm. For operations where manure is both applied to land the AFO owner/operator controls and exported offsite, guidance to determine appropriate CNMP CAP scenario selection shall be provided by NRCS at the state level. The CNMP is a conservation plan that addresses resource concerns on the AFO production area and land application areas owned or controlled by the AFO owner/operator. In this scenario, the primary focus will be addressing resource concerns present on the production area, including manure/wastewater handling and storage, and documentation of manure generation by the AFO, and its export. Production area components of the plan must include animal confinement facilities, feeding and lounging lots, animal mortality facilities, and manure containment and storage facilities. Planned practices on the production area must result in meeting NRCS quality criteria for water quality and soil erosion. Any applicable air emission and negative air quality impacts occurring as a result of planned CNMP activities, or existing on-farm activities must be mitigated in the CNMP if feasible. The CNMP meets the AFO owner???s/operator's production objectives.

Before Situation:

The owner/operator of a medium-large sized AFO has not received a written comprehensive nutrient management plan (CNMP) that addresses all resource concerns present on the facility production areas and any applicable land application areas. Partial implementation of CNMP-related practices for the AFO has potentially occurred. Various levels of management and conservation implementation has occurred on the farm. Little documentation of the systems used and practices installed exists. The producer may or may not have a conservation plan or a nutrient management plan. Resource concerns on the AFO production area remain to be addressed through the development of a complete CNMP including management and conservation practices for proper manure/wastewater storage and handling, proper disposal of animal mortality, erosion and runoff issues from feeding and lounging areas, and recordkeeping documentation of manure generation and exports. Negative air quality impacts and farmstead safety and security issues may remain on the AFO, and recordkeeping methods for inspection and monitoring of the existing CNMP-related practices, manure imports/exports may need further improvement.

After Situation:

A certified Technical Services Provider (TSP) has delivered, to the AFO owner/operator, a comprehensive conservation plan meeting CNMP CAP criteria (GM - Part 405 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans) and to NRCS a the CNMP Case File that describes management and conservation practice solutions to all identified resource concerns on the small sized AFO production area and any applicable land application areas. Collection, transfer, and storage of manure and wastewater systems, mortality management facilities, as well as any rainfall or runoff diversion systems will be inventories/evaluated and planned for adequacy according to applicable NRCS conservation practice standard technical criteria by a Professional Engineer. Conservation practices in the CNMP document delivered to the client ensure that, if implemented, the AFO will properly, within applicable NRCS standards and specifications, store, handle, and contain manure and wastewater materials generated by the AFO; dispose of AFO mortality; minimize erosion and runoff from feeding and lounging areas, keep accurate AFO animal inventory information, and document AFO manure generation and exports. Decisions presented within the CNMP have been made to mitigate, if feasible, negative air quality impacts and improve farmland safety and security. Decisions selected in the Record of Decision will provide estimated quantities for conservation practices to be installed in units of measure that align with those in the conservation practice. Accurate recordkeeping documents for operation and maintenance of existing and new CNMP-related practices, AFO manure imports and exports, and other information relevant to the management and compliance of the AFO with state and/or local rules and regulations are included in the CNMP. If the CNMP is not implemented all identified resource concerns will still exist.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$6,771.41	$8,125.70

Practice: 102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written

Scenario #135 - CNMP Less Than or Equal to 300 AU with Land Application (Minimal Engineer Assistance)

Scenario Description:

A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be developed to address resource concerns on a small non-dairy Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) of less than 300 animal units (AU)--primarily swine, poultry, and beef AFOs. This scenario is for sites or states where the services of a professional engineer are minimal. The producer may export modest amounts of the manure or organic products from the farm. For operations where manure is both applied to land the AFO owner/operator controls and exported offsite, guidance to determine appropriate CNMP CAP scenario selection shall be provided by NRCS at the state level. The producer has an animal production area, farms cropland and applies most nutrients. The CNMP is a conservation plan that addresses resource concerns on the AFO production area and land application areas. Production area components of the plan must include animal confinement facilities, feeding and lounging lots, animal mortality facilities, and manure containment and storage facilities. Land application components of the plan includes all lands under the control of the AFO owner or operator where waste materials are being applied. Planned practices on the production area and land application areas result in meeting NRCS planning criteria for water quality, soil erosion, and air quality concerns. Any applicable air emission and negative air quality impacts occurring as a result of planned CNMP activities, or existing on-farm activities must be mitigated in the CNMP if feasible. The CNMP meets the AFO owner/operator's production objectives.

Before Situation:

The owner/operator of an AFO has not received a written Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) that addresses all resource concerns present on the facility production area and land waste application areas. Various levels of management and conservation implementation has occurred on the farm. Little documentation of the systems used and practices installed exists. Partial implementation of conservation practices for the AFO has potentially occurred. Resource concerns on the AFO production area and land waste application areas remain to be addressed through the development of a complete CNMP including management and conservation practices for proper manure/wastewater storage and handling, proper disposal of animal mortality, treatment of land application areas to reduce soil erosion to sustainable levels, and application of waste nutrients at an agronomic rate that meets application crop needs and does not exceed site risk analysis assessment condition. Negative air quality impacts issues may remain on the AFO, and recordkeeping methods for crop yields, inspection and monitoring of the existing CNMP-related practices, and manure application and imports/exports may need further improvement.

After Situation:

A certified Technical Services Provider (TSP) has delivered, to the AFO owner/operator, a comprehensive nutrient management plan meeting CNMP CAP criteria (GM - Part 405 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans) and to NRCS with the CNMP Case File data that describes management and conservation practice systems toaddress all identified resource concerns on the AFO production area and land application areas. Collection, transfer, and storage of manure and wastewater systems, mortality management facilities, as well as any rainfall or runoff diversion systems will be inventories-evaluated and planned for adequacy according to applicable NRCS conservation practice standard technical criteria. Management and conservation practices in the CNMP document delivered to the client ensure that, if implemented, the AFO will properly, within applicable NRCS standards and specifications, store, handle, and contain manure and wastewater materials generated by the AFO; dispose of AFO mortality; implement conservation practices to address soil erosion, water quality, and air quality within the NRCS planning criteria. Accurate record keeping documents for crop yields, operation and maintenance of existing and new CNMP-related practices, manure application, AFO manure imports and exports, and other information relevant to the management and compliance of the AFO with state and/or local rules and regulations are included in the CNMP.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3,509.93	$4,211.91

Practice: 102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written

Scenario #136 - CNMP Less Than or Equal to 300 AU without Land Application (Minimal Engineer Assistance)

Scenario Description:

A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be developed to address resource concerns on the Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) of less than 300 or equal animal units (AU). This scenario is for sites or states where the services of a professional engineer are minimal. The producer exports nearly all of the manure or organic products from the farm. The CNMP is a conservation plan that addresses soil erosion, water quality, and air quality resource concerns on the AFO production area and land application areas owned or controlled by the AFO owner/operator. In this scenario, the primary focus will be addressing soil erosion, water quality, and air quality resource concerns present on the production area, including manure/wastewater handling and storage, and documentation of manure generation by the AFO, and its export. Production area components of the plan must include animal confinement facilities, feeding and lounging areas, animal mortality facilities, and manure containment and storage facilities. Planned practices on the production area must result in meeting NRCS planning criteria for water quality and soil erosion. Any applicable air emission and negative air quality impacts occurring as a result of planned CNMP activities, or existing on-farm activities must be mitigated in the CNMP if feasible. The CNMP meets the AFO owner????????s/operator's production objectives.

Before Situation:

The owner/operator of the AFO has not received a written comprehensive nutrient management plan (CNMP) that addresses all resource concerns present on the facility production areas and any applicable land application areas. Various levels of management and conservation implementation has occurred on the farm. Little documentation of the systems used and practices installed exists. The producer may or may not have a conservation plan or a nutrient management plan. Resource concerns on the AFO production area remain to be addressed through the development of a complete CNMP including management and conservation practices for proper manure/wastewater storage and handling, proper disposal of animal mortality, erosion and runoff issues from feeding and lounging areas, and record keeping documentation of manure generation and exports. Negative air quality impacts and farmstead safety and security issues may remain on the AFO, and record keeping methods for inspection and monitoring of the existing CNMP-related practices, manure imports/exports may need further improvement.

After Situation:

A certified Technical Services Provider (TSP) has delivered, to the AFO owner/operator, a comprehensive conservation plan meeting CNMP CAP criteria (GM - Part 405 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans) and to NRCS a the CNMP Case File that describes management and conservation practice practices to address all identified soil erosion, water quality, and air quality resource concerns on the AFO production area and any applicable land application areas. Collection, transfer, and storage of manure and wastewater systems, mortality management facilities, as well as any rainfall or runoff diversion systems will be inventories/evaluated and planned for adequacy according to applicable NRCS conservation practice standard technical criteria. Conservation practices in the CNMP document delivered to the client ensure that, if implemented, the AFO will properly, within applicable NRCS standards and specifications, store, handle, and contain manure and wastewater materials generated by the AFO; dispose of AFO mortality; minimize erosion and runoff from feeding and lounging areas, keep accurate AFO animal inventory information, and document AFO manure generation and exports. Decisions presented within the CNMP have been made to mitigate, if feasible, negative air quality impacts and improve farmland safety and security. Decisions selected in the Record of Decision will provide estimated quantities for conservation practices to be installed in units of measure that align with those in the conservation practice. Accurate record keeping documents for operation and maintenance of existing and new CNMP-related practices, AFO manure imports and exports, and other information relevant to the management and compliance of the AFO with state and/or local rules and regulations are included in the CNMP.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2,054.74	$2,465.69

Practice: 102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written

Scenario #137 - CNMP Greater Than 300 AU with Land Application (Minimal Engineer Assistance)

Scenario Description:

A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be developed to address resource concerns on an Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) of greater than or equal to 300 animal units (AU). This scenario is for sites or states where the services of a professional engineer are minimal. The producer may export modest amounts of the manure or organic products from the farm. For operations where manure is both applied to land the AFO owner/operator controls and exported offsite, guidance to determine appropriate CNMP CAP scenario selection shall be provided by NRCS at the state level. The producer has an animal production area, farms cropland and applies most manure nutrients. The CNMP is a conservation plan that addresses resource concerns on the AFO production area and land application areas. Production area components of the plan must include animal confinement facilities, feeding and lounging lots, animal mortality facilities, and manure containment and storage facilities. Land application components of the plan must include all lands under the control of the AFO owner or operator where waste materials are being applied. Planned practices on the production area and land application areas must result in meeting NRCS planning criteria for water quality and soil erosion. Any applicable air emission and negative air quality impacts occurring as a result of planned CNMP activities, or existing on-farm activities must be mitigated in the CNMP if feasible. The CNMP meets the AFO owner/operator's production objectives.

Before Situation:

The owner/operator of an AFO has not received a written Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) that addresses all resource concerns present on the facility production area and land waste application areas. Various levels of management and conservation implementation has occurred on the farm. Little documentation of the systems used and practices installed exists. Partial implementation of CNMP-related practices for the AFO has potentially occurred. Resource concerns on the AFO production area and land waste application areas remain to be addressed through the development of a complete CNMP including management and conservation practices for proper manure/wastewater storage and handling, proper disposal of animal mortality, treatment of land application areas to reduce soil erosion to sustainable levels, and application of waste nutrients at an agronomic rate that meets application crop needs and does not exceed site risk analysis assessment condition. Negative air quality impacts and farmstead safety and security issues may remain on the AFO, and record keeping methods for crop yields, inspection and monitoring of the existing CNMP-related practices, and manure application and imports/exports may need further improvement.

After Situation:

A certified Technical Services Provider (TSP) has delivered, to the AFO owner/operator, a comprehensive nutrient management plan meeting CNMP CAP criteria (GM - Part 405 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans) and to NRCS with the CNMP Case File data that describes management and conservation practices to address all identified soil erosion, water quality, and air quality resource concerns on the AFO production area and land application areas. Collection, transfer, and storage of manure and wastewater systems, mortality management facilities, as well as any rainfall or runoff diversion systems will be inventories-evaluated and planned for adequacy according to applicable NRCS conservation practice standard technical criteria. Management and conservation practices in the CNMP document delivered to the client ensure that, if implemented, the AFO will properly, within applicable NRCS standards and specifications, store, handle, and contain manure and wastewater materials generated by the AFO; dispose of AFO mortality; implement conservation practices to reduce soil erosion on land application areas to sustainable levels; land apply waste material nutrients in a manner than meets NRCS 590 Nutrient Management standard technical criteria. Decisions presented within the CNMP have been made to mitigate, if feasible, negative air quality impacts. Practices selected in the Record of Decision will provide estimated quantities for conservation practices to be installed in units of measure that align with the practice standards. Accurate record keeping documents for crop yields, operation and maintenance of existing and new CNMP-related practices, manure application, AFO manure imports and exports, and other information relevant to the management and compliance of the AFO with state and/or local rules and regulations are included in the CNMP.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4,609.80	$5,531.76

Practice: 102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written

Scenario #138 - CNMP Greater Than 300 AU without Land Application (Minimal Engineer Assistance)

Scenario Description:

A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) will be developed to address resource concerns on an Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) of greater than 300 animal units (AU). This scenario is for sites or states where the services of a professional engineer are minimal. The producer exports nearly all of the manure or organic products from the farm. For operations where manure is both applied to land the AFO owner/operator controls and exported offsite, guidance to determine appropriate CNMP CAP scenario selection shall be provided by NRCS at the state level. The CNMP is a conservation plan that addresses the soil erosion, water quality, and air quality resource concerns on the AFO production area and land application areas owned or controlled by the AFO owner/operator. In this scenario, the primary focus will be addressing resource concerns present on the production area, including manure/wastewater handling and storage, and documentation of manure generation by the AFO, and its export. Production area components of the plan must include animal confinement facilities, feeding and lounging lots, animal mortality facilities, and manure containment and storage facilities. Planned practices on the production area must result in meeting NRCS planning criteria for water quality and soil erosion. Any applicable air emission and negative air quality impacts occurring as a result of planned CNMP activities, or existing on-farm activities must be mitigated in the CNMP if feasible. The CNMP meets the AFO owners/operator's production objectives.

Before Situation:

The owner/operator of an AFO has not received a written comprehensive nutrient management plan (CNMP) that addresses the soil erosion, water quality, and air quality resource concerns present on the facility production areas and any applicable land application areas. Various levels of management and conservation implementation has occurred on the farm. Little documentation of the systems used and practices installed exists. The producer may or may not have a conservation plan or a nutrient management plan. Resource concerns on the AFO production area remain to be addressed through the development of a complete CNMP including management and conservation practices for proper manure/wastewater storage and handling, proper disposal of animal mortality, soil erosion, water quality, and air quality concerns from feeding and lounging areas, and record keeping documentation of manure generation and exports. Negative air quality impacts issues may remain on the AFO, and record keeping methods for inspection and monitoring of the existing CNMP-related practices, manure imports/exports may need further improvement.

After Situation:

A certified Technical Services Provider (TSP) has delivered to the AFO owner/operator, a comprehensive conservation plan meeting CNMP CAP criteria (GM - Part 405 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans) and to NRCS a the CNMP Case File that describes management and conservation practice solutions to all identified resource concerns on the small sized AFO production area and any applicable land application areas. Collection, transfer, and storage of manure and wastewater systems, mortality management facilities, as well as any rainfall or runoff diversion systems are inventoried/evaluated and planned for adequacy according to applicable NRCS conservation practice standard technical criteria. Conservation practices in the CNMP document delivered to the client ensure that, if implemented, the AFO will properly, within applicable NRCS standards and specifications, store, handle, and contain manure and wastewater materials generated by the AFO; dispose of AFO mortality; minimize soil erosion, water quality, and air quality concerns from feeding and lounging areas, keep accurate AFO animal inventory information, and document AFO manure generation and exports. Decisions presented within the CNMP have been made to mitigate, if feasible, negative air quality impacts. Decisions selected in the Record of Decisions will provide estimated quantities for conservation practices to be installed in units of measure that align with those in the conservation practice. Accurate record keeping documents for operation and maintenance of existing and new CNMP-related practices, AFO manure imports and exports, and other information relevant to the management and compliance of the AFO with state and/or local rules and regulations are included in the CNMP.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2,332.50	$2,799.00

Practice: 108 - Feed Management Plan - Written

Scenario #73 - Feed Management Plan

Scenario Description:

The owner/operator of an Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) has not received a written Feed Management Plan (FeedMP) that addresses all resource concerns present on the facility. Various levels of management and conservation implementation has occurred in the operation. Little documentation of the methods of feed management used and practices installed exists, and the producer is not likely to developed a complete forage inventory or nutrient analysis. The producer may or may not have a conservation plan or a nutrient management plan. Nutrient management related resource concerns on the operation remain to be addressed through the development of a complete FeedMP including management and conservation practices for proper quantity and quality of available nutrients, feedstuffs, and/or additives fed to livestock or poultry that may be present on the operation. Present operation and feed methodology poses risk of feeding excessive amounts of nutrients in animal manure which result in negative impacts to water quality and odor resource concerns. Negative water and air quality impacts as well as farmstead safety and security issues may remain on the AFO, and inadequate recordkeeping nutrient, inspection and monitoring of the existing operation may need further improvement.

Before Situation:

Producer has no plan or limited knowledge of management of feed, nutrients, feedstuffs, or nutritional additives provided to domestic livestock and poultry. The producer currently manages feed without a plan which would address livestock production limitations and water and air quality resource concern impacts. Producer currently lacks plan to provide proper balance of forage, grains or other feeds and supplements to assure domestic animal nutritional needs are met without negatively impacting water and air quality. Producer is interested in management of feed for domestic animals to maximize profit margin, reduce costs, improve or address livestock production opportunities, and for other environmental benefits. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified Technical Service Provider (TSP) to develop a plan, and to collect/coordinate data and records to determine current nutritional needs. Associated Practice(s): 590-Nutrient Management

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the ???Feed Management??? (FM) conservation activity plan (CAP). The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for applicable natural resource concerns and provides for opportunities to identify and implement conservation practices related to management of feed, forages, or delivery of supplements to maximize efficient feeding operations and livestock growth. The CAP plan may serve as the basis for implementation of the primary conservation practice 592-Feed Management. If applicable, the FM CAP may also be developed to complement Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMP) or to help meet requirements of NRCS practice standard 590 - Nutrient Management. As addressed in the CAP planning criteria, the plan may include recommendations for addressing associated natural resource concerns with other conservation practices. The FM CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 108 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1,802.04	$2,162.45

Practice: 118 - Irrigation Water Management Plan - Written

Scenario #13 - Irrigation Water Management Conservation Activity Plan CAP

Scenario Description:

Agricultural operations supported with existing irrigation systems. Natural Resource Concern: Water quantity and all other appropriate resource concerns.

Before Situation:

Currently producer has no plan or limited knowledge for management of water application to meet crop needs and address identified resource concerns. The producer currently manages water application based upon personal knowledge, or other local criteria. Producer is interested in managment of irrigation water to maximize yields, profit margin, reduce costs, and for environmental benefit. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop a plan and collect/coordinate data recording to monitor per requirements of plan. Associated Practices: Irrigation Water Management (449); Irrigation System (442); Irrigation System, Surface & Subsurface (443); Irrigation Pipeline (430); Irrigation Ditch Lining (428); Irrigation Field Ditch (388); Irrigation Canal or Lateral (320); Structure for Water Control (587); Irrigation Reservoir (436); Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery (447); Pumping Plant (533); Irrigation Land Leveling (464); Anionic Polyacrylamide (PM) Application (450); Salinity and Sodic Soil Management (590); Nutrient Management (590); Waste Utilization (633); or other applicable conservation practices in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Irrigation Water Management" conservation activity plan to control the volume, frequency, and rate of water for efficient irrigation and to address other resource concerns. The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for applicable resource concerns. The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address other related resource concerns. CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 118 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2,330.74	$2,796.89

Practice: 118 - Irrigation Water Management Plan - Written

Scenario #17 - Irrigation Water Management CAP with pump test

Scenario Description:

Agricultural operations supported with existing irrigation systems. Natural Resource Concern: Water quantity and all other appropriate resource concerns.

Before Situation:

Currently producer has no plan or limited knowledge for management of water application to meet crop needs and address identified resource concerns. The producer currently manages water application based upon personal knowledge, or other local criteria. The pump for the irrigation system is of unknown performance. Producer is interested in management of irrigation water to maximize yields, profit margin, reduce costs, and for environmental benefit. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop a plan and collect/coordinate data recording to monitor per requirements of plan. Associated Practices: Irrigation Water Management (449); Irrigation System (442); Irrigation System, Surface & Subsurface (443); Irrigation Pipeline (430); Irrigation Ditch Lining (428); Irrigation Field Ditch (388); Irrigation Canal or Lateral (320); Structure for Water Control (587); Irrigation Reservoir (436); Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery (447); Pumping Plant (533); Irrigation Land Leveling (464); Anionic Polyacrylamide (PM) Application (450); Salinity and Sodic Soil Management (590); Nutrient Management (590); Waste Utilization (633); or other applicable conservation practices in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Irrigation Water Management" conservation activity plan to control the volume, frequency, and rate of water for efficient irrigation and to address other resource concerns. Because a pump test was performed, a new pump that operates more efficiently and matches the irrigation system has been analyzed and could possibly be installed such that less water and energy are consumed. The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for applicable resource concerns. The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address other related resource concerns. CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 118 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3,662.59	$4,395.11

Practice: 128 - Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Written

Scenario #137 - AgEMP Small, One Enterprise

Scenario Description:

Typical operation has either < 300 Acres < 300 AU Up to 2 irrigation pumps <20,000 sq ft of heater greenhouse, or A maple syrup enterpriseOne enterprise as defined in the ASABE S612 Standard on-farm energy audit standard. A small operation is as described above. Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Natural Resource: Energy Conservation

Before Situation:

Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer currently manages a small operation as described above. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Associated Practices: 374 Farmstead Energy Improvement, 670 Lighting System Improvement, 672 Building Envelope Improvement, or other applicable practices approved in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Agricultural Energy Management Plan". The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for energy conservation and efficiency.The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address energy conservation. The CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 128 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1,526.21	$1,831.46

Practice: 128 - Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Written

Scenario #138 - AgEMP Medium, One Enterprise

Scenario Description:

Typical operation has either 301 to 2500 Ac 301 to 1000 AU 3 to 6 Irrigation Pumps, or 20,001 to 40,000 sq ft heated greenhouseOne enterprise as defined in the ASABE S612 Standard on-farm energy audit standard. A medium operation as described above. Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Natural Resource: Energy Conservation

Before Situation:

Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer currently manages a medium small operation with enterprise described above. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Associated Practices: 374 Farmstead Energy Improvement, 670 Lighting System Improvement, 672 Building Envelope Improvement or other applicable practices approved in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Agricultural Energy Management Plan". The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for energy conservation and efficiency. The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address energy conservation. The CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 128 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1,895.16	$2,274.19

Practice: 128 - Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Written

Scenario #139 - AgEMP Large, One Enterprise

Scenario Description:

Typical operation has either > 2,500 Ac > 1000 AU More than 7 irrigation pumps or > 40,001 sq ft of heater greenhouseOne enterprise as defined in the ASABE S612 Standard on-farm energy audit standard in combination with a large operation with one enterprise, one of which is described above. Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Natural Resource: Energy Conservation.

Before Situation:

Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer currently manages a large operation with enterprise described above. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Associated Practices: 374 Farmstead Energy Improvement, 670 Lighting System Improvement, 672 Building Envelope Improvement or other applicable practices approved in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Agricultural Energy Management Plan". The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for energy conservation and efficiency.The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address energy conservation. The CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 128 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2,495.95	$2,995.14

Practice: 128 - Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Written

Scenario #140 - AgEMP Small, Two Enterprise

Scenario Description:

Typical operation has either <300 Ac <300 AU Up to 2 irrigation pumps, or <20,000 sq ft heated greenhouseTwo enterprises as defined in the ASABE S612 Standard on-farm energy audit standard. A small operation as described above. Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Natural Resource: Energy Conservation

Before Situation:

Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. An Agricultural Energy Mgmt CAP for any type small sized operation with two enterprises will be planned according to the ASABE S612 Standard (e.g., broiler and greenhouse). Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Associated Practices: 374 Farmstead Energy Improvement, 670 Lighting System Improvement, 672 Building Envelope Improvement, or other applicable practices approved in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Agricultural Energy Management Plan". The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for energy conservation and efficiency.The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address energy conservation. The CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 128 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2,356.26	$2,827.51

Practice: 128 - Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Written

Scenario #153 - AgEMP Medium Two Enterprises

Scenario Description:

Typical operation has either 301 to 2500 Ac 301 to 1000 AU 3 to 6 Irrigation Pumps, or 20,001 to 40,000 sq ft heated greenhouseTwo enterprises as defined in the ASABE S612 Standard on-farm energy audit standard in combination with a medium operation, one of which is described above. Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Natural Resource: Energy Conservation

Before Situation:

Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. An Agricultural Energy Mgmt CAP for any operation with two enterprises will be planned according to the ASABE S612 Standard (e.g., broiler and greenhouse). Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Associated Practices: 374 Farmstead Energy Improvement, 670 Lighting System Improvement, 672 Building Envelope Improvement, or other applicable practices approved in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Agricultural Energy Management Plan". The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for energy conservation and efficiency.The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address energy conservation. The CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 128 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3,186.31	$3,823.57

Practice: 128 - Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Written

Scenario #154 - AgEMP Large, Two Enterprises

Scenario Description:

Typical operation has either > 2,500 Ac > 1000 AU More than 7 irrigation pumps or > 40,001 sq ft of heater greenhouseTwo enterprises as defined in the ASABE S612 Standard on-farm energy audit standard in combination with a large operation, one of which is described above . Multiple irrigation systems or a mixture of irrigation types may be counted as one of extra enterprises. Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Natural Resource: Energy Conservation

Before Situation:

Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. An Agricultural Energy Mgmt CAP for any operation with two enterprises (complex or multiple irrigation systems can count as one of the extra enterprises) will be planned according to the ASABE S612 Standard (e.g., broiler and greenhouse). Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. An EMP is developed to assist an owner/operator in meeting all applicable local, tribal, State, and Federal water quality goals or regulations. Associated Practices: 449 Irrigation Water Management, 374 Farmstead Energy Improvement, 670 Lighting System Improvement, 672 Building Envelope Improvement, or other applicable practices approved in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Agricultural Energy Management Plan". The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for energy conservation and efficiency.The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address energy conservation. The CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 128 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4,349.32	$5,219.18

Practice: 128 - Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Written

Scenario #155 - AgEMP Small, Three Enterprise

Scenario Description:

Typical operation has either < 300 Acres < 300 AU Up to 2 irrigation pumps <20,000 sq ft of heater greenhouse, orThree enterprises as defined in the ASABE S612 Standard on-farm energy audit standard in combination with a small operation, one of which is described above. Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Natural Resource Concern: Energy Conservation

Before Situation:

Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. An Agricultural Energy Mgmt CAP for any type of operation with three enterprises will be planned according to the ASABE S612 Standard (e.g., broiler and greenhouse). Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 122 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Associated Practices: 374 Farmstead Energy Improvement, 670 Lighting System Improvement, 672 Building Envelope Improvement, or other applicable practices approved in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Agricultural Energy Management Plan". The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for energy conservation and efficiency.The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address energy conservation. The CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 128 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2,725.21	$3,270.25

Practice: 128 - Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Written

Scenario #156 - AgEMP Medium, Three Enterprise

Scenario Description:

Typical operation has either 301 to 2500 Ac 301 to 1000 AU 3 to 6 Irrigation Pumps, or 20,001 to 40,000 sq ft heated greenhouseThree enterprises as defined in the ASABE S612 Standard on-farm energy audit standard in combination with a medium operation, one of which is described above. Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Natural Resource Concern: Energy Conservation.

Before Situation:

Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. An Agricultural Energy Mgmt CAP for any type of operation with three enterprises will be planned according to the ASABE S612 Standard (e.g., broiler and greenhouse). Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Associated Practices: 374 Farmstead Energy Improvement, 670 Lighting System Improvement, 672 Building Envelope Improvement, or other applicable practices approved in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Agricultural Energy Management Plan". The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for energy conservation and efficiency.The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address energy conservation. The CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 128 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3,555.26	$4,266.31

Practice: 128 - Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Written

Scenario #157 - AgEMP Large, Three Enterprise

Scenario Description:

Typical operation has either > 2,500 Ac > 1000 AU More than 7 irrigation pumps or > 40,001 sq ft of heater greenhouseThree enterprise as defined in the ASABE S612 Standard on-farm energy audit standard in combination with a large operation, one of which is described above. Multiple irrigation systems or a mixture of irrigation types may be counted as one of extra enterprises. Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Natural Resource Concern: Energy Conservation.

Before Situation:

Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. An Agricultural Energy Mgmt CAP for any type operation with three enterprises (complex or multiple irrigation systems can count as one of the extra enterprises) will be planned according to the ASABE S612 Standard (e.g., broiler and greenhouse). Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Associated Practices: 449 Irrigation Water Management, 374 Farmstead Energy Improvement, 670 Lighting System Improvement, 672 Building Envelope Improvement, or other applicable practices approved in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Agricultural Energy Management Plan". The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for energy conservation and efficiency.The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address energy conservation. The CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 128 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4,784.86	$5,741.83

Practice: 128 - Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Written

Scenario #158 - AgEMP Small, Four Enterprises

Scenario Description:

Typical operation has either < 300 Acres < 300 AU Up to 2 irrigation pumps, or <20,000 sq ft of heater greenhouseFour enterprises as defined in the ASABE S612 Standard on-farm energy audit standard in combination with an small operation, one of which is described above. Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Natural Resource Concern: Energy Conservation.

Before Situation:

Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. An Agricultural Energy Mgmt CAP for any operation with four enterprises will be planned according to the ASABE S612 Standard (e.g., broiler and greenhouse). Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Associated Practices: 374 Farmstead Energy Improvement, 670Lighting System Improvement, 672 Building Envelope Improvement, or other applicable practices approved in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Agricultural Energy Management Plan". The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for energy conservation and efficiency.The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address energy conservation. The CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 128 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3,326.00	$3,991.19

Practice: 128 - Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Written

Scenario #159 - AgEMP 128 Medium, Four Enterprise

Scenario Description:

Typical operation has either 301 to 2500 Ac 301 to 1000 AU 3 to 6 Irrigation Pumps, or 20,001 to 40,000 sq ft heated greenhouseFour enterprise as defined in the ASABE S612 Standard on-farm energy audit standard in combination with an medium operation, one of which is described above. Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Natural Resource Concern: Energy Conservation.

Before Situation:

Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. An Agricultural Energy Mgmt CAP for any type of operation with four or more enterprises will be planned according to the ASABE S612 Standard (e.g., broiler and greenhouse). Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 122 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Associated Practices: 374 Farmstead Energy Improvement, 670 Lighting System Improvement, 672 Building Envelope Improvement, or other applicable practices approved in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Agricultural Energy Management Plan". The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for energy conservation and efficiency.The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address energy conservation. The CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 128 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4,156.04	$4,987.25

Practice: 128 - Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Written

Scenario #160 - AgEMP 128 Large, Four Enterprise

Scenario Description:

Typical operation has either > 2,500 Ac > 1000 AU More than 7 irrigation pumps or > 40,001 sq ft of heater greenhouseFour enterprises as defined in the ASABE S612 Standard on-farm energy audit standard in combination with an large livestock operation, one of which is described above. . Multiple irrigation systems or a mixture of irrigation types may be counted as one of extra enterprises. Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Natural Resource Concern: Energy Conservation.

Before Situation:

Agricultural producer currently has minimal knowledge of and no plan for energy conservation. An Agricultural Energy Mgmt CAP for any type of livestock operation with two non-livestock enterprises (complex or multiple irrigation systems can count as one of the extra enterprises) will be planned according to the ASABE S612 Standard (e.g., broiler and greenhouse). Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop an AgEMP 128 CAP. The AgEMP is a grouping of conservation measures and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved. An AgEMP incorporates recommended measures to maximize energy conservation and efficiency. Associated Practices: 449 Irrigation Water Management, 374 Farmstead Energy Improvement, 670 Lighting System Improvement, 672 Building Envelope Improvement, or other applicable practices approved in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Agricultural Energy Management Plan". The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for energy conservation and efficiency.The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address energy conservation. The CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 128 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$5,452.24	$6,542.69

Practice: 130 - Drainage Water Management Plan - Written

Scenario #23 - DWMP - Tile Map Available

Scenario Description:

A Drainage Water Management Plan (DWMP) will be developed on a relatively flat crop field with a patterned drainage system, where a map of the tile system is available. The DWMP will document soil, topographic, and drainage system maps of the site, and identify the number and location of water control structures that are needed to implement drainage water management according to Field Office Technical Guide standards. The DWMP will also provide guidelines for management of the water control structures to achieve desired resource outcomes.

Before Situation:

Producer has no plan for or knowledge of managing drainage water. The producer does not manage the field for the purpose of contolling water retention during the crop season and therefore crop yields are reduced. Existing ditches and/or tile drains on the cropland field currently conduct flow off field to waterways resulting in potential water quality resource concerns related to excessive nitrogen.

After Situation:

A certified Technical Service Provider (TSP) develops the "Drainage Water Management" conservation activity plan (CAP). The DWMP documents soil, topographic, and drainage system maps of the site, and identifies the number and location of water control structures that are needed to implement drainage water management according to Field Office Technical Guide standards. The DWMP also provides guidelines for management of the water control structures to achieve desired resource outcomes. The plan is ready for implementation with structural measures and management once the structures are installed. No actual benefits to resource concerns are achieved until the practices in the DWMP are implemented.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1,979.90	$2,375.88

Practice: 130 - Drainage Water Management Plan - Written

Scenario #24 - DWMP - No Tile Map Available

Scenario Description:

A Drainage Water Management Plan (DWMP) will be developed on a relatively flat crop field with a patterned drainage system, where no map of the tile system is available. The DWMP will document soil, topographic, and drainage system maps of the site, and identify the number and location of water control structures that are needed to implement drainage water management according to Field Office Technical Guide standards. The DWMP will also provide guidelines for management of the water control structures to achieve desired resource outcomes.

Before Situation:

Producer has no plan for or knowledge of managing drainage water. The producer does not manage the field for the purpose of contolling water retention during the crop season and therefore crop yields are reduced. Existing ditches and/or tile drains on the cropland field currently conduct flow off field to waterways resulting in potential water quality resource concerns related to excessive nitrogen.

After Situation:

A certified Technical Service Provider (TSP) develops the "Drainage Water Management" conservation activity plan (CAP). The DWMP documents soil, topographic, and drainage system maps of the site, and identifies the number and location of water control structures that are needed to implement drainage water management according to Field Office Technical Guide standards. The DWMP also provides guidelines for management of the water control structures to achieve desired resource outcomes. The plan is ready for implementation with structural measures and management once the structures are installed. No actual benefits to resource concerns are achieved until the practices in the DWMP are implemented.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2,361.98	$2,834.38

Practice: 138 - Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition - Written

Scenario #24 - Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition CAP

Scenario Description:

Agricultural operation where producer will transition from conventional to organic to meet USDA National Organic Program (NOP) requirements. Natural Resource Concern: Soil Erosion, Water Quality, Plant Condition, and other identified natural resource concerns.

Before Situation:

Agricultural operation currently managed using traditional and conventional methods for farming and/or ranching. The producer currently manages operation based upon personal knowledge, or other local criteria. Producer is interested in transitioning part or all of the managment unit to meet national USDA requirements for certified operation. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop a plan and collect/coordinate data recording to monitor per requirements of plan. Associated Practices: Refer to the NRCS Plan Criteria for conservation practices associated with operations transitioning to organic certification and typically needed to address identified natural resource concerns.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP to develop the "Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition" conservation activity plan. The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for applicable resource concerns and provides for opportunities to implement a system of conservation practices which assist the producer to transition from conventional farming or ranching to an organic production system. The CAP plan will include conservation practices which address related resource concerns. CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 138 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2,277.65	$2,733.18

Practice: 138 - Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition - Written

Scenario #25 - Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition CAP No Local TSP

Scenario Description:

Agricultural operation where producer will transition from conventional to organic to meet USDA National Organic Program (NOP) requirements. No qualified TSP within 300 miles. Natural Resource Concern: Soil Erosion, Water Quality, Plant Condition, and other identified natural resource concerns.

Before Situation:

Agricultural operation currently managed using traditional and conventional methods for farming and/or ranching. The producer currently manages operation based upon personal knowledge, or other local criteria. Producer is interested in transitioning part or all of the managment unit to meet national USDA requirements for certified operation. Producer is willing to collaborate with a certified TSP to develop a plan and collect/coordinate data recording to monitor per requirements of plan. Associated Practices: Refer to the NRCS Plan Criteria for conservation practices associated with operations transitioning to organic certification and typically needed to address identified natural resource concerns.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP to develop the "Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition" conservation activity plan. The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for applicable resource concerns and provides for opportunities to implement a system of conservation practices which assist the producer to transition from conventional farming or ranching to an organic production system. The CAP plan will include conservation practices which address related resource concerns. CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 138 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3,555.36	$4,266.43

Practice: 142 - Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan - Written

Scenario #13 - Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management CAP

Scenario Description:

Various on-farm land uses. Natural Resource Concern: Fish and Wildlife, and other applicable resource concerns on an agricultural operation.

Before Situation:

Agricultural currently producer has no plan or knowledge of development or management of fish and/or wildlife habitat. The producer does not currently manage or enhance habitat to promote opportunities for fish and/or habitat. Within existing land uses, producer is interested in management of land or for establishment of new habitat for benefit of appropriate fish or wildlife species. Associated Practices: Applicable conservation practices cited in the CAP criteria and NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for develop of the "Fish and Wildlife Management" conservation activity plan. The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for the primary fish/wildlife habitat resource concern and other applicable resource concerns and provides for opportunities to improve, restore, or enhance habitat that supports native and/or managed species. The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address other related resource concerns. CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 142 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2,418.89	$2,902.66

Practice: 146 - Pollinator Habitat Plan - Written

Scenario #24 - Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan CAP

Scenario Description:

Various on-farm land uses. Natural Resource Concern: Fish and Wildlife, Plant Condition, Soil Erosion, Water Quality on an agricultural operation.

Before Situation:

Agricultural producer currently has no plan or knowledge of development or management of pollinator habitat. The producer does not currently manage or enhance habitat to promote opportunities for pollinator habitat. Within existing land uses, producer may be interested in management of land or for establishment of new habitat for benefit of appropriate pollinator species. Associated Practices: 311, 322, 327, 328, 656, 332, 340, 342, 647, 386, 393, 412, 422, 603, 379, 512, 595, 338, 528, 550, 329, 643, 391, 390, 381, 395, 580, 585, 612, 645, 601, 659, 657, 644, 380, 650.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for develop of the "Pollinator Habitat Enhancement" conservation activity plan. The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for applicable resource concerns and provides for opportunities to improve, restore, or enhance flower-rich habitat that supports native and/or managed pollinator species. The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address other related resource concerns. CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 146 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2,418.89	$2,902.66

Practice: 146 - Pollinator Habitat Plan - Written

Scenario #25 - Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan CAP - No Local TSP

Scenario Description:

Various on-farm land uses, No qualified TSP within 300 miles. Natural Resource Concern: Fish and Wildlife, Plant Condition, Soil Erosion, Water Quality on an agricultural operation.

Before Situation:

Agricultural producer currently has no plan or knowledge of development or management of pollinator habitat. The producer does not currently manage or enhance habitat to promote opportunities for pollinator habitat. Within existing land uses, producer may be interested in management of land or for establishment of new habitat for benefit of appropriate pollinator species. Associated Practices: 311, 322, 327, 328, 656, 332, 340, 342, 647, 386, 393, 412, 422, 603, 379, 512, 595, 338, 528, 550, 329, 643, 391, 390, 381, 395, 580, 585, 612, 645, 601, 659, 657, 644, 380, 650.

After Situation:

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for develop of the "Pollinator Habitat Enhancement" conservation activity plan. The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for applicable resource concerns and provides for opportunities to improve, restore, or enhance flower-rich habitat that supports native and/or managed pollinator species. The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address other related resource concerns. CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 146 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Scenario Unit: Number

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3,513.14	$4,215.77

Practice: 313 - Waste Storage Facility

Scenario #1 - Embankment Storage Pond

Scenario Description:

An earthen waste impoundment constructed to store wastes such as manure, wastewater, and contaminated runoff as part of an agricultural waste management system. This scenario has a design storage volume of more than 865,400 ft3. This practice will address soil and water quality by reducing the pollution potential for surface water and groundwater quality degradation. Earthen storage liners are addressed with another standard. Vehicular and equipment access is addressed in Heavy Use Area Protection (561). Adequately protect liner at agitation and access points. The impoundment will have constructed berms greater than 3' high.

Potential Associated Practices: Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant (521C), Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (521D), Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (521A), Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant (521B), Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Waste Transfer (634), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roofs and Covers (367), and Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Waste Treatment (629).

Before Situation:

Operator presently has a confined animal feeding operation without a waste management system adequate to handle the waste stream leaving the animal production facilities. Manure and other agricultural waste by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed of. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources.

After Situation:

An earthen storage structure constructed from on-site material provides an environmentally safe facility for storing manure and other agricultural waste by-products. This facility provides the landowner a means of storing waste until it can be utilized in a proper manner in accordance with a nutrient management plan.Typical design size: design storage volume 865,400 ft3; The design storage of the pond is 250' x 250' bottom, with 10.8 feet of depth. The pond is constructed by a combination of excavation and earthfill with an embankment fill height greater than 3 feet. 3:1 inside and outside side slopes are utilizedfor the excavation and embankment; (not inclued in design volume - freeboard and sludge accumulation).

Scenario Unit: Cubic Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.05	$0.07

Practice: 313 - Waste Storage Facility

Scenario #2 - Excavated Storage Pond

Scenario Description:

An earthen waste impoundment constructed to store wastes such as manure, wastewater, and contaminated runoff as part of an agricultural waste management system. This scenario has a design storage volume of more than 382,000 ft3. This practice will address soil and water quality by reducing the pollution potential for surface water and groundwater quality degradation. Earthen storage liners are addressed with another standard. Vehicular and equipment access is addressed in Heavy Use Area Protection (561). Adequately protect liner at agitation and access points. The impoundment will have constructed berms less than 3' high.Potential Associated Practices: Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant (521C), Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (521D), Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (521A), Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant (521B), Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Waste Transfer (634), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roofs and Covers (367), and Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Waste Treatment (629).

Before Situation:

Operator presently has a confined animal feeding operation without a waste management system adequate to handle the waste stream leaving the animal production facilities. Manure and other agricultural waste by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed of. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources.

After Situation:

An earthen storage structure constructed from on-site material provides an environmentally safe facility for storing manure and other agricultural waste by-products. This facility provides the landowner a means of storing waste until it can be utilized in a proper manner in accordance with a nutrient management plan.Typical design size: design storage volume 382,000 ft3; The pond bottom is 280' x 120' x 10' deep with a small berm normally less than 3' high around the outside of the pond. 3:1 inside and outside side slopes; (not included in design volume - freeboard and sludge accumulation).

Scenario Unit: Cubic Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.09	$0.13

Practice: 313 - Waste Storage Facility

Scenario #7 - Bedded Pack - Concrete Floor and Concrete Walls

Scenario Description:

A composted bedded pack facility is constructed to store wastes such as manure, wastewater, and contaminated runoff as part of an agricultural waste management system. This scenario is intended for situations where consistency of manure or geological conditions prohibit the use of earthen floors. This practice will address soil and water quality by reducing the pollution potential for surface water and groundwater quality degradation. Concrete walls required to withstand the heavy equipment that the producer operates. Potential Associated Practices: Fence (382), Nutrient Management (590), Waste Transfer (634), Heavy Use Area Protection (561) and Roofs and Covers (367).

Before Situation:

Operator presently has a confined animal feeding operation without a waste management system adequate to handle the waste stream leaving the animal production facilities. Manure and other agricultural waste by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed of. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources.

After Situation:

Using a bedded pack provides an environmentally safe facility for storing manure and other agricultural waste by-products. This facility provides the landowner a means of storing waste until it can be utilized in a proper manner in accordance with a nutrient management plan.Typical design: floor area 4,000 ft2, (40' X 100'); 4' concrete wall height, 3' footing depth with a 6" concrete floor; 20' openings on each end of structure.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$5.76	$7.97

Practice: 313 - Waste Storage Facility

Scenario #10 - Bedded Pack - Earth Floor and Concrete Walls

Scenario Description:

This scenario consists of a dry stack facility (covered) with compacted earthen floor with concrete walls. This scenario is intended to provide storage for manure and agricutural by-products that is protected from the environment and can be either inside the animal housing area or a separate facility for separated solids. The purpose of this practice is to properly store manure and other agricultural by-products until they can be removed from the site for proper utilization on land at agronomical rates. This practice will address soil and water quality by reducing the pollution potential to soil, surface water and ground water. Compacted earth floors required to meet state guidelines for seepage should be installed with CPS 521-D, Pond Sealing or Lining - Compacted Clay Treatment. Potential Associated practices: 521D-Pond Sealing or Lining; Compacted Clay Treatement, 342-Critical Area Planting, 362-Diversion, 561-Heavy Use Area Protection, 367-Roofs and Covers, 558-Roof Runoff Structure, 317-Composting Facility, 632 - Solid/Liquid Waste Separation, 633-Waste Recycling, 634-Waste Transfer, 635-Vegetated Treatment Area

Before Situation:

Livestock are currently on open lots with runoff un-controlled. Un-controlled runoff is causing off-site damage due to sedimentation and elevated nutrient levels in receiving waters.

After Situation:

The typical size of the bedded pack Facility is 40' x 100' (4,000 SF). Facility has an earth floor and 4' high walls with 3' deep footings. A 10' opening is located on each end for access. When used as housing, the animal density can be increased by placing under roof and existing open lots abandoned. Using a bedded pack provides an environmentally safe facility for storing manure and other agricultural waste by-products. This facility provides the landowner a means of storing waste until it can be utilized in a proper manner in accordance with a nutrient management plan.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.88	$3.99

Practice: 313 - Waste Storage Facility

Scenario #14 - Dry Stack - Concrete floor and concrete walls

Scenario Description:

This scenario consists of a dry stack facility with reinforced concrete floor with side walls. This scenario is intended for situations where consistency of manure or geographical conditions prohibit earthen floors. The purpose of this practice is to properly store manure and other agricultural by-products until they can be hauled away from the site for proper disposal or utilization on land at agronomical rates. Concrete walls required to withstand the heavy equipment that the producer operates. This practice will address soil and water quality by reducing the pollution potential to soil, surface water and ground water. Potential Associated practices: 342-Critical Area Planting, 362-Diversion, 561-Heavy Use Area Protection, 367-Roofs and Covers, 558-Roof Runoff Structure, 317-Composting Facility, 633-Waste Recycling, 634-Waste Transfer, 635-Vegetated Treatment Area

Before Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or other location, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed of. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwaters, in addition to the use of excessive amounts of fertilizers.

After Situation:

The typical is 4,000 SqFt (40' x 100'). The facility floor is 6" reinforced concrete with 4' walls on 3 sides. Manure and other agricultural by-products are being controlled, by the collection at the source, and stored temporarily, at an environmentally suitable location, until such time that they are disposed of or utilized in a proper manner, typically in accordance with a nutrient management plan.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4.88	$6.75

Practice: 314 - Brush Management

Scenario #6 - Chemical, Uplands

Scenario Description:

This practice is for the implementation of brush management on range, pasture or native pasture to reduce undersirable brush in uplands, and other areas not in, or directly adjacent to, streams, ponds, or wetlands. The typical method of control uses aerial or broadcast application of herbicides to control undesirable plants. Entire unit has infestation levels exceeding state identified levels; entire unit is treated with broadcast application.

Before Situation:

Brush species exceed desired levels resulting in degraded plant condition, loss of forage production, or degraded wildlife habitat. Densities of brush exceed levels indicated in the ecological site descriptions.

After Situation:

Brush has been treated to a level which results in improved plant condition, forage production, or wildlife habitat. The typical method of control is application of herbicides (basal or foliar location) on select individual plants.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$16.98	$24.05

Practice: 314 - Brush Management

Scenario #7 - Chemical - Riparian

Scenario Description:

Apply chemical brush management techniques on an isolated riparian area within a 80 acre planning unit which is directly adjacent to a stream (may include ponds or wetlands) associated with rangeland (may include grazed forest, pasture, or other landuses) to control undesirable deciduous species in order to improve ecological/range site condition. Treatment is applied to a 2 acres isolated area adjacent to a stream which uses broadcast/aerial specialized herbicide(s) application on the entire 2 acres to reduce or remove trees and/or brush which are not appropriate for the site(s).

Before Situation:

Plant, animal, or wildlife resource concerns associated with ripairian areas and other areas in or adjacent to the stream (incl. ponds or wetlands) on grazed range (incl. grazed forest, pasture, or other landuses) which are adversely affected by undesirable trees and/or brush which degrade ecological site condition as identified by state specific ecological/range site description.

After Situation:

Isolated riprarian community infested with undesirable tree and/or shrub species within a range unit (incl. grazed forest, pasture, or other landuse) where reduction or removal of undesirable deciduous species adjacent to a stream (incl. ponds or wetlands) has been accomplished through the use of appropriate chemical application to address plant, animal, and wildlife resource concerns, thus improving ecological/range site condition.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$91.92	$130.22

Practice: 314 - Brush Management

Scenario #8 - Chemical, Foliar Spot Treatment

Scenario Description:

Apply foliar chemical brush management techniques (aerial fixed wing or ground rig) on isolated upland areas within a 80 acre planning unit (not directly adjacent to streams, ponds or wetlands) associated with rangeland (may include grazed forest, pasture, or other landuses) to control undesirable deciduous species in order to improve ecological/range site conditions. Treatment is applied to 10 acre isolated areas (not adjacent to a stream, wetland or pond), using broadcast/aerial herbicide(s) application, on the entire 10 acres to reduce or remove trees and/or brush which are not appropriate for the site(s). Foliar application of material using the most effecitve, low cost chemical(s).

Before Situation:

Plant, animal, or wildlife resource concerns associated with upland areas (not in or adjacent to streams, ponds, or wetlands) on grazed range (incl. grazed forest, pasture, or other landuses) which are adversely affected by undesirable trees and/or brush which degrade ecological site conditions as identified by state specific ecological/range site description.

After Situation:

Isolated upland areas infested with undesirable tree and/or shrub species within a range unit (incl. grazed forest, pasture, or other landuse) where reduction or removal of undesirable deciduous species (not adjacent to or within a stream, ponds, or wetlands) has been accomplished through the use of appropriate foliar chemical application to address plant, animal, and wildlife resource concerns, thus improving ecological/range site conditions.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$24.25	$34.35

Practice: 314 - Brush Management

Scenario #38 - Mechanical and Chemical, Medium Infestation

Scenario Description:

Removal of woody vegetation on gently sloping to moderately deep to deep soils. The practice requires the felling of trees and brush using a mechanical cutter, chopper or other light equipment, and applying herbicide to cut stump resprouting tree/brush species, as necessary, in order to improve ecological site conditions. Brush density has met or exceeded medium or moderate infestation (averaging 6-15% canopy depending upon species) levels based on ecological site potential as determined by state specific criteria. Typical unit is 80 acres.

Before Situation:

Area consist of medium or moderate infestations of trees and shrub species which degrade desirable plant productivity, health and vigor of pasture or range units, thus promoting invasive non-herbaceous species and degrading wildlife habitat.

After Situation:

Woody species are removed to achieve the desirable plant community based on species composition, structure, density, and canopy cover or height. Ecological site condition is progressing in an upward trend; hydrology and plant health and vigor is returning to near normal levels, and wildlife habitat is improved.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$77.13	$109.27

Practice: 314 - Brush Management

Scenario #277 - Mechanical, Small Shrubs, Medium Infestation

Scenario Description:

Removal of small woody vegetation of medium infestations on gentle sloping to moderately deep to deep soils. The practice entails the removal of brush by the use of mechanical cutter, chopper or other light equipment in order to reduce fuel loading and improve ecological site condition. Brush density has exceeded desired levels based on ecological site potential. It has been determined that the brush is at the medium infestation. Typical unit is 120 acres.

Before Situation:

Area consist of excessive stands of shrub species degrading health and vigor of native herbaceous species promoting noxious and invasive species and degrading wildlife habitat.

After Situation:

Woody species are removed to achieve the desirable plant community based on species composition, structure, density, and canopy cover or height. Ecological site condition is progressing in an upward trend, hydrology and plant health and vigor is returning to near normal levels, and improved wildlife habitat.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$43.29	$61.33

Practice: 315 - Herbaceous Weed Control

Scenario #1 - Chemical, Ground

Scenario Description:

Land unit on which weed control would be beneficial in order to set back the plant community succession, improve the ecological condition, and improve forage conditions for domestic livestock or wildlife. The practice entails the eradication of vegetation by use of weed treatment using ground equipment to apply chemicals, in order to eliminate noxious weeds, promote forage productivity, and improve ecological condition.

Before Situation:

Area consists of excessive stands of herbaceous weeds in existing or newly seeded or planted stands. Excessive weed growth degrades health and vigor of native herbaceous species, promoting noxious and invasive species or undesirable plant species and degrading wildlife habitat.

After Situation:

Herbaceous weeds are treated and controlled to achieve the desirable plant community based on species composition, structure, density, and canopy cover or height. Desirable plant community is progressing in an upward trend, hydrology and plant health and vigor is returning to near normal levels, and wildlife habitat is improved.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$15.50	$21.96

Practice: 315 - Herbaceous Weed Control

Scenario #3 - Mechanical

Scenario Description:

Removal of light infestations of herbaceous weeds on gently sloping terrain with moderately deep to deep soils. The practice entails the removal of herbaceous weeds by the use of a mower, brush hog, disc, or other light equipment, in order to reduce fuel load and improve the ecological site condition. Weeds have exceeded desired levels based on ecological site potential. For organic and non-organic farms.

Before Situation:

Area consists of excessive stands of herbaceous weeds degrading the health and vigor of native herbaceous species and wildlife habitat while promoting noxious and invasive species encroachment.

After Situation:

Herbaceous weeds are removed to achieve the desired plant community based on species composition, structure, density, and canopy cover or height. Ecological site condition is progressing in an upward trend, hydrology and plant health and vigor are returning to near normal levels, and wildlife habitat is improved.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$9.59	$13.58

Practice: 315 - Herbaceous Weed Control

Scenario #7 - Biological, Insects

Scenario Description:

Management of herbaceous plant species through the use of biological control agents (insects) on undesired, noxious, or invasive herbaceous species. Typical area is moderate rolling to gentle sloping, moderately deep to deep soils that have stands of herbaceous weed species that exceed the desirable ecological site condition or that are identified as noxious or invasive. This scenario is an alternative for traditional or organic producers.

Before Situation:

Area consist of herbaceous weed species that exceed the desirable ecological site condition degrading forage quality, promoting noxious and invasive species, increasing risk of soil erosion and degrading wildlife habitat.

After Situation:

Invasive herbaceous weed species are controlled using biological contols (insects) to achieve a desirable plant community based on species composition, structure, density, and canopy cover or height. Ecological site condition is progressing in an upward trend, hydrology and plant health and vigor is returning to near normal levels.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.96	$4.20

Practice: 316 - Animal Mortality Facility

Scenario #4 - Invessel Rotary Drum, less than 700 CF

Scenario Description:

This scenario consists of installing a horizontal rotary drum to compost smaller poultry and swine facility mortality. It can handle between 250 and 600 lbs per day of mortality plus equal or higher volumes of carbon material (i.e. wood chips). A secondary composting storage area is required to finish materials. Payment quantity based on interior volume of rotary composter in cubic feet of smallest drum that can process daily mortality as per manufacturers' recommendations. The purpose of the practice is to address resource concerns related to water quality degradation due to excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources. Scenario is needed where the producer has a limited footprint for the installed practice.Potential Associated Practices: Roofs and Covers (367), Waste Storage Facility (313), Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Access Road (560), Structure for Water Control (587), Diversion (362), Subsurface Drain (606), and Underground Outlet (620).

Before Situation:

Animal mortality is done in a manner that results in non-point source pollution of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources. Improper operation results in odors and spread of pathogens from incomplete composting, incineration, or interaction with predators. No plan was formulated for both normal and catastrophic mortality events.

After Situation:

Proper operation results in little to no odors, complete composting, and protection from predators to minimize pathogen survival or spreading. An overall plan covers normal and catastrophic mortality events.Installed a 5' diameter by 22' long rotary drum on two concrete pads that can process 325 lbs of mortality per day. Drum rotation moves and mixes mortality and wood chips. Site preparation includes topsoil removal, gravel pad, and concrete pads and slab at two locations plus small floor and walls to complete composting. Input material reduced by 40-60 percent and put into 4' high, three sided, 20'x 20' concrete bin with 10'x20 concrete pad for secondary composting. Carbon source is placed into a three sided 30' x 30' with 4' high walls. Area can be protected by adding Roofs and Covers (367) standard.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$60.12	$85.16

Practice: 316 - Animal Mortality Facility

Scenario #5 - Invessel Rotary Drum, greater than or equal to 700 CF

Scenario Description:

This scenario consists of installing a horizontal rotary drum to compost larger poultry and swine facility mortality. It can handle between 600 and 1,000 lbs per day of mortality plus equal or higher volumes of carbon material (i.e. wood chips). A secondary composting storage area is required to finish materials. Payment quantity based on interior volume of rotary composter in cubic feet of smallest drum that can process daily mortality as per manufacturers' recommendations. The purpose of the practice is to address resource concerns related to water quality degradation due to excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources. Scenario is needed where the producer has a limited footprint for the installed practice.Potential Associated Practices: Roofs and Covers (367), Waste Storage Facility (313), Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Access Road (560), Structure for Water Control (587), Diversion (362), Subsurface Drain (606), and Underground Outlet (620).

Before Situation:

Animal mortality is done in a manner that results in non-point source pollution of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources. Improper operation results in odors and spread of pathogens from incomplete composting, incineration, or interaction with predators. No plan was formulated for both normal and catastrophic mortality events.

After Situation:

Proper operation results in little to no odors, complete composting, and protection from predators to minimize pathogen survival or spreading. An overall plan covers normal and catastrophic mortality events. Installed a 5' diameter by 54' long rotary drum on two concrete pads that can process 810 lbs of mortality per day. Drum rotation moves and mixes mortality and wood chips. Site preparation includes topsoil removal, gravel pad, concrete pads, slab at two locations plus concrete floor and walls to complete composting. Input material reduced by 40-60 percent and put into 4' high, three sided, 30'x 30' concrete bin with 10'x30' concrete pad for secondary composting. Area can be protected by adding Roofs and Covers (367) standard.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$32.40	$45.90

Practice: 316 - Animal Mortality Facility

Scenario #6 - Static pile, Earthen pad

Scenario Description:

This scenario consists of installing an impervious earthen pad to compost large animal mortalities, typically dairy cow mortality, in a static windrow or single pile. Additional carbon based bulking material is added to facilitate aeration and provide a proper C:N ratio. Piles turned at least once to go into another heat cycle prior to land application. Access is infrequent. This option may not be desirable for sites with limited area, karst topography, and not isolated from of public view. The purpose of the practice is to address resource concerns related to water quality degradation due to excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources. Air quality impacts due to odors will also be addressed. Potential Associated Practices: Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant (521C), Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (521D), Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant (521B), Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Access Road (560), Structure for Water Control (378), Diversion (362), Subsurface Drain (606), and Underground Outlet (620)). Vegetative Treatment Area (635), Composting (317), Roofs and Covers (367), Heavy Use Area Protection (561)

Before Situation:

Animal mortality is done in a manner that results in non-point source pollution of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources. Improper operation results in odors and spread of pathogens from incomplete composting, incineration, or interaction with predators. No plan was formulated for both normal and catastrophic mortality events.

After Situation:

Animal mortality is being done in a manner that prevents non-point source pollution of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources. Proper operation results in little to no odors, complete composting, and protection from predators to minimize pathogen survival or spreading. An overall plan covers normal and catastrophic mortality events.Construct a 50' x 150' compacted earth surface. Site can handle mortality for a 100 cow dairy with associated heifers and calves. On site soils can be recompacted to meet required imperviousness. Include sufficient area for processing equipment access. Single piles or windrows to minimize runoff. Site to be located out of drainage areas, off-site water diverted and any runoff to spread out into a grassed area or vegetated treatment area as per regulations. Site preparation includes removal of top 1' and recompacting.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.26	$0.37

Practice: 316 - Animal Mortality Facility

Scenario #8 - Static pile, Concrete Pad

Scenario Description:

This scenario consists of installing a concrete pad over permeable soils, karst topography, frequently accessed sites or sites with regulatory requirements. Typically associated with large dairy (1,000 cows plus heifers) or beef animal mortality with an average daily mortality of 175 lbs/day. Area sized to compost animal mortality as a static pile or windrow with equipment around materials. Sufficient carbon based bulking material added to allow natural aeration and a proper C:N ratio. Piles typically turned at least once to go into another heat cycle prior to final disposal, typically land application. Site to be located out of drainage areas, off-site water diverted and any runoff to spread out into a grassed area or vegetated treatment area as per regulations. Potential Associated Practices: Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant (521C), Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (521D), Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant (521B), Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Access Road (560), Structure for Water Control (587), Diversion (362), Subsurface Drain (606), and Underground Outlet (620).

Before Situation:

Animal mortality is done in a manner that results in non-point source pollution of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources. Improper operation results in odors and spread of pathogens from incomplete composting, incineration, or interaction with predators. No plan was formulated for both normal and catastrophic mortality events.

After Situation:

Animal mortality is being done in a manner that prevents non-point source pollution of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources. Proper operation results in little to no odors, complete composting, and protection from predators to minimize pathogen survival or spreading. An overall plan covers normal and catastrophic mortality events. Construct a 60'x95' concrete surface to process mortality. Concrete 5" thick with light reinforcement. Typical layout is 18' wide piles with 8' wide access area is around each pile or windrow. Site preparation includes topsoil removal, minimal regrading and compaction, installing gravel or sand subbase and then concrete.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.55	$3.61

Practice: 316 - Animal Mortality Facility

Scenario #10 - Static pile, Wood Bin(s)

Scenario Description:

This scenario consists of installing a group of small bins along one side and a long narrow bin on the backside of a concrete pad to compost poultry or small swine mortality in static pile(s) that have sufficient bulking material to allow natural aeration. Piles are turned to go through a second heat cycle prior to final land application. The roofed portion of the facility is addressed with Roofs and Covers (367). Size of facility based on daily mortality and sizing procedures accepted in particular state. Organic sites will require more frequent replacement of lumber. Potential Associated Practices: Roofs and Covers (367), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Access Road (560), Structure for Water Control (587), Roof Runoff Structure (558), Diversion (362), Subsurface Drain (606), and Underground Outlet (620).

Before Situation:

Animal mortality is done in a manner that results in non-point source pollution of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources. Improper operation results in odors and spread of pathogens from incomplete composting, incineration, or interaction with predators. No plan was formulated for both normal and catastrophic mortality events.

After Situation:

Animal mortality is being done in a manner that prevents non-point source pollution of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources. Proper operation results in little to no odors, complete composting, and protection from predators to minimize pathogen survival or spreading. An overall plan covers normal and catastrophic mortality events. Selected method for carcass treatment and disposal meet or are permitted by federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulation.Install facility on a 18' x 40' concrete pad with 4 bins (5' H x 10' W x 6' Length) along the front side and one 8'w by 40' long secondary bin. Bin wall consists of a 1' concrete curb and 4' of treated lumber. Roofed portion is addressed under Roofs and Covers (367). Site preparation includes topsoil removal, installing 4' of gravel, setting posts , installing concrete slab, and installing wooden walls and doors. Piles turned to go through a second heat cycle prior to final land application.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$8.81	$12.48

Practice: 316 - Animal Mortality Facility

Scenario #12 - Static pile, Concrete Bin(s)

Scenario Description:

This scenario consists of installing a two or more of concrete bins, open on one end on a concrete pad to compost larger quantities of poultry or mature swine mortality in static pile(s) that have sufficient bulking material to allow natural aeration. Piles are turned to go through a second heat cycle prior to final land application. The roofed portion of the facility is addressed in Cover and Roofs (367). Size of facility based on daily mortality and sizing procedures accepted in particular state. Scenarios are needed to meet permit differences between states and sizes of operations (some states in the region do not approve wood walls). Potential Associated Practices: Roofs and Cover (367), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Access Road (560), Structure for Water Control (587), Roof Runoff Structure (558), Diversion (362), Subsurface Drain (606), and Underground Outlet (620).

Before Situation:

Animal mortality is done in a manner that results in non-point source pollution of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources. Improper operation results in odors and spread of pathogens from incomplete composting, incineration, or interaction with predators. No plan was formulated for both normal and catastrophic mortality events.

After Situation:

Animal mortality is being done in a manner that prevents non-point source pollution of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources. Proper operation results in little to no odors, complete composting, and protection from predators to minimize pathogen survival or spreading. An overall plan covers normal and catastrophic mortality events. Selected method for carcass treatment and disposal meet or are permitted by federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulation. Install a 20' deep by 48' long pad with four bins with 8' high walls and one end open. Roofed portion is addressed under Roofs and Covers (367). Site preparation includes topsoil removal, installing 4' of gravel, installing concrete slab, and installing 8' high concrete walls. Piles are turned by moving to adjacent bin to go through a second heat cycle prior to final land application.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$11.61	$16.45

Practice: 317 - Composting Facility

Scenario #1 - Composter, structure facility with concrete floor and walls

Scenario Description:

The composting facility, with concrete floor and walls between bins only, is installed to address water quality concerns and disease vectors resulting from improper waste disposal by providing a dedicated facility for storage and treatment, and by creating a compost product that can be used in multiple ways including land application for enrichment of crop ground. This scenario is applicable when geological, soil, or climate conditions, or space limitations for structure footprint, or other site limitations make this scenario more suitable than a structure with wood bin walls on a concrete floor. All animal mortality composting shall be done using Practice Standard 316 - Animal Mortality
Facility.

Potential Associated Practices: Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Access Road (560), Structure for water control (587), Diversion (362), Pipeline (516), Subsurface Drain (606), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roofs and Covers (367), Roof Runoff Structure (558), Waste Storage Facility (313), Waste Recycling (633), Waste Transfer (634), Underground Outlet (620) and Vegetative Treatment Area (635).

Before Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or other location, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed of. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwaters, in addition to the use of excessive amounts of fertilizers.

After Situation:

Manure, litter and other agricultural by-products are being controlled, by the collection at the source, and stored properly, at an environmentally suitable location, until such time that they are disposed of or utilized in a proper manner, typically in accordance with a nutrient management plan. The typical composter is designed to handle organic material from a livestock operation. The typical composter is 42' x 14' with 5' high concrete walls. Strip top 1' of soil and roll compact same back into sub-floor. The bins are constructed on a 7" concrete slab used to store and stabilize manure, litter and other agricultural by-products from a four house complex on any farm.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7.60	$10.77

Practice: 317 - Composting Facility

Scenario #3 - Composter, open lot, earth floor

Scenario Description:

The composting facility is installed to address water quality concerns and disease vectors resulting from improper waste disposal by providing a dedicated facility for storage and treatment, and by creating a compost product that can be used in multiple ways including land application for enrichment of crop ground. This scenario is applicable when geological, soil, and climate conditions are appropriate for earth floors and are allowed by state and local regulations. All animal mortality composting shall be done using Practice Standard 316 - Animal Mortality
Facility.

Potential Associated Practices: Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Access Road (560), Structure for water control (587), Diversion (362), Pipeline (516), Subsurface Drain (606), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roofs and Covers (367), Roof Runoff Structure (558), Waste Storage Facility (313), Waste Recycling (633), Waste Transfer (634), Underground Outlet (620) and Vegetative Treatment Area (635).

Before Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or other location, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed of. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwaters, in addition to the use of excessive amounts of fertilizers.

After Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are being controlled, by the collection at the source, and stored temporarily, at an environmentally suitable location, until such time that they are disposed of or utilized in a proper manner, typically in accordance with a nutrient management plan. This scenario consists of removing 0.5' of surface material and compacting back into place 1' of soil to create a compacted, impervious earthen floor to act as a working area to store organic material in a static pile or windrow that has sufficient carbon based bulking material to allow natural aeration. Piles typically turned at least once to go into another heat cycle prior to final disposal, typically land application. Typical pad 50' x 200' on an improved compacted earthen surface. Include sufficient area for processing equipment access. Single piles or windrows to minimize runoff. Site to be located out of drainage areas, off-site water diverted and any runoff to spread out into a grassed area or vegetated treatment area as per regulations. Site preparation includes topsoil removal, compaction of subsoil, and reinstalling topsoil, compacted.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.23	$0.32

Practice: 317 - Composting Facility

Scenario #12 - Composting Drum

Scenario Description:

Manure, litter and other agricultural by-products are collected and stored in a compost drum until such time that they are disposed of or utilized in a proper manner, typically in accordance with a nutrient management plan. This is incorporated as part of the overall waste management system meeting the National Engineering Handbook (NEH), Part 651, Agricultural Waste Management Field Handbook (AWMFH) that has been developed to also account for end use of the product from the composting facility. The composting facility consists of a composing drum installed on a concrete slab. Water quality concerns and disease vectors resulting from improper waste disposal are addressed by providing a dedicated facility for storage and treatment and a compost product that can be used in multiple ways including land application for enrichment of crop ground is created. This scenario is applicable when geological, soil or climate conditions prohibit the use of only partial concrete surfaces. The drum system may be apart of a waste separation system where composted solids are reused as bedding, as soil amendment, or sold off farm. All animal mortality composting shall be done using Practice Standard 316 - Animal Mortality Facility. Potential Associated Practices: Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant (521A-D), Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Access Road (560), Structure for water control (587), Diversion (362), Pipeline (516), Subsurface Drain (606), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roofs and Covers (367), Roof Runoff Structure (558), Waste Storage Facility (313), Waste Recycling (633), Waste Transfer (634), Underground Outlet (620) and Vegetative Treatment Area (635), Waste Separation (632).

Before Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source or other location or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed of. This situation poses an environmentally threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwaters, in addition to the use of excessive amounts of fertilizers.

After Situation:

This scenario typically consists of a 6 cubic yard (162 cu ft) capacity composting drum that is mounted on a 40ft x 25ft concrete slab that is 5" thick. The drum is loaded with organic material from a livestock operation and is turned periodically prior to final deposal which typically consists of land application. Additional transfer components are contracted separately.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$95.61	$135.45

Practice: 320 - Irrigation Canal or Lateral

Scenario #1 - Irrigation Canal

Scenario Description:

This scenario is the construction of an Irrigation Canal or Lateral. Typical construction dimensions are 4' wide bottom x 3' deep x 1320' length with a side slope of 2:1.

Resource concerns: Excess/Insufficient Water - Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water. Associated Conservation Practices: 388-Irrigation Field Ditch; 443-Irrigation System, Surface or Subsurface; 533-Pumping Plant; 430-Irrigation Pipeline; 587 - Structure for Water Control; 449 - Irrigation Water Management

Before Situation:

Water supply for an area is inadequate for crop production and irrigation water application is inefficient.

After Situation:

An earthen canal that has adequate capacity to convey sufficient irrigation water to meet the demands of the system and make irrigation practical for the crops being grown.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.36	$1.93

Practice: 325 - High Tunnel System

Scenario #40 - Contiguous US Snow

Scenario Description:

Used for contiguous US states in areas with high snowfall. A gothic style (peaked) manufactured frame of tubular steel (30 x 70 ft.) covered with 4-year 4 mil plastic. Costs are based on purchase of manufactured kit and landowner installing the structure. Structure must be installed to manufacturer's specifications.

Before Situation:

Cropland where extension of the growing season is needed. Additional resource concerns that may need to be addressed include soil erosion, soil condition, water quality, water quantity, and plant condition.

After Situation:

A high tunnel structure has been installed and he growing season has been extended for 1-4 months on average. Plant health and vigor has been improved.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.84	$4.61

Practice: 325 - High Tunnel System

Scenario #41 - Contiguous US

Scenario Description:

Used for contiguous US states in areas with low snowfall. A Quonset style (rounded) manufactured frame of tubular steel (30 x 70 ft.) covered with 4-year 4 mil plastic. Costs are based on purchase of manufactured kit and landowner installing the structure. Structure must be installed to manufacturer's specifications.

Before Situation:

Cropland where extension of the growing season is needed. Additional resource concerns that may need to be addressed include soil erosion, soil condition, water quality, water quantity, and plant condition.

After Situation:

A Quonset style high tunnel structure has been installed and the growing season has been extended for 1-4 months on average. Plant health and vigor has been improved.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.95	$3.54

Practice: 327 - Conservation Cover

Scenario #45 - Introduced with Forgone Income

Scenario Description:

This practice applies on organically managed land needing permanent protective cover. This practice typically involves conversion from an intensive organic cropping system to permanent non-native vegetation (scenario includes non-native grass/legume mix). The typical size of the practice is 20 acres. This practice scenario is typically used to reduce soil erosion, reduce soil quality degradation, improve water quality, develop wildlife habitat, and reduce air quality impacts.

Before Situation:

Crops such as vegetables and small fruit crops are organically grown and harvested. Full width tillage is utilized, weeds controlled mainly by cultivation. Soil surface residue amounts average 10% or less. Erosion exceeds tolerable rates and sediment may be moving offsite into surface water degrading water quality. Soil quality (soil organic matter) declines over time as a result of tillage practices, low residue, and long periods of bare soil. Air quality may be impacted during field operations by the creation of particulates. The system provides little to no wildlife habitat.

After Situation:

The 327 Implementation Requirements have been developed for the site and has been applied. Organically managed land covered with permanent non- native grass/legume mix vegetation has reduced soil erosion, reduced water/sediment runoff, and improved air quality due to the elimination of dust emissions. . Plants sown for conservation cover may provide cover for beneficial insects and wildlife. This scenario does not apply to plantings for forage production or to critical area plantings.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$251.97	$356.95

Practice: 327 - Conservation Cover

Scenario #46 - Native Species with Forgone Income

Scenario Description:

This practice applies on conventional or organically managed land needing permanent protective cover. This practice typically involves conversion from an intensive cropping system to permanent native vegetation (scenario includes native grass/legume mix). The typical size of the practice is 50 acres. This practice scenario is typically used to reduce soil erosion, reduce soil quality degradation, improve water quality, develop wildlife habitat, and reduce air quality impacts. Applies to conventional or organic systems.

Before Situation:

Crops such as vegetables and small fruit crops may be conventionally or organically grown and harvested. Full width tillage is utilized, weeds controlled mainly by cultivation. Soil surface residue amounts average 10% or less. Soil erosion exceeds tolerable rates and sediment may be moving offsite into surface water degrading water quality. Soil quality (soil organic matter) declines over time as a result of tillage practices, low residue, and long periods of bare soil. Air quality may be impacted during field operations by the creation of particulates. The system provides little to no wildlife habitat.

After Situation:

The 327 Implementation Requirements have been developed for the site and applied. Managed land covered with permanent native grass/legume mix vegetation has reduced soil erosion, reduced water/sediment runoff, and improved air quality due to the elimination of dust emissions. Plants sown for conservation cover may provide cover for beneficial insects and wildlife. This scenario does not apply to plantings for forage production or to critical area plantings.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$285.38	$404.29

Practice: 327 - Conservation Cover

Scenario #47 - Pollinator Species with Forgone Income

Scenario Description:

Permanent vegetation, including a mix of native grasses, legumes, and forbs (mix may also include non-native species), established on land needing permanent vegetative cover that provides habitat for pollinators. Typical practice size is variable depending on site; this scenario uses 1 ac as the typical size. In addition to providing pollinator habitat, this practice scenario may also reduce sheet and rill erosion, improve soil quality, improve water quality, and improve air quality. The practice may also provide wildlife habitat. Practice applicable on cropland, odd areas, corners, etc. Applies to conventional or organic systems.

Before Situation:

Crops such as vegetables and small fruit crops may be conventionally or organically grown and harvested. Full width tillage is utilized, weeds controlled mainly by cultivation. Soil surface residue amounts average 10% or less. Soil erosion exceeds tolerable rates and sediment may be moving offsite into surface water degrading water quality. Soil quality (soil organic matter) declines over time as a result of tillage practices, low residue, and long periods of bare soil. Air quality may be impacted during field operations by the creation of particulates. The system provides little to no wildlife or pollinator habitat.

After Situation:

The 327 Implementation Requirements have been developed for the site and applied. Managed land covered with permanent pollinator habitat including a mix of native grasses, legumes, and forbs (mix may also include non-native species). This practice may also reduce soil erosion, reduce water/sediment runoff, and improve air quality due to the elimination of dust emissions. Plants sown for pollinator habitat may also provide cover for beneficial insects and wildlife. This scenario does not apply to critical area plantings.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$459.10	$650.39

Practice: 327 - Conservation Cover

Scenario #48 - Introduced Species

Scenario Description:

The land is covered with permanent non-native grass vegetation resulting in reduced soil erosion and water/sediment runoff, and the elimination of dust emissions which improves air quality significantly. Plants sown for conservation cover may provide cover for beneficial insects and wildlife. This scenario does not apply to plantings for forage production or to critical area plantings. Applies to conventional or organic systems.

Before Situation:

Crops such as corn, soybeans, or cotton may be conventionally or organically grown and harvested. Full width tillage is utilized, weeds controlled by cultivation and/or chemical application. Soil surface residue amounts average 10% or less. Soil erosion exceed allowable tolerance, sediment may be moving offsite into surface water degrading water quality. Soil quality (soil organic matter) declines over time as a result of tillage practices, low residue, and long periods of bare soil. Air quality may be impacted during field operations by the creation of particulates. The system provides little to no wildlife habitat.

After Situation:

The 327 Implementation Requirements have been developed for the site and applied. The land is covered with permanent non-native grass vegetation resulting in reduced soil erosion and water/sediment runoff, and the elimination of significant dust emissions which improves air quality. Plants sown for conservation cover may provide cover for beneficial insects and wildlife. This scenario does not apply to plantings for forage production or to critical area plantings.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$95.24	$134.93

Practice: 327 - Conservation Cover

Scenario #49 - Native Species

Scenario Description:

This practice applies on land to be retired from agricultural production and on other lands needing permanent protective cover. This practice typically involves conversion from a clean-tilled (conventional tilled) intensive cropping system to permanent native vegetation (scenario includes native grass). The typical size of the practice is 50 acres. This practice scenario is typically used to reduce soil erosion, reduce soil quality degradation, improve water quality, develop wildlife habitat, and reduce air quality impacts. Applies to conventional or organic systems

Before Situation:

Crops such as corn, soybeans, or cotton may be conventionally or organically grown and harvested. Full width tillage is utilized, weeds controlled by cultivation and/or chemical application. Soil surface residue amounts average 10% or less. Soil erosion exceeds allowable tolerance, and sediment may be moving offsite into surface water degrading water quality. Soil quality (soil organic matter) declines over time as a result of tillage practices, low residue, and long periods of bare soil. Air quality may be impacted during field operations by the creation of particulates. The system provides little to no wildlife habitat.

After Situation:

The 327 Implementation Requirements have been developed for the site and applied. The land is covered with permanent native grass vegetation which reduces soil erosion and water/sediment runoff, and eliminates dust emissions which improves air quality. Plants sown for conservation cover may provide cover for beneficial insects and wildlife. This scenario does not apply to plantings for forage production or to critical area plantings.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$111.62	$158.12

Practice: 327 - Conservation Cover

Scenario #50 - Pollinator Species

Scenario Description:

Permanent vegetation, including a mix of native grasses, legumes, and forbs (mix may also include non-native species), established on any land needing permanent vegetative cover that provides habitat for pollinators. Typical practice size is variable depending on site; this scenario uses 1 ac as the typical size. In addition to providing pollinator habitat, this practice scenario may also reduce sheet, rill, and wind erosion, improve soil quality, improve water quality, and improve air quality. The practice may also provide wildlife habitat. Practice applicable on cropland, odd areas, corners, etc. Applies to conventional or organic systems.

Before Situation:

Crops such as corn, soybeans, or cotton may be conventionally or organically grown and harvested. Full width tillage is utilized, weeds controlled by cultivation and/or chemical application. Soil surface residue amounts average 10% or less. Erosion exceeds tolerable rates and sediment may be moving offsite into surface water degrading water quality. Soil quality (soil organic matter) declines over time as a result of tillage practices, low residue, and long periods of bare soil. Air quality may be impacted during field operations by the creation of particulates. The system provides little to no wildlife or pollinator habitat.

After Situation:

The 327 Implementation Requirements have been developed for the site and applied. Land is covered with permanent pollinator habitat including a mix of native grasses, legumes, forbs (mix may also include non-native species). This practice may also have reduced soil erosion, reduced water/sediment runoff, and improved air quality as a result of the elimination of dust emissions. Plants sown for pollinator habitat may also provide cover for beneficial insects and wildlife. This scenario does not apply to critical area plantings.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$361.66	$512.35

Practice: 328 - Conservation Crop Rotation

Scenario #64 - Basic Rotation Organic and Non-Organic

Scenario Description:

In this region this practice may be part of a conservation management system on both organic and non-organic operations to: 1) Reduce sheet, rill and wind erosion, 2) Maintain or increase soil health and organic matter content, 3) Reduce water quality degradation due to excess nutrients, 4) Improve soil moisture efficiency, 5) Reduce the concentration of salts and other chemicals from saline seeps, 6) Reduce plant pest pressures, 7) Provide feed and forage for domestic livestock, and 8) Provide food and cover habitat for wildlife, including pollinator forage, and nesting. This practice payment is provided to the producer for the time needed to plan and implement the logisitic of changing the rotation to effectively implement a conservation crop rotation on a typical 200 cropland farm. No foregone income. Cost represents typical situations for conventional and organic producers.

Before Situation:

The rotation consists primarily of low residue producing row crops. Fields range from nearly flat to C and D slopes. Erosion, soil quality, and pest management are the primary concerns.

After Situation:

A rotation is establish that provides additional high residue and/or perennial crops that may treat one or more of the following purposes: reduce sheet, rill and wind erosion, maintain or increase soil health and organic matter content, reduce water quality degradation due to excess nutrients, improve soil moisture efficiency, reduce the concentration of salts and other chemicals from saline seeps, reduce plant pest pressures, provide feed and forage for domestic livestock, or provide food and cover habitat for wildlife, including pollinator forage, and nesting.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4.02	$5.70

Practice: 338 - Prescribed Burning

Scenario #2 - Herbaceous Fuel - Standard

Scenario Description:

Applying a prescribed burn according to a designed burn plan and NRCS Prescribed Burning (338) standard and specifications in order to control undesirable species, improve wildlife habitat, improve plant productivity and/or quality, facilitate grazing distribution and maintain ecological processes. This scenario is based on the following conditions: where the terrain of the majority of the area to be burned <15% slopes with herbaceous and/or low volatile herbaceous fuels with limited high volatile fuels. Burned firebreaks used to achieve total firebreak width are part of these burns. (Constructed firebreak cost is not included in cost of burn. Refer to Firebreak (394) standard and cost scenarios).

Before Situation:

Desirable plant composition is lacking due to reduced plant vigor, invasive species, or improper livestock distribution.

After Situation:

Desirable plant composition is restored, plant vigor improved and invasive species reduced. Forage production and quality for livestock and/or wildlife is improved.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$5.23	$7.41

Practice: 340 - Cover Crop

Scenario #17 - Cover Crop - Basic and organic/non-organic

Scenario Description:

Typically a small grain or legume (may also use forage sorghum, radishes, turnips, buckwheat, etc.) will be planted as a cover crop immediately after harvest of a row crop, and will be followed by a row crop that will utilize the residue as a mulch. This scenario assumes that seed will be planted with a drill. The cover crop should be allowed to generate as much biomass as possible, without delaying planting of the following crop. The cover crop will be terminated using an approved herbicide prior to planting the subsequent crop.

Before Situation:

Row crops such as corn, soybeans, or cotton are grown and harvested in mid-late fall. Fields are disked immediately following harvest, with rows in some fields being hipped for drainage. Residue amounts after harvest average 30% or less, resulting in bare soil being exposed to wind erosion and/or intense rainfall during the fall, winter, and early spring. Over the winter residue degrades and sediment/nutrient runoff from fields increases. Erosion exceeds soil loss tolerances. Runoff from the fields flows into streams, water courses or other water bodies causing degradation to the receiving waters. Soil health (soil organic matter) declines over time as a result of tillage practices, low residue crops, and long periods of bare soil.

After Situation:

Implementation Requirements according to Cover Crop (340) are prepared and implemented. Within 30 days after harvest of the row crop, fields are planted with a small grain or legume cover crop (may also use forage sorghum, radishes, turnips, buckwheat, etc.), typically rye or clover. The average field size is 40 acres. The cover crop is seeded with a drill. No additional fertilizer is applied with the cover crop. The cover crop provides soil cover by late fall, throughout the winter, and into the early spring. Runoff and erosion are reduced. Wind erosion is reduced by standing residues. The cover crop is terminated with an approved herbicide prior to spring planting as late as feasible to maximize plant biomass production. Over time, soil health is improved due to the additional biomass, ground cover, soil infiltration, and plant diversity introduced to the cropping system. Cover crop residues left on the surface may maximize weed control by increasing allelopathic and mulching effect.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$12.40	$33.07

Practice: 340 - Cover Crop

Scenario #19 - Cover Crop Multiple Species Organic and Non-Organic

Scenario Description:

Typically the multi-species cover crop (two or more species) mix includes a small grain, a legume, and may include other species such as forage sorghum, radishes, turnips, buckwheat, etc.). This mix will address all the purposes of the Cover Crop (340) standard. Typically the cover crop is seeded immediately after harvest of a row crop, but may be inter-seeded into a row crop using a broadcast seeder, drill, or similar device. The cover crop will be followed by another row crop and will utilize the residue as a mulch. The cover crop should be allowed to generate as much biomass as possible without delaying planting of the following crop. The cover crop will be terminated using an approved herbicide or tillage prior to planting the subsequent crop and terminated per the NRCS Cover Crop Termination Guidelines.

Before Situation:

Row crops such as corn, soybeans, or cotton are grown and harvested in mid-late fall. Fields are disked immediately following harvest with rows in some fields being hipped for drainage. Residue amounts after harvest average 30% or less resulting in bare soil being exposed to wind erosion and/or intense rainfall during the fall, winter, and early spring. Over the winter residue degrades and sediment/nutrient runoff from fields increases. Erosion exceeds soil loss tolerances. Runoff from the fields flows into streams, water courses or other water bodies causing degradation to the receiving waters. Soil health (soil organic matter) declines over time as a result of tillage practices, low residue crops, and long periods of bare soil.

After Situation:

Implementation Requirements according to Cover Crop (340) are prepared and implemented. Within 30 days after the harvest of row crop, fields are planted with a multi-species (2 or more species) cover crop mix that generally includes a small grain, a legume, and may include other species such as forage sorghum, radishes, turnips, buckwheat, etc. The average field size is 40 acres. The cover crop is seeded with a drill, broadcast seeder, aerial broadcast, or other method. No additional fertilizer is applied with the cover crop. The cover crop provides soil cover by late fall, throughout the winter, and into the early spring. Runoff and erosion are reduced. Wind erosion is reduced by standing residues. The cover crop is terminated with an approved herbicide prior to spring planting as late as feasible to maximize plant biomass production. Over time, soil health is improved due to the additional biomass, ground cover, soil infiltration, and plant diversity introduced to the cropping system. Cover crop residues left on the surface may maximize weed control by increasing allelopathic and mulching effect.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$19.42	$43.70

Practice: 342 - Critical Area Planting

Scenario #26 - Vegetation-normal tillage (Organic and Non-Organic)

Scenario Description:

Establishment of permanent vegetation (Native and Introduced) on a site (both organic and non-organic) that is void or nearly void of vegetation due to a natural occurrence or a newly constructed conservation practice. Costs include seedbed preparation with typical tillage implements, grass/legume seed, companion crop, and fertilizer and lime with application.

Before Situation:

Areas that are void or nearly void of vegetation, resulting in bare soil being exposed to erosive processes. The exposed areas may be caused from recent natural occurrences (fire, flood, wind, etc.) or due to newly constructed conservation practices such as waterways, terraces, water and sediment basins or dams. The exposed areas will be subject to wind and water erosion that exceed soil loss tolerances. Runoff from the area flows into streams, water courses or other water bodies causing degradation to the receiving waters. The soil typically has a pH imbalance and low fertility.

After Situation:

Implementation Requirements are prepared and implemented according to the Critical Area Planting (342) standard. This typical 1.0 acre critical area is stabilized by applying fertilizer, lime and seed. Soil amendments will be incorporated at a depth of four to six inches to improve fertility and ensure establishment of permanent vegetative cover. The site will be stabilized, erosion reduced, and offsite damages reduced/eliminated.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$137.42	$194.68

Practice: 342 - Critical Area Planting

Scenario #27 - Native and Introduced Vegetation - Moderate Grading

Scenario Description:

Establishment of permanent vegetation (native and introduced) on a site that is void or nearly void of vegetation due to a natural or human disturbance. Costs include a dozer for grading and shaping of small gullies, seedbed preparation with typical tillage implements, grass/legume seed, companion crop, and fertilizer and lime with application.

Before Situation:

Areas that are void or nearly void of vegetation, resulting in bare soil being exposed to erosive processes. The exposed areas may be caused from natural occurrences (fire, flood, etc.) or human disturbance. The exposed areas have visible rills and small gullies averaging 1 foot in depth and 1 foot in width that requires some moderate grading to prepare a seedbed. Runoff from the area flows into streams, water courses or other water bodies causing degradation to the receiving waters. The soil typically has a pH imbalance and low fertility.

After Situation:

Implementation Requirements are prepared and implemented according to the Critical Area Planting (342) standard.. This typical 1.0 acre critical area is stabilized by grading and shaping the small gullies with a dozer and then applying fertilizer, lime and seed. The site will be stabilized, erosion reduced, and offsite damages reduced/eliminated.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$384.69	$544.98

Practice: 342 - Critical Area Planting

Scenario #28 - Native or Introduced Grass/legume mix-heavy grading (Organic and Non-organic)

Scenario Description:

Establishment of permanent vegetation on a site that is void or nearly void of vegetation due to a natural or human disturbance. Costs include a dozer for grading and shaping of moderate to severe gullies, seedbed preparation with typical tillage implements, grass/legume seed, companion crop, and fertilizer and lime with application.

Before Situation:

Areas that are void or nearly void of vegetation, resulting in bare soil being exposed to erosive processes. The exposed areas may be caused from natural occurrences (fire, flood, etc.) or human disturbance. The exposed areas have visible rills and moderate to severe gullies averaging 3 feet in depth and 3 feet in width. Runoff from the area flows into streams, water courses or other water bodies causing degradation to the receiving waters. The soil typically has a pH imbalance and low fertility.

After Situation:

Implementation Requirements are prepared and implemented according to the Critical Area Planting (342) standard. This typical 1.0 acre critical area is stabilized by grading and shaping the moderate to severe gullies with a dozer and then applying fertilizer, lime and seed. The site will be stabilized, erosion reduced, and offsite damages reduced/eliminated.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$636.77	$902.10

Practice: 345 - Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till

Scenario #46 - Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till

Scenario Description:

Mulch-till is managing the amount, orientation and distribution of crop and other plant residue on the soil surface year round while limiting the soil-disturbing activities used to grow crops in systems where the entire field surface is tilled by the planter/drill or tillage tools prior to planting. This practice includes tillage methods commonly referred to as mulch tillage, vertical tillage, chiseling and disking, or the use of high disturbance drills without additional tillage. It applies to stubble mulching on summer-fallowed land, to tillage for annually planted crops, to tillage for planted crops and to tillage for planting perennial crops. All residue shall be uniformly spread or managed over the surface throughout the critical erosion period(s). All residue shall be uniformly distributed over the entire field and not burned or removed. These periods of intensive tillage have led to excessive soil loss, often above the soil loss tolerance (T), due to the loss of crop residue on the soil surface. The NRCS erosion prediction model(s) will be used to review the farming operations and determine the amount of surface residue to manage throughout the rotation to keep soil loss below T. The producer will adopt a reduced till system to meet one or more of the practice purposes.

Before Situation:

Crops such as corn, soybeans, small grains, or cotton are grown and harvested. Fields are tilled immediately following harvest, with rows in some fields being hipped for drainage. Residue amounts after harvest average 30% or less, resulting in bare soil being exposed to wind erosion and/or intense rainfall during the fall, winter, and early spring. Over the winter residue degrades and sediment/nutrient runoff from fields increase. Sheet, rill and wind erosion occurs. Spring tillage and seedbed preparation activities occur as early as possible in the late winter and early spring. Runoff from the fields flows into streams, water courses or other water bodies causing water quality degradation. Soil health (soil organic matter) declines over time as a result of tillage practices, low residue monocultures, and long periods of bare soil.

After Situation:

The Implementation Requirements are prepared following the criteria in the 345 Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till conservation practice standard. Reduced till applies to all cropland and other lands where crops are planted. This scenario includes the use of a reduce till systems and high disturbance drills, such as a hoe drill, air seeder, or no-till drill that disturbs a large percentage of soil surface during the planting operation. The residue that remains on the soil surface provides soil cover during late fall, throughout the winter, and into the early spring. Runoff and water/wind erosion are reduced and water quality improves. Over time, soil health is improved due to less tillage, the additional biomass, ground cover, soil infiltration, and plant diversity in the cropping system.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$8.37	$13.60

Practice: 348 - Dam, Diversion

Scenario #1 - Earthfill

Scenario Description:

An earthen embankment built to divert all or part of the water from a waterway or a stream to provide water in such a manner that it can be controlled and used beneficially for irrigation, waterspreading, livestock water, fire control, municipal or industrial uses, develop renewable energy systems, recreation, or to divert periodic damaging flows from one watercourse to another watercourse thereby reducing the damage potential of the flows. This structure will address the resource concerns of inefficient water use on Irrigated Land, inadequate water for livestock, and inadequate water supply for other beneficial uses.

Before Situation:

This practice applies where a diversion dam is needed as an integral part of an irrigation or water-spreading system designed to facilitate the conservation use of soil and water resources, Diversion of water from an unstable watercourse to a stable watercourse is desirable, The water supply available is adequate for the purpose for which it is to be diverted, Adverse environmental impacts resulting from the installation of the practice can be overcome. This standard applies to structures of a permanent nature, constructed of materials having an expected life span consistent with the purpose for which the structure is designed. It does not apply where conservation practice standard Diversion (362), Floodwater Diversion (400), Dam (402), or Grade Stabilization Structure (410) would be used. This practice will provide beneficial uses for irrigation, livestock water, fire control, municipal or industrial uses, renewable energy systems, recreation, or to divert periodic damaging flows from one watercourse to another watercourse thereby reducing the damage potential of the flows.

After Situation:

An earth fill structure of approximately 3000 cubic yards is built to divert all or part of the water from a waterway or a stream. This standard applies to structures of a permanent nature, constructed of materials having an expected life span consistent with the purpose for which the structure is designed. This structure will be an integral part of an irrigation or water-spreading system designed to facilitate the conservation use of soil and water resources, or diversion of water from an unstable watercourse to a stable watercourse as needed. The water supply available is adequate for the purpose for which it is to be diverted. Adverse environmental impacts resulting from the installation of the practice must be overcome. The sheet pile structure provides beneficial uses for irrigation, livestock water, fire control, municipal or industrial uses, renewable energy systems, recreation, or to divert periodic damaging flows from one watercourse to another watercourse thereby reducing the damage potential of the flows. Any needed vegetation of disturbed areas must use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as Channel Vegetation (322), Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395), Channel Stabilization (584) will be as appropriate. Any needed head gates or flap gates to control the quantity of water being diverted must use Structure for Water Control (587).

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.91	$2.70

Practice: 350 - Sediment Basin

Scenario #1 - Excavated Basin

Scenario Description:

A basin constructed by excavation in an existing drainage way on agricultural, urban, or construction sites for the purpose of trapping sediment to preserve the capacity of reservoirs, ditches, canals, diversions, waterways and streams and to prevent undesirable deposition on bottom lands and other developed lands. The sediment basin is created by excavation and impounds less than 3 feet against any embankment or spoil. Excavated material is spoiled, not placed in a designed embankment. Earthen spillway is constructed as needed. Resource concerns addressed include excessive suspended sediment and turbidity in surface water, damage from sediment deposition, and reduced capacity of conveyances by sediment deposition. Surface water causes the sediment (and potentially pesticides and nutrients) to be transported into the riparian areas and water bodies downstream. The typical sediment basin has a drainage area of 5 acres.

Before Situation:

Disturbed areas on agricultural or urban land, or construction sites, have excessive erosion that leads to deterioration of downstream waters due to excessive sedimentation.

After Situation:

The typical sediment basin is constructed by excavating 900 cubic yards and spreading the spoil outside the pool area using a dozer or similar excavation equipment. Sediments will be collected in the basin and the basin will be emptied through an engineered outlet. Associated practice(s): Other practices that may need to be implemented along with sediment basin to address all of the site specific resource concerns include: Critical Area Planting (342) and Mulching (484) where necessary to prevent erosion following construction activities, Structure for Water Control (587) or Underground Outlet (620) if using a dewatering device, Pond Sealing or Lining (521A,521B,521C,521D).

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.70	$3.83

Practice: 350 - Sediment Basin

Scenario #2 - Embankment Basin

Scenario Description:

A sediment basin constructed with a low hazard class earthen embankment in an existing drainage way on agricultural, urban, or construction sites for the purpose of trapping sediment to preserve the capacity of reservoirs, ditches, canals, diversions, waterways and streams and to prevent undesirable deposition on bottom lands and other developed lands. The sediment basin is created by a compacted earth embankment and impounds more than 3 feet of water against the embankment. Resource concerns addressed include excessive suspended sediment and turbidity in surface water, damage from sediment deposition, and reduced capacity of conveyances by sediment deposition. Surface water causes the sediment (and potentially pesticides and nutrients) to be transported into the riparian areas and water bodies downstream. The typical sediment basin has a drainage area of 5 acres.

Before Situation:

Disturbed areas on agricultural or urban land, or construction sites, have excessive erosion that leads to deterioration of downstream waters due to excessive sedimentation.

After Situation:

The typical sediment basin is an embankment of 1000 cy with excavated material from the pool area used to construct the embankment and auxiliary spillway. The embankment will be compacted earthfill. Sediments will be collected in the basin and the basin will be emptied through an engineered outlet. Associated practice(s): Other practices that may need to be implemented along with sediment basin to address all of the site specific resource concerns include: Critical Area Planting (342) and Mulching (484) where necessary to prevent erosion following construction activities, Structure for Water Control (587) or Underground Outlet (620) if using a dewatering device, Pond Sealing or Lining (521A,521B,521C,521D).

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.34	$3.31

Practice: 351 - Well Decommissioning

Scenario #1 - Shallow, Greater than 15 in. dia.

Scenario Description:

A licensed well driller will seal and permanently close an inactive, abandoned, or unusable water well to prevent excess nutrients in surface and groundwater and to eliminate pesticides transported to surface and ground water. Well will be cleared of all equipment and materials. Residual water column must be treated with chlorine concentration of >50 ppm or according to local, State, Tribal, or Federal regulations. Install fill material (gravel, earth, concrete, and/or bentonite) consisting of 80% Gravel, 10% Cement or Bentonite, and 10% Earthfill.

Before Situation:

Shallow well or hand dug well that is greater than 15" diameter and less than 20 feet deep. Assume 30" diameter casing. Well will be cleared of all equipment and materials. Residual water column must be treated with chlorine concentration of >50 ppm or according to local, State, Tribal, or Federal regulations. Resource Concern - Water Quality Degradation

After Situation:

Procedures and sealing materials shall conform to ASTM D5299 and be compatible with all local, State, Tribal, and Federal requirements. Backfill shall be placed and compacted in a manner that minimizes segregation and bulking to prevent surface subsidence. Associated practices: 342 Critical Area Seeding

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$22.45	$31.80

Practice: 351 - Well Decommissioning

Scenario #2 - Shallow, less than 15 in. dia.

Scenario Description:

A licensed well driller will seal and permanently close an inactive, abandoned, or unusable water well to prevent excess nutrients in surface and groundwater and to eliminate pesticides transported to surface and ground water. Well will be cleared of all equipment and materials. Residual water column must be treated with chlorine concentration of >50 ppm or according to local, State, Tribal, or Federal regulations. Install fill material (gravel, earth, concrete, and/or bentonite) consisting of 60% Gravel, 20% Concrete or Bentonite, and 20% Earthfill.

Before Situation:

Shallow well or hand dug well that is less than 15" diameter and less than 80 feet deep. Assume 12" diameter casing. Well will be cleared of all equipment and materials. Residual water column must be treated with chlorine concentration of >50 ppm or according to local, State, Tribal, or Federal regulations. Resource Concern - Water Quality Degradation

After Situation:

Procedures and sealing materials shall conform to ASTM D5299 and be compatible with all local, State, Tribal, and Federal requirements. Backfill shall be placed and compacted in a manner that minimizes segregation and bulking to prevent surface subsidence. Associated practices: 342 Critical Area Seeding.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4.92	$6.97

Practice: 351 - Well Decommissioning

Scenario #3 - Drilled, less than 300 feet

Scenario Description:

A licensed well driller will seal and permanently close an inactive, abandoned, or unusable water well to prevent excess nutrients in surface and groundwater and to eliminate pesticides transported to surface and ground water.

Before Situation:

Drilled well with surface casing that is approximately 250 feet deep. Typically will be a well of less than 6" in diameter, or an artesian well which will require grout pumped and well filled from bottom up. Resource Concern - Water Quality Degradation

After Situation:

Procedures and sealing materials shall conform to ASTM D5299 and be compatible with all local, State, Tribal, and Federal requirements. Backfill shall be placed and compacted in a manner that minimizes segregation and bulking to prevent surface subsidense. Associated practices: 342 Critical Area Seeding

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$13.21	$18.71

Practice: 351 - Well Decommissioning

Scenario #4 - Drilled, between 300 and 1,000 feet

Scenario Description:

A licensed well driller will seal and permanently close an inactive, abandoned, or unusable water well to prevent excess nutrients in surface and groundwater and to eliminate pesticides transported to surface and ground water.

Before Situation:

Drilled well that is greater than 300 feet deep. Assume 6" diameter casing. Resource Concern - Water Quality Degradation

After Situation:

Procedures and sealing materials shall conform to ASTM D5299 and be compatible with all local, State, Tribal, and Federal requirements. Backfill shall be placed and compacted in a manner that minimizes segregation and bulking to prevent surface subsidense. Associated practices: 342 Critical Area Seeding

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$12.08	$17.11

Practice: 351 - Well Decommissioning

Scenario #5 - Drilled, greater than 1,000 feet

Scenario Description:

A licensed well driller will seal and permanently close an inactive, abandoned, or unusable water well to prevent excess nutrients in surface and groundwater and to eliminate pesticides transported to surface and ground water.

Before Situation:

Drilled well that is greater than 300 feet deep. Assume 3" diameter casing. Resource Concern - Water Quality Degradation

After Situation:

Procedures and sealing materials shall conform to ASTM D5299 and be compatible with all local, State, Tribal, and Federal requirements. Backfill shall be placed and compacted in a manner that minimizes segregation and bulking to prevent surface subsidense. Associated practices: 342 Critical Area Seeding

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$6.61	$9.37

Practice: 356 - Dike

Scenario #1 - Wetland Dike

Scenario Description:

Construction of a barrier, constructed of an earthen embankment, to control water level. Embankment structure to provide adequate freeboard, allowance for settlement, and foundation and embankment stability. Payment includes stripping prior to fill placement and earthfill for embankment. Associated practices include, but are not limited to: PS327 Conservation Cover, PS656 Constructed Wetland, PS342 Critical Area Planting, PS378 Ponds, PS382 Fence, PS464 Irrigation Land Levelling, PS500 Obstruction Removal, PS528 Prescribed Grazing, PS587 Structure for Water Control, PS620 Underground Outlet, PS645 Upland Wildlife Management, PS658 Wetland Creation, PS659 Wetland Enhancement, PS657 Wetland Restoration, PS644 Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management.

Before Situation:

Site requires control of water level for purposes connected with crop production; fish and wildlife managment; or wetland maintenance, improvement, restoration, or construction. An adequate quantity of soil suitable for constructing an earthen dike is available at an economical haul distance.

After Situation:

Water level controlled by a stable earthen structure. Potential hazard to public safety, land or property mitigated; environmental benefit provided.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.88	$4.08

Practice: 356 - Dike

Scenario #2 - Protective dike 6 feet high or less

Scenario Description:

Construction of a barrier 6' or less in height, constructed of an earthen embankment, to control water level. Embankment structure to provide adequate freeboard, allowance for settlement, and foundation and embankment stability. Payment includes stripping prior to fill placement, excavation of a core trench, and earthfill for embankment. Associated practices include, but are not limited to: PS327 Conservation Cover, PS656 Constructed Wetland, PS342 Critical Area Planting, PS378 Ponds, PS382 Fence, PS464 Irrigation Land Levelling, PS500 Obstruction Removal, PS528 Prescribed Grazing, PS587 Structure for Water Control, PS620 Underground Outlet, PS645 Upland Wildlife Management, PS658 Wetland Creation, PS659 Wetland Enhancement, PS657 Wetland Restoration, PS644 Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management.

Before Situation:

Site is subject to flooding or indundation which poses a potential hazard to public safety, damage to land or property. Site may also require control of water level for purposes connected with crop production; fish and wildlife managment; or wetland maintenance, improvement, restoration, or construction. An adequate quantity of soil suitable for constructing an earthen dike is available at an economical haul distance.

After Situation:

Water level controlled by a stable earthen structure 6' or less in height. Potential hazard to public safety, land or property mitigated; environmental benefit provided.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$17.99	$25.48

Practice: 359 - Waste Treatment Lagoon

Scenario #1 - Embankment Lagoon

Scenario Description:

A waste treatment lagoon is a component of a waste management system that provides biological treatment of manure and other byproducts of animal agricultural operations by reducing the pollution potential. Resource concern addressed is water quality by reducing the pollution potential to surface and groundwater by treating and storing liquid waste. Earthen lagoon liners are addressed with another standard.Potential Associated Practices: Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant (521C), Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (521D), Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (521A), Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant (521B), Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Waste Transfer (634), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roofs and Covers (367), and Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632).

Before Situation:

Operator presently has a confined animal feeding operation without a waste management system adequate to handle the waste stream leaving the animal production facilities. Manure and other agricultural waste by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed of. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources.

After Situation:

A waste treatment lagoon constructed from on-site material provides an environmentally safe facility for storing manure and other agricultural waste by-products. This facility provides the landowner a means of storing and treating waste until it can be utilized in a proper manner in accordance with a nutrient management plan.Typical design size: Design Volume is 455,616 ft3; 100' X 240' (bottom); 3:1 inside and outside side slopes; storage design depth = 12'. Earthwork quantities based on 60% excavated depth and 40% fill depth, or excavated material is balanced with the required compacted fill. This scenario does not include any additional efforts required for constructing a compacted clay lining in the lagoon. This would be contracted under 521D Pond Sealing or Lining-Compacted Clay Treatment.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.06	$0.09

Practice: 359 - Waste Treatment Lagoon

Scenario #2 - Excavated Lagoon

Scenario Description:

A waste treatment lagoon is a component of a waste management system that provides biological treatment of manure and other byproducts of animal agricultural operations by reducing the pollution potential. Resource concern addressed is water quality by reducing the pollution potential to surface and groundwater by treating and storing liquid waste. Earthen lagoon liners are addressed with another standard.Potential Associated Practices: Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant (521C), Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (521D), Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (521A), Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant (521B), Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Waste Transfer (634), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roofs and Covers (367), and Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632).

Before Situation:

Operator presently has a confined animal feeding operation without a waste management system adequate to handle the waste stream leaving the animal production facilities. Manure and other agricultural waste by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed of. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and groundwater resources.

After Situation:

A waste treatment lagoon constructed from on-site material provides an environmentally safe facility for storing manure and other agricultural waste by-products. This facility provides the landowner a means of storing and treating waste until it can be utilized in a proper manner in accordance with a nutrient management plan.Typical design size: Design Volume is 455,616 ft3; 100' X 240' (bottom); 3:1 inside and outside side slopes; storage design depth = 12'. Earthwork quantities based on 85% excavated depth and 15% fill depth. This scenario does not include any additional efforts required for constructing a compacted clay lining in the lagoon. This would be contracted under 521D Pond Sealing or Lining-Compacted Clay Treatment.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.09	$0.12

Practice: 360 - Waste Facility Closure

Scenario #1 - Decomissioning of Concrete Waste Storage Structure

Scenario Description:

This practice scenario includes the decomissioning of a concrete storage and/or treatment structure or impoundment. The purpose of the practice is to address resource concerns related to water quality degradation due to excess nutrient and pathogens in ground and/or surface waters and air quality impacts from greenhouse gases, particulate matter and associated precursors, and objectionable odors. This practice scenario does not include payment for the removal and land application of the manure, wastewater, slurry and/or sludge; however, all manure wastes shall be removed and properly land applied in accordance with Nutrient Management (590) prior to decomissioning of the structure. Associated practices: Nutrient Management (590), Critical Area Planting (342)

Before Situation:

An existing concrete waste storage structure is no longer functioning correctly or is not being used for its intended purpose. The structure may or may not contain manure, wastewater, slurry and/or sludge. It poses a safety hazard for humans and livestock and is a threat to environmentally sustainability by the potential for impacts to water and air quality.

After Situation:

This scenario assumes a concrete waste storage structure with a volume of 48000 cubic feet (200' x 30' x 8') with 8' thick walls. The volume of earthwork (earthfill and/or excavation, final grading) required is approximately 75% of the storage volume. Decomissioning of a concrete waste storage structure will consist of collapsing the concrete sidewalls to 20% of their original height and filling the storage structure with earthfill. The concrete may be disposed off site if necessary. All manure and wastewater nutrient material shall be removed and land applied in accordance with Nutrient Management (590) prior to fill. After collapsing the side walls the remaining void will be filled with earthen material from a borrow source. The disturbed areas shall be vegetated in accordance with Critical Area Planting (342) or planted to crops in accordance with Nutrient Management (590). Removing and properly utilizing the manure and waste water from the impoundment, demolition of any above grade concrete and the fill in of the concrete waste structure will address water quality degradation, air quality impacts and safety hazards The site may also become available for another use.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.11	$0.16

Practice: 360 - Waste Facility Closure

Scenario #2 - Earthen Waste Impoundment Closure

Scenario Description:

This practice scenario includes the decommissioning of an earthen storage and/or treatment structure or impoundment (embankment or excavated type) include any basins intended for sediment removal. The purpose of the practice is to address resource concerns related to water quality degradation due to excess nutrient and pathogens in ground and/or surface waters and air quality impacts from greenhouse gases, particulate matter and associated precursors, and objectionable odors. This practice scenario does not include payment for the removal and land application of the manure, wastewater, slurry and/or sludge; however, all manure wastes shall be removed and properly land applied in accordance with Nutrient Management (590) prior to decomissioning of the structure. Associated practices: Nutrient Management (590), Critical Area Planting (342)

Before Situation:

The existing manure, runoff and/or wastewaste water lagoon, storage pond or pit is no longer functioning correctly or is not being used for its intended purpose. The structure may or may not contain manure, wastewater, slurry and/or sludge. It poses a safety hazard for humans and livestock and is a threat to environmentally sustainability by the potential for impacts to water and air quality.

After Situation:

This scenario assumes a waste storage pond with total storage volume of 100,000 cubic feet over a footprint of 12150 square feet. The volume of earthwork (earthfill and excavation) required to breach the embankment and/or fill in the impoundment and perform final grading of the site is approximately 75% of the storage volume. The volume of earthwork will include 60% as excavation and 40% as compacted earthfill. An additional excavation of 450 cubic yards is assumed to remove contaminated soil below original design over the entire footprint of pond. Structural removal, as necessary, may include the removal and disposal of the synthetic liner, sealing or removal and disposal of waste transfer components and other appurtenances associated with closure of the facility. This practice scenario does not include payment for the removal and land application of the manure, wastewater, slurry and/or sludge; however, all manure wastes shall be removed and properly land applied in accordance with Nutrient Management (590) prior to decomissioning of the structure. If present, the synthetic liner will be removed and properly disposed of. All inflow devices and associated appurtenances will be removed and properly disposed of. The embankment will be breached and the excavation filled in with the embankment material or hauled in earthfill. The disturbed areas shall be vegetated in accordance with Critical Area Planting (342) or planted to crops in accordance to Nutrient Management (590). Closure of the waste impoundment will address water quality degradation, air quality impacts and safety hazards by removing and properly utilizing the waste from the impoundment and earthfill of the structure. The site will also become available for another use.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.07	$0.09

Practice: 360 - Waste Facility Closure

Scenario #13 - Feedlot Closure

Scenario Description:

This practice scenario includes the remediation of the soil on an abandoned feedlot previously used to feed animals on a bare earthen lot.The purpose of the practice is to address resource concerns related to water quality degradation due to excess nutrient and pathogens in ground and/or surface waters and air quality impacts from greenhouse gases, particulate matter and associated precursors, and objectionable odors.Associated practices: Nutrient Management (590), Critical Area Planting (342).

Before Situation:

The feedlot is abandoned. Vegetation has not been reestablished. The high level of nutrients in the soil is preventing volunteer establishment of native vegetation. Rainfall and nutrients on the bare earth feedlot pose a risk to surface water from contaminated runoff or to ground water from seepage into the underlying soils.

After Situation:

This scenario is based on a 3 acre feedlot. Surveys and testing have determined the manure pack averages 8 inches in depth and the level of nutirients in the 4 inches of soil below the manure pack is too high to treat insitu with vegetation. Payment under this scenario includes only activities associated with the soil remediation. Soil remediation activities in this scenario include removing the nutrient enriched manure pack and soil, an average of 12 inches below the existing surface (130,680 CF). The excavated surface will be vegetated with a mix of salt tolerant plants in conformance with Critical Area Planting, Code 342. Nutrient level testing and field application of the removed soil shall be performed according to nutrient planning in conformance with Nutrient Management, Code 590. Shaping and crowning of the soil material on the disturbed area and critical area seeding will be done to provide drainage, complete the site remediation and establish vegetation. Operation and maintenance of the site will include nutrient testing the following year to determine if the soil has been remediated and surface and ground water resource concerns have been addressed. In this scenario, samples at four (4) locations will be taken at 6, 12, 18 and 24 inches at the end of Year 1. Fence and feedbunk removal is to be performed under Obstruction Removal, Code 500.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7,258.26	$10,282.54

Practice: 362 - Diversion

Scenario #1 - Diversion

Scenario Description:

An earthen channel constructed across long slopes with supporting ridge on lower side, to divert runoff away from farmsteads, gullies, critical erosion areas, construction areas or other sensitive areas. Outlet may be waterway, underground outlet. or other suitable outlet. Typical diversion is, 2300 feet long and requires 1 CY excavation per LF. Channel my be level or gradient and ridge may be vegetated or farmed. The quantity of excavation and fill is balanced.

Before Situation:

Excessive sedimentation and soil erosion as a result of gully, rill or sheet erosion which exceeds "T" from farm fields and other locations. Also, roof runoff or surface runoff that becomes contaminated with agricultral wastes that significantly contributes to the amount of runoff that has to be stored or treated.

After Situation:

Diversion is 2300 feet long installed using a dozer and/or scraper. Storm water runoff is diverted away from the area to be protected. Associated practices are Critical Area Planting (342), Grassed Waterway (412), Underground Outlet (620), Mulching (484), and Subsurface Drainage (606).

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.58	$3.10

Practice: 366 - Anaerobic Digester

Scenario #1 - Small Plug Flow less than 1000 AU

Scenario Description:

A plug flow anaerobic digester can be part of a waste management system. It provides biological treatment of the waste in the absence of oxygen. This process for manure and other by-products of animal agricultural operations will manage odors, reduce the net effect of greenhouse gas emissions, and/or reduce pathogens. This scenario is for a plug flow digester with less than 1,000 animal units. Selection of digester type will be based on effluent consistency. Energy generation is not included with this scenario.Potential Associated Practices: Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Waste Transfer (634), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roof and Covers (367), Waste Separation Facility (632), Waste Treatment Lagoon (359), and Waste Storage Facility (313).

Before Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or other location, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and ground waters, in addition to the use of excessive amounts of fertilizers. The treatment of manure and other agricultural by-products is desired in order to manage odors, and/or reduce pathogens.

After Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are being treated such that odors are managed and/or pathogens are reduced. Effluent from the digester is disposed of or utilized in a proper manner in accordance with a nutrient management plan.A plug flow digester is typically constructed of concrete with vertical side walls and solid or flexible top. The typical scenario also includes items necessary to maintain mesophylic or thermophylic temperatures for bacterial activity (i.e. piping and boiler or other heat source).Typical Design Scenario: 910 animal units (650 - 1,400 lbs dairy cows).

Scenario Unit: Animal Unit

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$791.82	$1,121.74

Practice: 366 - Anaerobic Digester

Scenario #2 - Medium Plug Flow 1000-2000 AU

Scenario Description:

A plug flow anaerobic digester can be part of a waste management system. It provides biological treatment of the waste in the absence of oxygen. This process for manure and other by-products of animal agricultural operations will manage odors, reduce the net effect of greenhouse gas emissions, and/or reduce pathogens. This scenario is for plug flow digesters with livestock operations between 1,000 and 2,000 animal units. Selection of digester type will be based on effluent consistency. Energy generation is not included with this scenario.Potential Associated Practices: Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Waste Transfer (634), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roof and Covers (367), Waste Separation Facility (632), Waste Treatment Lagoon (359), and Waste Storage Facility (313).

Before Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or other location, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and ground waters, in addition to the use of excessive amounts of fertilizers. The treatment of manure and other agricultural by-products is desired in order to manage odors, and/or reduce pathogens.

After Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are being treated such that odors are managed and/or pathogens are reduced. Effluent from the digester is disposed of or utilized in a proper manner in accordance with a nutrient management plan.A plug flow digester is typically constructed of concrete with vertical side walls and solid or flexible top. The typical scenario also includes items necessary to maintain mesophylic or thermophylic temperatures for bacterial activity (i.e. piping and boiler or other heat source). Typical design scenario: 1,750 animal units (1,250 - 1,400 lbs dairy cows).

Scenario Unit: Animal Unit

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$617.55	$874.86

Practice: 366 - Anaerobic Digester

Scenario #3 - Large Plug Flow greater than 2000 AU

Scenario Description:

A plug flow anaerobic digester can be part of a waste management system. It provides biological treatment of the waste in the absence of oxygen. This process for manure and other by-products of animal agricultural operations will manage odors, reduce the net effect of greenhouse gas emissions, and/or reduce pathogens. This scenario is for plug flow digesters with more than 2,000 animal units. Selection of digester type will be based on effluent consistency. Energy generation is not included with this scenario.Potential Associated Practices: Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Waste Transfer (634), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roof and Covers (367), Waste Separation Facility (632), Waste Treatment Lagoon (359), and Waste Storage Facility (313).

Before Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or other location, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and ground waters, in addition to the use of excessive amounts of fertilizers. The treatment of manure and other agricultural by-products is desired in order to manage odors, and/or reduce pathogens.

After Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are being treated such that odors are managed and/or pathogens are reduced. Effluent from the digester is disposed of or utilized in a proper manner in accordance with a nutrient management plan.A plug flow digester is typically constructed of concrete with vertical side walls and solid or flexible top. The typical scenario also includes items necessary to maintain mesophylic or thermophylic temperatures for bacterial activity (i.e. piping and boiler or other heat source). Typical Design Scenario: 3,920 animal units (2,800 - 1,400 lbs dairy cows).

Scenario Unit: Animal Unit

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$524.45	$742.98

Practice: 366 - Anaerobic Digester

Scenario #4 - Small Complete Mix less than 1000 AU

Scenario Description:

A complete mix anaerobic digester can be part of a waste management system. It provides biological treatment of the waste in the absence of oxygen. This process for manure and other by-products of animal agricultural operations will manage odors, reduce the net effect of greenhouse gas emissions, and/or reduce pathogens. This scenario is for complete mix systems with less than 1,000 animal units. Selection of digester type will be based on effluent consistency. Energy generation is not included with this scenario.Potential Associated Practices: Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Waste Transfer (634), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roof and Covers (367), Waste Separation Facility (632), Waste Treatment Lagoon (359), and Waste Storage Facility (313).

Before Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or other location, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and ground waters, in addition to the use of excessive amounts of fertilizers. The treatment of manure and other agricultural by-products is desired in order to manage odors, and/or reduce pathogens.

After Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are being treated such that odors are managed and/or pathogens are reduced. Effluent from the digester is disposed of or utilized in a proper manner in accordance with a nutrient management plan.A complete mix digester is typically a round above ground structure constructed of concrete or steel. The typical scenario also includes items necessary to maintain mesophylic or thermophylic temperatures for bacterial activity (i.e. piping and boiler or other heat source). Typical Design Scenario: 1,039 animal units (742 - 1,400 lbs dairy cows).

Scenario Unit: Animal Unit

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$430.56	$609.96

Practice: 366 - Anaerobic Digester

Scenario #5 - Medium Complete Mix 1000-2500 AU

Scenario Description:

A complete mix anaerobic digester can be part of a waste management system. It provides biological treatment of the waste in the absence of oxygen. This process for manure and other by-products of animal agricultural operations will manage odors, reduce the net effect of greenhouse gas emissions, and/or reduce pathogens. This scenario is for complete mix systems between 1,000 and 2,500 animal units. Selection of digester type will be based on effluent consistency. Energy generation is not included with this scenario.Potential Associated Practices: Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Waste Transfer (634), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roof and Covers (367), Waste Separation Facility (632), Waste Treatment Lagoon (359), and Waste Storage Facility (313).

Before Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or other location, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and ground waters, in addition to the use of excessive amounts of fertilizers. The treatment of manure and other agricultural by-products is desired in order to manage odors, and/or reduce pathogens.

After Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are being treated such that odors are managed and/or pathogens are reduced. Effluent from the digester is disposed of or utilized in a proper manner in accordance with a nutrient management plan.A complete mix digester is typically a round above ground structure constructed of concrete or steel. The typical scenario also includes items necessary to maintain mesophylic or thermophylic temperatures for bacterial activity (i.e. piping and boiler or other heat source). Typical Design Scenario: 1,890 animal units (1,350 - 1,400 lbs dairy cows).

Scenario Unit: Animal Unit

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$412.98	$585.05

Practice: 366 - Anaerobic Digester

Scenario #6 - Large Complete Mix greater than 2,500 AU

Scenario Description:

A complete mix anaerobic digester can be part of a waste management system. It provides biological treatment of the waste in the absence of oxygen. This process for manure and other by-products of animal agricultural operations will manage odors, reduce the net effect of greenhouse gas emissions, and/or reduce pathogens. This scenario is for complete mix systems with more than 2,500 animal units. Selection of digester type will be based on effluent consistency. Energy generation is not included with this scenario.Potential Associated Practices: Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Waste Transfer (634), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roof and Covers (367), Waste Separation Facility (632), Waste Treatment Lagoon (359), and Waste Storage Facility (313).

Before Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or other location, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and ground waters, in addition to the use of excessive amounts of fertilizers. The treatment of manure and other agricultural by-products is desired in order to manage odors, and/or reduce pathogens.

After Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are being treated such that odors are managed and/or pathogens are reduced. Effluent from the digester is disposed of or utilized in a proper manner in accordance with a nutrient management plan. A complete mix digester is typically a round above ground structure constructed of concrete or steel. The typical scenario also includes items necessary to maintain mesophylic or thermophylic temperatures for bacterial activity (i.e. piping and boiler or other heat source). Typical Design Scenario: 3,220 animal units (2,300 - 1,400 lbs dairy cows).

Scenario Unit: Animal Unit

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$281.54	$398.84

Practice: 366 - Anaerobic Digester

Scenario #7 - Covered Lagoon/Holding Pond

Scenario Description:

A covered lagoon can be part of a waste management system. It provides biological treatment of the waste in the absence of oxygen. This process for manure and other by-products of animal agricultural operations will manage odors, reduce the net effect of greenhouse gas emissions, and/or reduce pathogens. This scenario is for all livestock operation sizes. The waste holding/treatment area is covered by waste treatment lagoon (359) or waste storage facility (313) and the cover is addressed under roofs and covers (367). Selection of digester type will be based on effluent consistency. Costs for this scenario are only for system controls, gas collection, and flaring system. Energy generation is not included with this scenario.Potential Associated Practices: Fence (382), Critical Area Planting (342), Nutrient Management (590), Waste Transfer (634), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Roof and Covers (367), Waste Separation Facility (632), Waste Treatment Lagoon (359), and Waste Storage Facility (313).

Before Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are not being utilized or controlled in an environmentally safe manner. The wastes are either accumulating at the source, or other location, or are being transported but not properly utilized or disposed. This situation poses an environmental threat of excessive nutrients, organics, and pathogens being transported into surface and ground waters, in addition to the use of excessive amounts of fertilizers. The treatment of manure and other agricultural by-products is desired in order to manage odors, and/or reduce pathogens.

After Situation:

Manure and other agricultural by-products are being treated such that odors are managed and/or pathogens are reduced. Effluent from the digester is disposed of or utilized in a proper manner in accordance with a nutrient management plan.A covered lagoon/holding pond typically has a fexible top installed over an earthen storage/treatment facility for the purpose of capturing the biogas. Typical Design Scenario: 1,000 animal units (715 - 1,400 lbs dairy cows).

Scenario Unit: Animal Unit

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$65.03	$92.13

Practice: 367 - Roofs and Covers

Scenario #1 - Hoop Structure Roof

Scenario Description:

A flexible membrane or fabric-like roof placed on a steel truss hoop-like supports and supporting foundation. Manure is stored as a liquid in basins, tanks, and as a solid on concrete and earthen surfaces. Excess precipitation can cause premature filling of storages or cause nutrients to leach from solid manure piles leading to uncontrolled runoff as well as odor issues. Associated practices include Waste Storage Facility (313), Animal Mortality Facility (316), Composting Facility (317), Roof Runoff Structure (558), and Waste Treatment (629).

Before Situation:

Applicable where the exclusion of precipitation from an animal waste storage and/or treatment facility will improve of an existing or planned system. Manure is stored as a liquid in basins, tanks, and as a solid on concrete and earthen surfaces. Excess precipitation can cause premature filling of storages or cause nutrients to leach from solid manure piles leading to uncontrolled runoff as well as odor issues.

After Situation:

A flexible membrane or fabric-like roof placed on a steel truss hoop-like supports and supporting foundation. Roof or cover will be engineered and installed in accordance with appropriate building codes and permits. Typical size is 9,000 square feet (36' X 250') and is over an approved animal waste management facility as a component of a CNMP. It is designed to prevent precipitation to allow proper management of animal waste streams (manure or compost streams), thus mitigating the negative factors from the "before practice implementation".

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.47	$4.92

Practice: 367 - Roofs and Covers

Scenario #2 - Timber or Steel Sheet Roof

Scenario Description:

A timber framed structure without enclosing sidewalls with a timber or steel "sheet" roof and supporting foundation. Manure is stored as a liquid in basins, tanks, and as a solid on concrete and earthen surfaces. Excess precipitation can cause premature filling of storages or cause nutrients to leach from solid manure piles leading to uncontrolled runoff as well as odor issues. Associated practices include Waste Storage Facility (313), Animal Mortality Facility (316), Composting Facility (317), Agrichemical Handling Facility (309), Roof Runoff Structure (558), and Waste Treatment (629).

Before Situation:

Applicable where the exclusion of precipitation from an animal waste storage and/or treatment facility will improve of an existing or planned system. Manure is stored as a liquid in basins, tanks, and as a solid on concrete and earthen surfaces. Excess precipitation can cause premature filling of storages or cause nutrients to leach from solid manure piles leading to uncontrolled runoff as well as odor issues.

After Situation:

A timber framed building with a timber or steel "sheet" roof and supporting foundation. Engineered and installed in accordance with appropriate building codes and permits. Typical size is 5,000 square feet and is over an approved animal waste management facility as a component of a CNMP. It is designed to prevent precipitation to allow proper management of animal waste streams (manure or compost streams), thus mitigating the negative factors from the "before practice implementation".

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$5.12	$7.26

Practice: 367 - Roofs and Covers

Scenario #3 - Flexible Membrane Cover Only

Scenario Description:

A fabricated rigid, semi-rigid, or flexible membrane over a waste storage or treatment facility. The membrane will cover the entire surface of a waste storage or treatment facility (e.g. waste treatment lagoon or anaerobic digester). Cover will exclude precipitation and/or capture biogas for controlled release for flaring or anaerobic digestion. This scenario does not include the flare to convert methane to carbon dioxide.Associated practices include Waste Storage Facility (313), Waste Treatment Lagoon (359), Anaerobic Digester (366), Animal Mortality Facility (316), Composting Facility (317), Roof Runoff Structure (558), Pumping Plant (533), and Waste Treatment (629).

Before Situation:

Applicable where the exclusion of precipitation from an animal waste storage or treatment lagoon will improve the management of an existing or planned system, capture and controlled release or flaring of emissions from an existing or planned agricultural waste storage to improve air quality, and/or biogas production and capture for energy use are part of the existing or planned animal waste management system.

After Situation:

A 50,000 SF fabricated rigid, semi-rigid, or flexible membrane over a waste storage or treatment facility. The membrane will cover the entire surface of a waste storage or treatment facility (e.g. waste treatment lagoon or anaerobic digester). Precipitation is excluded from the animal waste storage or treatment lagoon

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.65	$0.92

Practice: 367 - Roofs and Covers

Scenario #4 - Flex Membrane w/Flare

Scenario Description:

A fabricated rigid, semi-rigid, or flexible membrane over a waste storage or treatment facility. The membrane will cover the entire surface of a waste storage or treatment facility (e.g. waste treatment lagoon or anaerobic digester). Cover will exclude precipitation and/or capture biogas for controlled release for flaring or anaerobic digestion. This scenario includes the flare to convert methane to carbon dioxide.Associated practices include Waste Storage Facility (313), Waste Treatment Lagoon (359), Anaerobic Digester (366), Animal Mortality Facility (316), Composting Facility (317), Roof Runoff Structure (558), Pumping Plant (533), and Waste Treatment (629).

Before Situation:

Applicable where the exclusion of precipitation from an animal waste storage or treatment lagoon will improve the management of an existing or planned system, capture and controlled release or flaring of emissions from an existing or planned agricultural waste storage to improve air quality, and/or biogas production and capture for energy use are part of the existing or planned animal waste management system.

After Situation:

A 50,000 SF fabricated rigid, semi-rigid, or flexible membrane over a waste storage or treatment facility. The membrane will cover the entire surface of a waste storage or treatment facility (e.g. waste treatment lagoon or anaerobic digester). This scenario includes the flare to convert methane to carbon dioxide.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.57	$2.23

Practice: 371 - Air Filtration and Scrubbing

Scenario #1 - Biofilter

Scenario Description:

Porous filter media is utilized to filter the exhaust from animal confinement facilities to allow microbial activity to reduce objectionable odors. The typical installation is a horizontal media bed supported by a treated lumber substructure to allow airflow to be directed beneath and then up through the media. Vertical biofilters may also be utilized. The filter media is a combination of wood chips to maintain porosity and compost to provide the microorganisms for the air filtering activity. A typical mix ratio would be 80% wood chips and 20% compost. Ventilation system component alterations that may be required to facilitate the biofilter application are not included in the cost computation. Payment includes materials, equipment, and labor costs for installing the biofilter. A stabilized area around the biofilter is not included and must be addressed through the associated practice of Heavy Use Area Protection (561), if needed. Resource concern: Air ??? Objectionable Odors

Before Situation:

The animal confinement facility has an uncontrolled airflow that is causing objectionable odors.

After Situation:

A 32' X 200" horizontal media bed, 20" thick is supported by a treated lumber substructure to allow airflow to be directed beneath and then up through the media is installed adjacent to a swine production facility. Exhaust from the facility is directed to flow through the biofilter media to reduce objectionable odors. Maintainace of the media bed will be required on a 3-5 year cycle to maintain effectiveness.Associated practices include Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste (591), Windbreak (380), Waste Storage Facility (313), Composting Facility (317), and CAP-Comprehensive Air Quality Management Plan (126).

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$31.25	$44.27

Practice: 371 - Air Filtration and Scrubbing

Scenario #3 - Biofilter-Traditional Horizontal

Scenario Description:

Porous filter media is utilized to filter the exhaust from animal confinement facilities to allow microbial activity to reduce objectionable odors. The typical installation is a horizontal media bed supported by a treated lumber substructure to allow airflow from multiple fans to be directed beneath and then up through the media. Vertical biofilters may also be utilized. The filter media is a combination of wood chips to maintain porosity and compost to provide the microorganisms for the air filtering activity. A typical mix ratio would be 80% wood chips and 20% compost. Ventilation system component alterations that may be required to facilitate the biofilter application are not included in the cost computation. Payment includes materials, equipment, and labor costs for installing the biofilter. A stabilized area around the biofilter is not included and must be addressed through the associated practice of Heavy Use Area Protection (561), if needed. Resource concern: Air ??? Objectionable Odors

Before Situation:

The animal confinement facility has an uncontrolled airflow that is causing objectionable odors.

After Situation:

A 32' X 200" horizontal media bed, 20" thick is supported by a treated lumber substructure to allow airflow to be directed beneath and then up through the media is installed adjacent to a swine production facility. Exhaust from the facility is directed to flow through the biofilter media to reduce objectionable odors. Maintainace of the media bed will be required on a 3-5 year cycle to maintain effectiveness.Associated practices include Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste (591), Windbreak (380), Waste Storage Facility (313), Composting Facility (317), and CAP-Comprehensive Air Quality Management Plan (126).

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$20.70	$29.33

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

Scenario #1 - Ventilation - Exhaust

Scenario Description:

Replacement of a conventional exhaust fan with high volume, low speed, efficient exhaust fan. Fans being installed should be models previously tested by BESS Lab or the Air Movement and Control Association and be in top 20 percentile of fans tested. Practice certification will be through receipts and pictures from the applicant. Typical scenario includes the replacement of a 48" fan.

Before Situation:

Inefficient ventilation in an agricultural building.

After Situation:

High-efficiency ventilation system which reduces energy use. The new ventilation equipment will provide suitable air quality and reduce overall power requirements (kW) compared to the existing ventilation system as evidenced in an energy audit. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$873.18	$1,237.00

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

Scenario #2 - Ventilation - HAF

Scenario Description:

A system of fans are installed to create a horizontal air circulation pattern; the new system promotes efficient heat and moisture distribution. In a typical 10,000 square foot greenhouse, 10 HAF fans are needed. Fan performance meets Energy Audit efficiency criteria as tested by AMCA or BESS Labs.

Before Situation:

Inefficent air circulation system in a greenhouse.

After Situation:

High-efficiency air circulation system which reduces energy use. The new equipment will provide suitable air quality and reduce overall power requirements (kW) compared to the existing system as evidenced in an energy audit. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$132.45	$187.63

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

Scenario #4 - Plate Cooler

Scenario Description:
The installation of all stainless steel dual pass plate cooler, type 316 stainless steel. Practice certification will be through receipts and pictures from the applicant.

Before Situation:
Inefficient milk cooling (minimal pre-cooling of milk before entering the bulk tank).

After Situation:
High-efficiency milk cooling system which reduces energy use. The new milk cooling equipment will pre-cool the milk and reduce overall power requirements (kW) compared to the existing milk cooling system (where most of the cooling was accomplished in the bulk tank) as evidenced in an energy audit. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4,256.06	$6,029.42

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

Scenario #5 - Scroll Compressor

Scenario Description:

Install a new scroll compressor, associated controls, wiring, and materials to retrofit an existing refrigeration system. A new condenser is not included in this typical scenario. Typical scenario includes a new 5 horsepower scroll compressor.

Before Situation:

Inefficient reciprocating compressor as a key component of the refrigeration system used to cool milk. The compressor is a critical part of a milk cooling system, affecting milk quality, system reliability, and system efficiency.

After Situation:

A more efficient scroll compressor, which will reduce energy use, is evidenced by the energy audit. A comparably sized scroll compressor provides refrigeration capacity at a higher efficiency than a reciprocating compressor. Newer scroll compressor systems typically reduce electricity use by 15 to 25 percent compared to reciprocating compressors. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Horsepower

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$521.99	$739.48

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

Scenario #7 - Automatic Controller System

Scenario Description:

The typical scenario consists of an automatic control system installed on an existing manually controlled agricultural system. Typical components may include any of the following: wiring, sensors, data logger, logic controller, communication link, software, switches, and relay.

Before Situation:

A manually controlled system is existing in an agricultural facility that causes the inefficient use of energy, as evidenced by an on-farm energy audit.

After Situation:

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of an automatic controller that helps regulates the energy consumption of the existing system. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$176.28	$249.74

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

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Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$176.28	$1,296.61

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

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Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$915.26	$249.74

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

Scenario #7 - Automatic Controller System

Scenario Description:

The typical scenario consists of an automatic control system installed on an existing manually controlled agricultural system. Typical components may include any of the following: wiring, sensors, data logger, logic controller, communication link, software, switches, and relay.

Before Situation:

A manually controlled system is existing in an agricultural facility that causes the inefficient use of energy, as evidenced by an on-farm energy audit.

After Situation:

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of an automatic controller that helps regulates the energy consumption of the existing system. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$915.26	$1,296.61

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

Scenario #8 - Motor Upgrade > 100 HP

Scenario Description:

The typical scenario consists of replacing an existing electric motor used to drive a ventilation fan, irrigation pumps, vacuum pump, or similar equipment involved with agricultural production with a new, high efficiency motor. The motor size is larger than 100 horsepower.

Before Situation:

The system is inefficient with a standard efficiency motor.

After Situation:

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of a NEMA premium efficiency motor. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Horsepower

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$99.28	$140.65

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

Scenario #10 - Motor Upgrade > 1 and < 10 HP

Scenario Description:

The typical scenario consists of replacing an existing electric motor used to drive a ventilation fan, irrigation pumps, vacuum pump, or similar equipment involved with agricultural production with a new, high efficiency motor. The motor size is larger than 1 and less than 10 horsepower.

Before Situation:

The system is inefficient with a standard efficiency motor.

After Situation:

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of a NEMA premium efficiency motor. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Horsepower

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$111.20	$157.54

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

Scenario #11 - Motor Upgrade <= 1 HP

Scenario Description:

The typical scenario consists of replacing an existing electric motor used to drive a ventilation fan, irrigation pumps, vacuum pump, or similar equipment involved with agricultural production with a new, high efficiency motor. The motor size is less than or equal to 1 horsepower.

Before Situation:

The system is inefficient with a standard efficiency motor.

After Situation:

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of a NEMA premium efficiency motor. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Horsepower

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$370.00	$524.16

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

Scenario #12 - Heating - Radiant Systems

Scenario Description:

Replace "pancake" Brood Heaters in a poultry house with Radiant Tube Heaters, or similar. Replacement will require the materials and labor to remove existing heating system, re-plumb gas lines, cables and wench system to retrofit new radiant tube heaters, and miscellaneous items to complete the installation. Alternate acceptable radiant heating systems can include radiant brooders and quad radiant systems as evidenced by the energy audit. The typical scenario consists of the replacement of 28 brood heaters with 6 radiant tube heaters.

Before Situation:

Inefficient heat distribution equipment, such as conventional "pancake" brood heaters. The Pancake brooder, mounted at a low installation height, primarily warms the air. They provide a one-to-two foot perimeter at desired temperatures around each brooder. A large number of brooders are required to cover a significant percent of floor space. As the warmed air naturally rises it loses effectiveness for poultry on the ground.

After Situation:

Energy use is reduced through installation of a more efficient heater. Radiant tube heaters primarily warm objects within a direct line of sight (similar to the sun or an open fire). Air temperature is of relatively little importance for a radiant heating systems to be effective. As a result, radiant sytems are typically installed 5' or more above the floor level. This height extends the distribution of the radiant heat over a larger area than is possible with pancake style heaters. A roughly 16' diameter radiant heat zone heats over twice that of a convential pancake brooder. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$957.42	$1,356.34

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

Scenario #13 - Heating (Building)

Scenario Description:

Replace existing low efficiency heaters with new high efficiency heaters. High-efficiency heating systems include any heating unit with efficiency rating of 80%+ for fuel oil and 90%+ for natural gas and propane. Applications may be air heating/building environment and hydronic (boiler) heating for agricultural operations, including under bench, or root zone heating. An alternative to heater replacement might be the addition of climate control system and electronic temperature controls with +/- 1 degree F differential, to reduce the annual run time.

Before Situation:

Buildings heated with low efficiency heaters or heaters without proper electronic climate controls

After Situation:

Higher efficiency heaters reduce energy consumption, energy costs, and GHG emissions. These replacement systems can be fueled by natural gas, propane, or fuel oil. Associated practices/activities: 122-AgEMP - HQ and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: 1,000 BTU/Hour

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7.75	$10.98

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

Scenario #14 - Heating - Attic Heat Recovery vents

Scenario Description:

Install actuated inlets or automatic latching gravity inlets that draw warmer, drier air from the attic to assist with moisture and heat control when ventiliation fans are being operated in poultry houses and swine barns. Other systems to transfer heat, as detailed in ASABE S612-compliant energy audit may also be used. Based on a 40' x 500' poultry house.

Before Situation:

Heated buildings with attic spaces but no means to transfer heat between the heated space, attic, and ambient (outside) air when relative conditions allow for reduced energy use.

After Situation:

Attic vents or inlets allow dry warm air from the attic to cirulated through out the building. By using pre-warmed air from the attic less energy is needed for heating 122-AgEMP - HQ and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$101.70	$144.08

Practice: 374 - FARMSTEAD ENERGY IMPROVEMENT

Scenario #40 - Variable Speed Drive > 15 HP

Scenario Description:

The typical scenario consists of a variable speed drive (VSD) and appurtenances, such as hook-ups, control panels, wiring, control blocks, filters, switches, pads, etc. attached to an electric motor used to drive a ventilation fan, irrigation pumps, vacuum pump, or similar equipment involved with agricultural production. The motor size, on which the VSD is added, is larger than 15 HP.

Before Situation:

The system is inefficient when a motor operates at constant speed to satisfy a load which varies as to flow rate and/or pressure requirements.

After Situation:

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of a VSD to control electric motors. After the VSD is applied, the motor speed can be adjusted to reduce power requirements and better match varied flow or pressure requirements. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Horsepower

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$149.19	$211.35

Practice: 378 - Pond

Scenario #1 - Excavated Pond

Scenario Description:

A low-hazard water impoundment structure on agricultural lands to maintain or improve water quality and to provide water for livestock, fish and wildlife, recreation, fire control, developing renewable energy systems and other related uses. Pond is created solely by excavation and impounds less than 3 feet against the embankment or spoil. Excavated material is spoiled, not placed in a designed embankment. Earthen spillway is constructed as needed. The resource concerns addressed include inadequate livestock water, excessive suspended sediment and turbidity in surface water, damage from sediment deposition, and reduced capacity of conveyances by sediment deposition.

Before Situation:

Area exists where water could naturally pool or run off to create a pond for livestock, wildlife, fire control or developing renewable energy systems, and other related uses, and to maintain or improve water quality. Failure of the pond will not result in loss of life; damage to homes, commercial or industrial buildings, main highways, or railroads; or in interruption of the use or service of public utilities.

After Situation:

The typical pond is constructed by excavating 3000 cubic yards and spreading the spoil outside the pool area using a dozer or similar excavation equipment. Vegetation will be completed under critical area planting (342). Other associated practices include 382, 516, 521A, 533, 614, 587, 396.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.85	$2.37

Practice: 378 - Pond

Scenario #64 - Rehab Embankment Pond, With Principal Spillway

Scenario Description:

A previously built earthen embankment dam witha principal spillway pipe that is greater than 24" in diameter. Previously installed structure had embankment and pipe failure, and is in need of new pipe installation and embankment repair. Cost estimate is based upon shaping side slopes, replacing pipe and riser, and replacing with a typical amount of earthfill of 4250 cubic yards. Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the structure and impacting the downstream water quality. Also presents a safety hazard of potential dam failure. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

After Situation:

Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Pumping Plant (533), Watering Facility (614), and Livestock Pipeline (516) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Diameter Inch Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7.10	$10.05

Practice: 378 - Pond

Scenario #64 - Rehab Embankment Pond, With Principal Spillway

Scenario Description:

A previously built earthen embankment dam witha principal spillway pipe that is greater than 24" in diameter. Previously installed structure had embankment and pipe failure, and is in need of new pipe installation and embankment repair. Cost estimate is based upon shaping side slopes, replacing pipe and riser, and replacing with a typical amount of earthfill of 4250 cubic yards. Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the structure and impacting the downstream water quality. Also presents a safety hazard of potential dam failure. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

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Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Pumping Plant (533), Watering Facility (614), and Livestock Pipeline (516) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Diameter Inch Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7.10	$10.65

Practice: 378 - Pond

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Scenario Description:

A previously built earthen embankment dam witha principal spillway pipe that is greater than 24" in diameter. Previously installed structure had embankment and pipe failure, and is in need of new pipe installation and embankment repair. Cost estimate is based upon shaping side slopes, replacing pipe and riser, and replacing with a typical amount of earthfill of 4250 cubic yards. Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the structure and impacting the downstream water quality. Also presents a safety hazard of potential dam failure. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

After Situation:

Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Pumping Plant (533), Watering Facility (614), and Livestock Pipeline (516) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Diameter Inch Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$8.28	$10.05

Practice: 378 - Pond

Scenario #64 - Rehab Embankment Pond, With Principal Spillway

Scenario Description:

A previously built earthen embankment dam witha principal spillway pipe that is greater than 24" in diameter. Previously installed structure had embankment and pipe failure, and is in need of new pipe installation and embankment repair. Cost estimate is based upon shaping side slopes, replacing pipe and riser, and replacing with a typical amount of earthfill of 4250 cubic yards. Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the structure and impacting the downstream water quality. Also presents a safety hazard of potential dam failure. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

After Situation:

Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Pumping Plant (533), Watering Facility (614), and Livestock Pipeline (516) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Diameter Inch Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$8.28	$10.65

Practice: 380 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

Scenario #1 - Hand Planted, Bare Root

Scenario Description:

Single 600 foot row of bare root shrubs, conifers, hardwoods, or combination for wind protection, wildlife habitat, or snow management. Shrubs will be planted with a spacing of 4 to 6 feet and hardwoods/conifers 8 to 12 feet apart. The scenario will include 1/3 shrubs, 1/3 hardwoods, and 1/3 conifers based on feet of trees. This practice is typically applied to crop, pasture or range lands. Resource Concerns to be addressed may include: Soil Erosion (wind); Excess/Insufficient Water (drifted snow, inefficient moisture management); Water Quality Degradation (excess nutrients in surface waters, excessive sediment in surface waters,); Degraded Plant Condition (undesirable plant productivity and health); Inadequate habitat for Fish and Wildlife (food, cover/shelter, continuity); Inefficient Energy Use (facilities, farming/ranching practices and field operations).

Before Situation:

Agricultural field, livestock paddock, feedlot or farmstead needing protection from wind, additional wildlife food and cover, or management of snow deposition

After Situation:

Wind velocity suitably reduced to minimize soil erosion, or to manage snow deposition. Additional wildlife food and cover.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.49	$1.79

Practice: 380 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

Scenario #5 - Trees, machine planted

Scenario Description:

Tree planting consisting of 2500 feet of trees for wind protection, energy conservation, wildlife habitat, air quality, snow management or to provide a visual screen. The planting may consist of shrubs, hardwood trees, conifers, or a combination. Trees and shrubs planted with a tree planting machine. Shrubs will be planted with a spacing of 4 to 6 feet and hardwoods/conifers 8 to 12 feet apart in the row with rows 16 feet apart. The scenario will include 1/4 shrubs, 1/2 hardwoods, and 1/4 conifers based on feet of trees. Herbivores (deer, rabbits, etc.) are NOT expected to browse tree seedlings, tree protection is not needed. This practice is typically applied to crop, pasture or range lands. Resource Concerns to be addressed include: Soil Erosion (wind); Excess/Insufficient Water (drifted snow, inefficient moisture management); Water Quality Degradation (excess nutrients in surface waters, pesticides transported to surface waters, excessive sediment in surface waters,); Degraded Plant Condition (undesirable plant productivity and health); Inadequate habitat for Fish and Wildlife (food, cover/shelter, continuity); Livestock Production Limitation (inadequate shelter); Air Quality Impacts (emission of particulate matter, objectionable odors); Inefficient Energy Use (facilities, farming/ranching practices and field operations).

Before Situation:

Agricultural field, livestock paddock, feedlot or farmstead needing protection from wind, additional wildlife food and cover, odor mitigation, visual screen or management of snow deposition

After Situation:

Wind velocity suitably reduced to minimize soil erosion, energy loss or to manage snow deposition. Additional wildlife food and cover, mixing of odor plumes and visual screening.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.21	$0.25

Practice: 380 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

Scenario #6 - Trees, machine planted, wildlife protection

Scenario Description:

Tree planting consisting of 2500 feet of trees for wind protection, energy conservation, wildlife habitat, air quality, snow management or to provide a visual screen. The planting may consist of shrubs, hardwood trees, conifers, or a combination. Trees and shrubs planted with a tree planting machine. Shrubs will be planted with a spacing of 4 to 6 feet and hardwoods/conifers 8 to 12 feet apart in the row with rows 16 feet apart. The scenario will include 1/4 shrubs, 1/2 hardwoods, and 1/4 conifers based on feet of trees. Herbivore (deer, rabbits, etc.) damage is likely, so each tree must be protected with a rigid tube tree shelter. This practice is typically applied to crop, pasture or range lands. Resource Concerns to be addressed include: Soil Erosion (wind); Excess/Insufficient Water (drifted snow, inefficient moisture management); Water Quality Degradation (excess nutrients in surface waters, pesticides transported to surface waters, excessive sediment in surface waters,); Degraded Plant Condition (undesirable plant productivity and health); Inadequate habitat for Fish and Wildlife (food, cover/shelter, continuity); Livestock Production Limitation (inadequate shelter); Air Quality Impacts (emission of particulate matter, objectionable odors); Inefficient Energy Use (facilities, farming/ranching practices and field operations).

Before Situation:

Agricultural field, livestock paddock, feedlot or farmstead needing protection from wind, additional wildlife food and cover, odor mitigation, visual screen or management of snow deposition

After Situation:

Wind velocity suitably reduced to minimize soil erosion, energy loss or to manage snow deposition. Additional wildlife food and cover, mixing of odor plumes and visual screening.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.62	$0.74

Practice: 380 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

Scenario #14 - Trees, machine planted, weed barrier

Scenario Description:

Tree planting consisting of 2500 feet of trees for wind protection, energy conservation, wildlife habitat, air quality, snow management or to provide a visual screen. The planting may consist of shrubs, hardwood trees, conifers, or a combination. Trees and shrubs planted with a tree planting machine. Shrubs will be planted with a spacing of 4 to 6 feet and hardwoods/conifers 8 to 12 feet apart in the row with rows 16 feet apart. The scenario will include 1/4 shrubs, 1/2 hardwoods, and 1/4 conifers based on feet of trees. Herbivores (deer, rabbits, etc.) are NOT expected to browse tree seedlings, tree protection is not needed. This practice is typically applied to crop, pasture or range lands. Fabric installed to reduce competition from weeds and grass. Resource Concerns to be addressed include: Soil Erosion (wind); Excess/Insufficient Water (drifted snow, inefficient moisture management); Water Quality Degradation (excess nutrients in surface waters, pesticides transported to surface waters, excessive sediment in surface waters,); Degraded Plant Condition (undesirable plant productivity and health); Inadequate habitat for Fish and Wildlife (food, cover/shelter, continuity); Livestock Production Limitation (inadequate shelter); Air Quality Impacts (emission of particulate matter, objectionable odors); Inefficient Energy Use (facilities, farming/ranching practices and field operations).

Before Situation:

Agricultural field, livestock paddock, feedlot or farmstead needing protection from wind, additional wildlife food and cover, odor mitigation, visual screen or management of snow deposition

After Situation:

Wind velocity suitably reduced to minimize soil erosion, energy loss or to manage snow deposition. Additional wildlife food and cover, mixing of odor plumes and visual screening.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.66	$0.79

Practice: 380 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

Scenario #14 - Trees, machine planted, weed barrier

Scenario Description:

Tree planting consisting of 2500 feet of trees for wind protection, energy conservation, wildlife habitat, air quality, snow management or to provide a visual screen. The planting may consist of shrubs, hardwood trees, conifers, or a combination. Trees and shrubs planted with a tree planting machine. Shrubs will be planted with a spacing of 4 to 6 feet and hardwoods/conifers 8 to 12 feet apart in the row with rows 16 feet apart. The scenario will include 1/4 shrubs, 1/2 hardwoods, and 1/4 conifers based on feet of trees. Herbivores (deer, rabbits, etc.) are NOT expected to browse tree seedlings, tree protection is not needed. This practice is typically applied to crop, pasture or range lands. Fabric installed to reduce competition from weeds and grass. Resource Concerns to be addressed include: Soil Erosion (wind); Excess/Insufficient Water (drifted snow, inefficient moisture management); Water Quality Degradation (excess nutrients in surface waters, pesticides transported to surface waters, excessive sediment in surface waters,); Degraded Plant Condition (undesirable plant productivity and health); Inadequate habitat for Fish and Wildlife (food, cover/shelter, continuity); Livestock Production Limitation (inadequate shelter); Air Quality Impacts (emission of particulate matter, objectionable odors); Inefficient Energy Use (facilities, farming/ranching practices and field operations).

Before Situation:

Agricultural field, livestock paddock, feedlot or farmstead needing protection from wind, additional wildlife food and cover, odor mitigation, visual screen or management of snow deposition

After Situation:

Wind velocity suitably reduced to minimize soil erosion, energy loss or to manage snow deposition. Additional wildlife food and cover, mixing of odor plumes and visual screening.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.66	$6.27

Practice: 380 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

Scenario #14 - Trees, machine planted, weed barrier

Scenario Description:

Tree planting consisting of 2500 feet of trees for wind protection, energy conservation, wildlife habitat, air quality, snow management or to provide a visual screen. The planting may consist of shrubs, hardwood trees, conifers, or a combination. Trees and shrubs planted with a tree planting machine. Shrubs will be planted with a spacing of 4 to 6 feet and hardwoods/conifers 8 to 12 feet apart in the row with rows 16 feet apart. The scenario will include 1/4 shrubs, 1/2 hardwoods, and 1/4 conifers based on feet of trees. Herbivores (deer, rabbits, etc.) are NOT expected to browse tree seedlings, tree protection is not needed. This practice is typically applied to crop, pasture or range lands. Fabric installed to reduce competition from weeds and grass. Resource Concerns to be addressed include: Soil Erosion (wind); Excess/Insufficient Water (drifted snow, inefficient moisture management); Water Quality Degradation (excess nutrients in surface waters, pesticides transported to surface waters, excessive sediment in surface waters,); Degraded Plant Condition (undesirable plant productivity and health); Inadequate habitat for Fish and Wildlife (food, cover/shelter, continuity); Livestock Production Limitation (inadequate shelter); Air Quality Impacts (emission of particulate matter, objectionable odors); Inefficient Energy Use (facilities, farming/ranching practices and field operations).

Before Situation:

Agricultural field, livestock paddock, feedlot or farmstead needing protection from wind, additional wildlife food and cover, odor mitigation, visual screen or management of snow deposition

After Situation:

Wind velocity suitably reduced to minimize soil erosion, energy loss or to manage snow deposition. Additional wildlife food and cover, mixing of odor plumes and visual screening.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.86	$0.79

Practice: 380 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

Scenario #14 - Trees, machine planted, weed barrier

Scenario Description:

Tree planting consisting of 2500 feet of trees for wind protection, energy conservation, wildlife habitat, air quality, snow management or to provide a visual screen. The planting may consist of shrubs, hardwood trees, conifers, or a combination. Trees and shrubs planted with a tree planting machine. Shrubs will be planted with a spacing of 4 to 6 feet and hardwoods/conifers 8 to 12 feet apart in the row with rows 16 feet apart. The scenario will include 1/4 shrubs, 1/2 hardwoods, and 1/4 conifers based on feet of trees. Herbivores (deer, rabbits, etc.) are NOT expected to browse tree seedlings, tree protection is not needed. This practice is typically applied to crop, pasture or range lands. Fabric installed to reduce competition from weeds and grass. Resource Concerns to be addressed include: Soil Erosion (wind); Excess/Insufficient Water (drifted snow, inefficient moisture management); Water Quality Degradation (excess nutrients in surface waters, pesticides transported to surface waters, excessive sediment in surface waters,); Degraded Plant Condition (undesirable plant productivity and health); Inadequate habitat for Fish and Wildlife (food, cover/shelter, continuity); Livestock Production Limitation (inadequate shelter); Air Quality Impacts (emission of particulate matter, objectionable odors); Inefficient Energy Use (facilities, farming/ranching practices and field operations).

Before Situation:

Agricultural field, livestock paddock, feedlot or farmstead needing protection from wind, additional wildlife food and cover, odor mitigation, visual screen or management of snow deposition

After Situation:

Wind velocity suitably reduced to minimize soil erosion, energy loss or to manage snow deposition. Additional wildlife food and cover, mixing of odor plumes and visual screening.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.86	$6.27

Practice: 380 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

Scenario #15 - Trees, machine planted, wildlife protection, weed barrier

Scenario Description:

Tree planting consisting of 2500 feet of trees for wind protection, energy conservation, wildlife habitat, air quality, snow management or to provide a visual screen. The planting may consist of shrubs, hardwood trees, conifers, or a combination. Trees and shrubs planted with a tree planting machine. Shrubs will be planted with a spacing of 4 to 6 feet and hardwoods/conifers 8 to 12 feet apart in the row with rows 16 feet apart. The scenario will include 1/4 shrubs, 1/2 hardwoods, and 1/4 conifers based on feet of trees. Herbivore (deer, rabbits, etc.) damage is likely, so each tree must be protected with a rigid tube tree shelter. Fabric installed to reduce competition from weeds and grass. This practice is typically applied to crop, pasture or range lands. Resource Concerns to be addressed include: Soil Erosion (wind); Excess/Insufficient Water (drifted snow, inefficient moisture management); Water Quality Degradation (excess nutrients in surface waters, pesticides transported to surface waters, excessive sediment in surface waters,); Degraded Plant Condition (undesirable plant productivity and health); Inadequate habitat for Fish and Wildlife (food, cover/shelter, continuity); Livestock Production Limitation (inadequate shelter); Air Quality Impacts (emission of particulate matter, objectionable odors); Inefficient Energy Use (facilities, farming/ranching practices and field operations).

Before Situation:

Agricultural field, livestock paddock, feedlot or farmstead needing protection from wind, additional wildlife food and cover, odor mitigation, visual screen or management of snow deposition

After Situation:

Wind velocity suitably reduced to minimize soil erosion, energy loss or to manage snow deposition. Additional wildlife food and cover, mixing of odor plumes and visual screening.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.07	$1.28

Practice: 382 - Fence

Scenario #1 - Barbed Wire, Multi-strand

Scenario Description:

Multi-strand, Barbed Wire - Installation of fence will allow for implementation of a grazing management plan that allows for an adequate rest and recovery period, protection of sensitive area, improved water quality, reduction of noxious and invasive weeds. Constructed using fencing materials rather than a pre-manufactured gate. The fence is typically 4 strands over 3/4 of a mile (3,960 ft).

Before Situation:

On grazing lands, health and vigor are negatively impacted by poor grazing distribution, timing of grazing and inadequate rest and recovery periods. Water quality is impacted by increased erosion and runoff, cattle access to water bodies is uncontrolled. Reduced vegetative cover, as a result of over grazing/improper distribution, increases the opportunity for the encroachment of noxious and invasive weeds.

After Situation:

Installation of interior fencing will allow for implementation of a grazing management plan that allows adequate rest and recovery periods, protection of sensitive areas, improved water quality, reduction of noxious and invasive weeds. Fence includes posts, wire, fasteners, gates, etc. Four strand wire is commonly installed. Fence will be installed with wildlife friendly considerations.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.28	$1.64

Practice: 382 - Fence

Scenario #7 - Electric, high tensile with energizer

Scenario Description:

Electric - Installation of fence will allow for implementation of a grazing management plan that allows for an adequate rest and recovery period, protection of sensitive areas, improved water quality, reduction of noxious and invasive weeds. Includes 3 strands of high tensile wire with energizer.

Before Situation:

On grazinglands, health and vigor are negatively impacted by poor grazing distribution, timing of grazing, and inadequate rest and recovery periods. Water quality is impacted by increased erosion and runoff, cattle access to water bodies is uncontrolled. Reduced vegetative cover, as a result of over grazing/improper distribution, increases opportunity for encroachment of noxious and invasive weeds.

After Situation:

Installation of interior fencing will allow for implementation of grazing management that allows for an adequate rest and recovery period, protection of sensitive areas, improved water quality, reduction of noxious and invasive weeds. Fence includes posts, wire, fasteners, gates, fence charger, etc. Two to three strand wire is commonly installed. Fence will be installed with wildlife friendly considerations.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.77	$0.99

Practice: 382 - Fence

Scenario #10 - Confinement

Scenario Description:

Installation of a confinement fence is needed to addresses resource concerns associated with livestock feeding operations. The fence will provide protection of sensitive areas, improve water quality, and reduce of noxious and invasive weeds. Resource Concerns: Water Quality, Plant Condition.

Before Situation:

Livestock feeding operation requires relocation to address water quality concerns. The site has conditions with the potential to negatively impact water quality in the designated area. These potential adverse effects will be addressed by moving the livestock facility away from the area(s) of concern.

After Situation:

Installation of fence reduces water quality and plant condition resource concerns associated with livestock facilities. The fence would typically be 150' wide x 200' long (700 lf) with two gates, installed by a fencing contractor. 8 ft tall woven wire fence with 6" diameter posts spaced at 8 ft increments. Associated practices may include 614-Watering Facility, 516-Pipeline, 533-Pumping Plant, 342-Critical Area Planting.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.86	$4.96

Practice: 386 - Field Border

Scenario #31 - Field Border, Native Species, Forgone Income

Scenario Description:

A strip of permanent vegetation established at the edge or around the perimeter of an agricultural field. Practice includes seedbed prep and planting of native species. The area of the field border is taken out of production.

Before Situation:

Before practice conditions may vary widely. Fields may have erosion issues from wind or water, a field border may be needed to manage pest populations, protect soil and water quality, provide wildlife food and cover, provide pollinator habitat, or a field border may be used to increase carbon storage and improve air quality. Water quality, soil erosion and/or wildlife food and cover may all be primary resource concerns.

After Situation:

The 386 Implementation Requirements have been developed and applied for the site. This practice when applied around a field may support and connect other buffer practices within and between fields. Native grasses, legumes and forbs will be established in the field borders to the extent needed to meet the resource needs and producer objectives. Minimum field border widths shall be based on NRCS local design criteria specific to the purpose for installing the practice. Native species shall be selected that do not function as a host for diseases of a field crop and have physical characteristics necessary to control wind and water erosion to tolerable levels on the field border area.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$309.27	$371.12

Practice: 386 - Field Border

Scenario #32 - Field Border, Introduced Species, Forgone Income

Scenario Description:

A strip of permanent vegetation established at the edge or around the perimeter of an agricultural field. Practice includes seedbed prep and planting of introduced species. The area of the field border is taken out of production.

Before Situation:

Before practice conditions may vary widely. Fields may have erosion issues from wind or water, a field border may be needed to manage pest populations, protect soil and water quality, provide wildlife food and cover, provide pollinator habitat, or a field border may be used to increase carbon storage and improve air quality. Water quality, soil erosion and/or wildlife food and cover may all be primary resource concerns.

After Situation:

The 386 Implementation Requirements have been developed and applied for the site. This practice when applied around a field may support and connect other buffer practices within and between fields. Introduced grasses and legumes will be established for the field border to the extent needed to meet the resource needs and producer objectives. Minimum field border widths shall be based on NRCS local design criteria specific to the purpose for installing the practice. Introduced species of grasses, legumes, forbs or shrubs shall be selected that are adapted to site, will not function as a host for diseases of a field crop and have physical characteristics necessary to control wind and water erosion to tolerable levels on the field border area.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$281.37	$337.64

Practice: 386 - Field Border

Scenario #34 - Field Border, Native Species

Scenario Description:

A strip of permanent vegetation established at the edge or around the perimeter of an agricultural field. Practice includes seedbed prep and planting of organic seed for herbaceous species.

Before Situation:

Before practice conditions may vary widely. Fields may have erosion issues from wind or water, a field border may be needed to manage pest populations, protect soil and water quality, provide wildlife food and cover, provide pollinator habitat, or a field border may be used to increase carbon storage and improve air quality. Water quality, soil erosion and/or wildlife food and cover may all be primary resource concerns.

After Situation:

The 386 Implementation Requirements have been developed and applied for the site. This practice when applied around a field may support and connect other buffer practices while creating a buffer between organic systems and conventional cropping systems. Native grasses and legumes will be established in the field border to the extent needed to meet the resource needs and producer objectives. Minimum field border widths shall be based on NRCS local design criteria specific to the purpose for installing the practice. Species selected shall be adapted to the site, not function as a host for diseases of a field crop, and have physical characteristics necessary to control wind and water erosion to tolerable levels on the field border area.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$92.06	$110.48

Practice: 386 - Field Border

Scenario #35 - Field Border, Introduced Species

Scenario Description:

A strip of permanent vegetation established at the edge or around the perimeter of an agricultural field. Practice includes seedbed prep and planting of introduced species.

Before Situation:

Before practice conditions may vary widely. Fields may have erosion issues from wind or water, a field border may be needed to manage pest populations, protect soil and water quality, provide wildlife food and cover, provide pollinator habitat, or a field border may be used to increase carbon storage and improve air quality. Water quality, soil erosion and/or wildlife food and cover may all be primary resource concerns.

After Situation:

The 386 Implementation Requirements have been developed and applied for the site. This practice when applied around a field may support and connect other buffer practices within and between fields. Introduced grasses and legumes will be established in the field border to the extent needed to meet the resource needs and producer objectives. Minimum field border widths shall be based on NRCS local design criteria specific to the purpose for installing the practice. Species selected shall be adapted to site, will not function as a host for diseases of a field crop, and have physical characteristics necessary to control wind and water erosion to tolerable levels on the field border area.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$64.16	$76.99

Practice: 390 - Riparian Herbaceous Cover

Scenario #2 - Native Species with foregone income

Scenario Description:

Native Species: This scenario addresses inadequate herbaceous plant community function or diversity within the specific transitional zone between terrestrial and aquatic habitats in rangeland, pasture, cropland, and forest where natural seeding methods and/or management is unlikely to improve the plant community within a reasonable time period. This scenario applies to work not covered under NRCS Conservation Practice Range Planting (550), Forage and Biomass Planting (512), Critical Area Planting (342), Filter Strip (393), Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats (643), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Vegetated Treatment Area (635), Wetland Enhancement (659), or Wetland Restoration (657). The typical setting for this scenario is a narrow strip between the aquatic and terrestrial habitats, subject to intermittant flooding and saturated soils, where the exising plant community has been disturbed, destroyed, or the species diversity is unable to provide proper function and/or adequate habitat. Where the establishment of a diverse riparian herbaceous plant community is desired, an adapted mix of native grasses, legumes, and/or forbs tolerant to the site conditions will be planted, by broadcast and/or no-till or range drill seeding methods as necessary, to accomplish the intended purpose(s). Where chemical control of undesirable vegetation, including invasives, is required to reduce competition for the desired plant community, the Herbaceous Weed Control (315) practice should be used. Seedbed preparation may require LIGHT TILLAGE (disking). WHEN POLLINATOR HABITAT IS A CONSIDERATION: Include 5-10 adapted forb species that bloom sequentially throughout the growing season where feasible. All grazing will be deferred during plant establishment which will consist of a minimum of one year, and in many cases longer. Typically there is no haying, and the only clipping during establishment will be for removal of weeds.

Before Situation:

The riparian zone, the specific area between terrestrial and aquatic habitats, is currently an undesirable or inadequate stand of perennial or annual vegetation and natural reseeding or vegetation management is unlikely to improve the plant community within a reasonable amount of time to adequately address streambank and/or shoreline stability, dissipate stream energy and trap sediment, improve and/or maintain water quality, and/or provide adequate habitat corridors, food and/or cover for fish, wildlife, pollinators, and/or livestock resource concern(s). Existing conditions often require suppression or eradication of current vegetation by conventional mechanical or chemical (Herbaceous Weed Control (315)) methods to ensure establishment success of the new planting. Soil quality may be reduced due to compaction and may require light tillage to prepare a proper seedbed.

After Situation:

The riparian zone, the transitional zone between the terrestrial and aquatic habitats, is established to an adapted, diverse vegetative plant community and is under close management to ensure long term survival and ecological succession. The quality and quantity of the riparian zone components are managed to support the species that depend on it for habitat as well as the functions it performs for stabilizing the streambank and/or shoreline, dissipating stream energy and trapping sediment, and improving and/or maintaining water quality. These functions include: stream temperature moderation through shading, recruitment of non-woody organic matter, habitat for terrestrial insects and other riparian dependent species, streambank integrity, and filtration of contaminants from surface run-off into the stream. All grazing will be deferred during plant establishment which will consist of a minimum of one year, and in many cases longer. Typically there is no haying, and the only clipping during establishment will be for removal of weeds.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$98.43	$131.74

Practice: 390 - Riparian Herbaceous Cover

Scenario #4 - Native Species, Pollinator Planting, Forgone Income

Scenario Description:

Native Species: This scenario addresses inadequate herbaceous plant community function or diversity within the specific transitional zone between terrestrial and aquatic habitats in rangeland, pasture, cropland, and forest where natural seeding methods and/or management is unlikely to improve the plant community within a reasonable time period. This scenario applies to work not covered under NRCS Conservation Practice Range Planting (550), Forage and Biomass Planting (512), Critical Area Planting (342), Filter Strip (393), Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats (643), Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580), Vegetated Treatment Area (635), Wetland Enhancement (659), or Wetland Restoration (657). The typical setting for this scenario is usually a narrow strip between the aquatic and terrestrial habitats subject to intermittant flooding and saturated soils where the exising plant community has been disturbed, destroyed, or the species diversity is unable to provide proper function and/or adequate habitat. Where the establishment of a diverse riparian herbaceous plant community is desired, an adapted mix of native grasses, legumes, and/or forbs tolerant to the site conditions will be planted by broadcast and/or no-till or range drill seeding methods as necessary to accomplish the intended purpose(s). Where chemical control of undesirable vegetation, including invasives, is required to reduce competition for the desired plant community, the Herbaceous Weed Control (315) practice should be used. Seedbed preparation may require LIGHT TILLAGE (disking). WHEN POLLINATOR HABITAT IS A CONSIDERATION: Include 5-10 adapted forb species that bloom sequentially throughout the growing season where feasible. All grazing will be deferred during plant establishment which will consist of a minimum of one year, and in many cases longer. Typically there is no haying, and the only clipping during establishment will be for removal of weeds.

Before Situation:

The riparian zone, the specific area between terrestrial and aquatic habitats, is currently an undesirable or inadequate stand of perennial or annual vegetation and natural reseeding or vegetation management is unlikely to improve the plant community within a reasonable amount of time to adequately address streambank and/or shoreline stability, dissipate stream energy and trap sediment, improve and/or maintain water quality, and/or provide adequate habitat corridors, food and/or cover for fish, wildlife, pollinators, and/or livestock resource concern(s). Existing conditions often require suppression or eradication of current vegetation by conventional mechanical or chemical (Herbaceous Weed Control (315)) methods to ensure establishment success of the new planting. Soil quality may be reduced due to compaction and may require light tillage to prepare a proper seedbed.

After Situation:

The riparian zone, the transitional zone between the terrestrial and aquatic habitats, is established to an adapted, diverse vegetative plant community and is under close management to ensure long term survival and ecological succession. The quality and quantity of the riparian zone components are managed to support the species that depend on it for habitat as well as the functions it performs for stabilizing the streambank and/or shoreline, dissipating stream energy and trapping sediment, and improving and/or maintaining water quality. These functions include: stream temperature moderation through shading, recruitment of non-woody organic matter, habitat for terrestrial insects and other riparian dependent species, streambank integrity, and filtration of contaminants from surface run-off into the stream. All grazing will be deferred during plant establishment which will consist of a minimum of one year, and in many cases longer. Typically there is no haying, and the only clipping during establishment will be for removal of weeds.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$324.42	$451.89

Practice: 391 - Riparian Forest Buffer

Scenario #2 - Bare-root, machine planted (FI)

Scenario Description:

Establish a buffer of trees and/or shrubs into a suitably prepared site to restore riparian plant communities and provide other associated benefits. The buffer will be located adjacent to, and up-gradient from, a watercourse or water body, extending a minimum of 35 feet wide. The planting will consist of machine planted bare-root shrubs, evergreen, and deciduous trees in rows. Area will be planted using 3 rows and will use each of the woody plant types. Spacing between plants in each row: shrubs will be 6' , evergreen tree spacing will be 12', and deciduous tree spacing will be 15'. Tree rows will be 15' apart. A total tree row length of 3000'. Tree shelters will be placed on the hardwoods and evergreens. Resource concerns to be addressed are Soil Erosion - excessive bank erosion; Water Quality - excess sediment and organics in surface waters and elevated water temperature; Degraded Plant Condition - inadequate structure and composition; and Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife - habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

Typical sites include former riparian forests and habitat used for forage, cropland, speculation property, or other nonforest condition which contains undesirable amounts or types of vegetation. Active bank erosion is depositing sediment, nutrients and organics in the riparian area. Water temperature is high due to lack of shade. Habitat is not desirable for wildlife.

After Situation:

A buffer of trees and shrubs will be established along the riparian corridor which will provide stability, filtration, shade, and desirable habitat to address the above mentioned resource concerns.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1,154.55	$1,317.48

Practice: 391 - Riparian Forest Buffer

Scenario #18 - Bare-root, machine planted

Scenario Description:

Establish a buffer of trees and/or shrubs into a suitably prepared site to restore riparian plant communities and associated benefits. The buffer will be located adjacent to and up-gradient from a watercourse or water body extending a minimum of 35 feet wide. The planting will consist of machine planted bare-root shrubs, evergreen, and deciduous trees. One third of the area will be planted to each woody plant type. Planting for shrubs will be done at 6' x 6' spacing, evergreen tree spacing will be 12' x 15' and deciduous tree spacing at 15' x 15'. Tree shelters will be placed on the hardwoods and evergreens. Resource concerns to be addressed are Soil Erosion - excessive bank erosion; Water Quality - excess sediment and organics in surface waters and elevated temperature; Degraded Plant Condition - inadequate structure and composition; and Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife - habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

Typical sites include former riparian forests and habitat used for forage, cropland, speculation property, or other nonforest condition which contains undesirable amounts or types of vegetation. Active bank erosion is depositing sediment, nutrients and organics in the riparian area. Water temperature is high due to lack of shade. Habitat is not desirable for wildlife.

After Situation:

A buffer of trees and shrubs will be established along the riparian corridor which will provide stability, filtration, shade, and desirable habitat to address the above mentioned resource concerns.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1,044.07	$1,252.89

Practice: 393 - Filter Strip

Scenario #25 - Filter Strip, Native species, Forgone Income

Scenario Description:

A strip or area of herbaceous vegetation that removes contaminants from overland flow. Practice includes seedbed prep and planting of native species. The area of the filter strip is taken out of production.

Before Situation:

Annual cropland, grazing land, or disturbed land (including forestland) allows for runoff of suspended solids, dissolved and/or associated contaminants into environmentally-sensitive areas such as wetlands, riparian zones, critical habitat and neighboring non-ag properties. Water Quality resource concerns are associated with this practice.

After Situation:

The 393 Implementation Requirements are developed for the site and applied. The planned filter strip will be established and maintained per the practice plan that will meet the criteria for the planned purpose(s). The vegetation will consist of native species. The filter strip will have adequate width to filter the planned pollutants. The practice includes seedbed preparation, seeding, and seed. Species selected shall be able to withstand partial burial by sediment and tolerant of herbicides used on the contribution area while protecting environmentally-sensitive areas. The area of the filter strip is taken out of production.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$357.71	$429.25

Practice: 393 - Filter Strip

Scenario #26 - Filter Strip, Introduced species, Forgone Income

Scenario Description:

A strip or area of herbaceous vegetation that removes contaminants from overland flow. Practice includes seedbed prep and planting of introduced species. The area of the filter strip is taken out of production.

Before Situation:

Annual cropland, grazing land, or disturbed land (including forestland) allows for runoff of suspended solids, dissolved and/or associated contaminants into environmentally-sensitive areas such as wetlands, riparian zones, critical habitat and neighboring non-ag properties. Water Quality resource concerns are associated with this practice.

After Situation:

The 393 Implementation Requirements are developed for the site and applied. The planned filter strip will be established and maintained per the practice plan that will meet the criteria for the planned purpose(s). The vegetation will consist of introduced species. The filter strip will have adequate width to filter the planned pollutants. The practice includes seedbed preparation, seeding, and seed. Species selected shall be able to withstand partial burial by sediment and tolerant of herbicides used on contribution area while protecting environmentally-sensitive areas. The area of the filter strip is taken out of production.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$346.15	$415.38

Practice: 393 - Filter Strip

Scenario #27 - Filter Strip, Native species

Scenario Description:

A strip or area of herbaceous vegetation that removes contaminants from overland flow. Practice includes seedbed prep and planting of native species.

Before Situation:

Annual cropland, grazing land, or disturbed land (including forestland) allows for runoff of suspended solids, dissolved and/or associated contaminants into environmentally-sensitive areas such as wetlands, riparian zones, critical habitat and neighboring nonagricultural properties. Water Quality resource concerns are associated with this practice.

After Situation:

The 393 Implementation Requirements are developed for the site and applied. The planned filter strip will be established and maintained per the practice plan that will meet the criteria for the planned purpose(s). The vegetation will consist of native species. The filter strip will have adequate width to filter the planned pollutants. The practice includes seedbed preparation, seeding, and seed. Species selected shall be able to withstand partial burial by sediment and tolerant of herbicides used on contribution area while protecting environmentally-sensitive areas.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$123.24	$147.89

Practice: 393 - Filter Strip

Scenario #28 - Filter Strip, Introduced species

Scenario Description:

A strip or area of herbaceous vegetation that removes contaminants from overland flow. Practice includes seedbed prep and planting of introduced species.

Before Situation:

Annual cropland, grazing land, or disturbed land (including forestland) allows for runoff of suspended solids, dissolved and/or associated contaminants into environmentally-sensitive areas such as wetlands, riparian zones, critical habitat and neighboring nonagricultural properties. Water Quality resource concerns are associated with this practice.

After Situation:

The 393 Implementation Requirements are developed for the site and applied. The planned filter strip will be established and maintained per the practice plan that will meet the criteria for the planned purpose(s). The vegetation will consist of introduced species. The filter strip will have adequate width to filter the planned pollutants. The practice includes seedbed preparation, seeding, and seed. Species selected shall be able to withstand partial burial by sediment and tolerant of herbicides used on contribution area while protecting environmentally-sensitive areas.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$128.94	$154.73

Practice: 394 - Firebreak

Scenario #2 - Mowing

Scenario Description:

Installation of a short vegetative firebreak a minimum width of 30' around a 40 acre field/farm using a bush-hog mower. Generally water control devices such as water bars are not needed due either to the lack of steep terrain or the temporary nature of the firebreak. Resource concerns include Wildfire hazard from excessive biomass accumulation, Undesirable plant productivity and health, Inadequate plant structure and composition, and Habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

Tract, field, or farm lacks adequate firebreaks to either reduce the spread of wildfires or contain a prescribed burn.

After Situation:

The property is adequately protected from wildfire or can be safely prescribe burned.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$8.51	$12.05

Practice: 402 - Dam

Scenario #3 - pipe principal spillway

Scenario Description:

This scenario is the construction of an earthen embankment to impound water. A corrugated metal pipe (CMP) principal spillway will be constructed. A metal trash guard protects the spillway inlet. A circular CMP riser connects to a CMP barrel that runs through the dam to outlet safely downstream. A sand diaphram is installed in the embankment. This scenario assists in addressing the resource concerns: excessive runoff, flooding or ponding, inefficient water use on irrigated land, reduced capacity of conveyances by sediment deposition.

Before Situation:

Area exists where water could naturally pool or run off to create a pond for livestock, wildlife, fire control, flood control, or irrigation. The site meets satisfactory conditions according to the standard.

After Situation:

The typical dam is constructed by excavation and compaction to create an embankment. The principal spillway is completed by using a CMP riser with a metal trash gaurd and a CMP barrel. A sand diaphragm is installed. Vegetation will be completed under Critical Area Planting (342) standard. . Other associated practices such as; Fence (382), Pipeline (516), Pumping Plant (533), Watering Facility (614), Structure For Water Control (587), and Aquatic Organism Passage (396) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.95	$5.60

Practice: 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure

Scenario #4 - Pipe Drop, Plastic

Scenario Description:

A pipe drop (ie: riser and barrel) grade stabilization structure designed and constructed using plastic pipe without anti-seep collars. This is typically an earthen dry dam structure with no permanent storage (water or sediment), however some structures may have some permanent pool / storage but do not have 35 years of sediment life. Payment rate is based upon the riser weir length (Diameter x 3.14) in feet times the length of the pipe barrel in (feet). Installed to stabilized the grade and control erosion in natural or artificial channels, to prevent the formation or advancing of gullies, and to enhance environmental quality and reduce pollution hazards. Applied in areas where the concentration and flow velocity of water require structures to stabilize the grade in channels or to control gully erosion. Cost estimate is based upon a 2000 CY structure with a 6 ft high 24" (2") PVC riser with a 40 ft long barrel (2' x 3.14 x 40' = 251 SF). Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the farmland and impacting the useable area and the downstream water quality. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

After Situation:

Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Channel Bed Stabilization (584), Dike (356), Grassed Waterway (412), Structure for Water Control (587), and Irrigation Canal or Lateral (320) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$30.85	$43.70

Practice: 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure

Scenario #5 - Pipe Drop, CMP

Scenario Description:

A pipe drop (ie: riser and barrel) grade stabilization structure designed and constructed with a metal anti-seep collar. This is typically a earthen dry dam structure with no permanent storage (water or sediment), however some structures may have some permanent pool / storage but do not have 35 years of sediment life. Payment rate is based upon the riser weir length (Diameter x 3.14) in feet times the length of the pipe barrel in (feet). Installed to stabilized the grade and control erosion in natural or artificial channels, to prevent the formation or advancing of gullies, and to enhance environmental quality and reduce pollution hazards. Applied in areas where the concentration and flow velocity of water require structures to stabilize the grade in channels or to control gully erosion. Cost estimate is based upon a corrugated metal pipe drop structure with a 30", 12' tall riser and a 100' long 24" barrel (Riser Weir length x Barrel Length = 2.5ft x 3.14 x 100ft = 785). Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the farmland and impacting the useable area and the downstream water quality. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

After Situation:

Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Channel Bed Stabilization (584), Dike (356), Grassed Waterway (412), Structure for Water Control (587), and Irrigation Canal or Lateral (320) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$12.53	$17.75

Practice: 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure

Scenario #7 - Sheet Pile Weir Drop

Scenario Description:

A Straight structure composed of sheet pile metal used to stabilized the grade and control erosion in natural or artificial channels, to prevent the formation or advancing of gullies, and to enhance environmental quality and reduce pollution hazards. Applied in areas where the concentration and flow velocity of water require structures to stabilize the grade in channels or to control gully erosion. Cost estimate is based upon a structure with a crest of 30 ft. The unit of payment measurement is defined as the area of sheet piling in square feet. Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the farmland and impacting the useable area and the downstream water quality. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

After Situation:

Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Channel Bed Stabilization (584), Dike (356), Grassed Waterway (412), Structure for Water Control (587), Subsurface Drain (606), and Underground Outlet (620) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$31.24	$44.25

Practice: 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure

Scenario #10 - Modular Concrete Block Drop

Scenario Description:

A drop structure constructed of precast modular blocks, typically 2'x2'x4, 2.5'x2.5'x5", or 2'x2'x6". These structures are used to stabilize the grade and control erosion in natural or artificial channels, to prevent the formation or advancing of gullies, and to enhance environmental quality and reduce pollution hazards. Applied in areas where the concentration and flow velocity of water require structures to stabilize the grade in channels or to control gully erosion. Cost estimate is based upon a concrete block structure with a drop of 5 feet and a weir width of 12 feet with a stepped slope of 2:1 (H:V), for a total of 67 modular blocks. The unit of payment measurement is defined as the volume of concrete blocks in cubic yards. Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the farmland and impacting the useable area and the downstream water quality. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

After Situation:

Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Channel Bed Stabilization (584), Dike (356), Grassed Waterway (412), Structure for Water Control (587), Subsurface Drain (606), and Underground Outlet (620) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$120.63	$170.89

Practice: 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure

Scenario #11 - Rock Chute

Scenario Description:

A trapezoidal structure constructed of rock riprap with a geotextile base. These structures are used to stabilized the grade and control erosion in natural or artificial channels, to prevent the formation or advancing of gullies, and to enhance environmental quality and reduce pollution hazards. Applied in areas where the concentration and flow velocity of water require structures to stabilize the grade in channels or to control gully erosion. Cost estimate is based upon a rock chute with a vertical drop of 6.5 feet and a width of 12'. The unit of payment measurement is defined as the volume of rock used in the chute in cubic yards. Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the farmland and impacting the useable area and the downstream water quality. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

After Situation:

Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Channel Bed Stabilization (584), Dike (356), Grassed Waterway (412), Structure for Water Control (587), Subsurface Drain (606), and Underground Outlet (620) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$27.85	$39.45

Practice: 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure

Scenario #12 - Tied Concrete Block Mat

Scenario Description:

A drop structure placed in a water course constructed of concrete blocks joined by cable or other means to form a flexible mat. These structures are used to stabilize the grade and control erosion in natural or artificial channels, prevent the formation/advancement of gullies, and enhance water quality and reduce pollution hazards. These are generally applied in areas where the concentration and flow velocity of water require structures to stabilize the grade, and vegetation alone will not protect the structure from erosion. The typical structure is 16' wide and removes 5' of grade in the channel with a 4:1 outlet slope. The unit of payment is the area of matting installed and includes inlet and outlet transition areas and side slopes. All associated earthwork and materials are included in the cost. Required re-vegetation of disturbed areas will use Critical Area Planting (342) or other appropriate seeding practices. Resource concerns addressed: gully erosion, concentrated flow erosion, degraded water quality due to suspended solids.

Before Situation:

The operator currently has gullies forming and/or advancing into crop or pasture land which negatively impacts the land use and downstream water quality. Erosion from the gullies results in soil loss and allows soil and nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters, degrading water quality.

After Situation:

The advancement of and/or formation of gullies is stopped, and soil from gullies no longer leaves the field. Land use is restored or maintained and sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and downstream water quality is protected. Other associated practices include: Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Channel Bed Stabilization (584), Dike (366), Grassed waterway (412), Structure for Water Control (587), Subsurface Drain (606), and Underground Outlet (620).

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.63	$5.15

Practice: 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure

Scenario #29 - Rehab Embankment Pond, With Principal Spillway

Scenario Description:

A previously built earthen embankment dam witha principal spillway pipe that is greater than 24" in diameter. Previously installed structure had embankment and pipe failure, and is in need of new pipe installation and embankment repair. Cost estimate is based upon shaping side slopes, replacing pipe and riser, and replacing with a typical amount of earthfill of 4250 cubic yards. Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the structure and impacting the downstream water quality. Also presents a safety hazard of potential dam failure. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

After Situation:

Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Pumping Plant (533), Watering Facility (614), and Livestock Pipeline (516) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Diameter Inch Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7.10	$10.05

Practice: 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure

Scenario #29 - Rehab Embankment Pond, With Principal Spillway

Scenario Description:

A previously built earthen embankment dam witha principal spillway pipe that is greater than 24" in diameter. Previously installed structure had embankment and pipe failure, and is in need of new pipe installation and embankment repair. Cost estimate is based upon shaping side slopes, replacing pipe and riser, and replacing with a typical amount of earthfill of 4250 cubic yards. Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the structure and impacting the downstream water quality. Also presents a safety hazard of potential dam failure. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

After Situation:

Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Pumping Plant (533), Watering Facility (614), and Livestock Pipeline (516) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Diameter Inch Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7.10	$10.65

Practice: 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure

Scenario #29 - Rehab Embankment Pond, With Principal Spillway

Scenario Description:

A previously built earthen embankment dam witha principal spillway pipe that is greater than 24" in diameter. Previously installed structure had embankment and pipe failure, and is in need of new pipe installation and embankment repair. Cost estimate is based upon shaping side slopes, replacing pipe and riser, and replacing with a typical amount of earthfill of 4250 cubic yards. Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the structure and impacting the downstream water quality. Also presents a safety hazard of potential dam failure. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

After Situation:

Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Pumping Plant (533), Watering Facility (614), and Livestock Pipeline (516) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Diameter Inch Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$8.28	$10.05

Practice: 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure

Scenario #29 - Rehab Embankment Pond, With Principal Spillway

Scenario Description:

A previously built earthen embankment dam witha principal spillway pipe that is greater than 24" in diameter. Previously installed structure had embankment and pipe failure, and is in need of new pipe installation and embankment repair. Cost estimate is based upon shaping side slopes, replacing pipe and riser, and replacing with a typical amount of earthfill of 4250 cubic yards. Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the structure and impacting the downstream water quality. Also presents a safety hazard of potential dam failure. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

After Situation:

Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Pumping Plant (533), Watering Facility (614), and Livestock Pipeline (516) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Diameter Inch Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$8.28	$10.65

Practice: 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure

Scenario #31 - Rehab Embankment Pond, No Principal Spillway

Scenario Description:

A previously built earthen embankment dam without a principal spillway pipe. Previously installed structure had embankment failure and is in need of embankment repair. Cost estimate is based upon shaping side slopes, and replacing with a typical amount of earthfill of 500 cubic yards. Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the structure and impacting the downstream water quality. Also presents a safety hazard of potential dam failure. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

After Situation:

Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Pumping Plant (533), Watering Facility (614), and Livestock Pipeline (516) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$5.22	$7.40

Practice: 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure

Scenario #32 - Drop Structure, Metal

Scenario Description:

A Straight, semicircular, or Box Drop structure composed of metal and used to stabilized the grade and control erosion in natural or artificial channels, to prevent the formation or advancing of gullies, and to enhance environmental quality and reduce pollution hazards. Applied in areas where the concentration and flow velocity of water require structures to stabilize the grade in channels or to control gully erosion. Cost estimate is based upon a semicircular steel toe wall structure with a drop of 3ft and total weir length of 30 ft (13.4 feet in diameter with 4.5 foot sidewall extensions) and 11.3 foot long by 5.4 foot high headwalls. The unit of payment measurement is defined as the area of metal used to construct the headwalls and semicircular weir. Example: 30*3 (weir length * drop) + 2*(11.3*5.4) (two headwalls) = 212.04 (round to nearest foot). Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

The operator presently has gullies forming and/or worsening on the farmland and impacting the useable area and the downstream water quality. Erosion from the gullies is allowing soil and possibly nutrients to be transported to downstream receiving waters degrading water quality and causing soil loss.

After Situation:

Area is stabilized. The advancement and/or formation of gullies is stopped, soil from gullies no longer leaves the farm, useable farm area is increased, sedimentation and other pollution hazards are decreased, and water quality downstream is protected. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Pond (378), Dam (402), Fence (382), Channel Bed Stabilization (584), Dike (356), Grassed Waterway (412), Structure for Water Control (587), Subsurface Drain (606), and Underground Outlet (620) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$23.09	$32.70

Practice: 412 - Grassed Waterway

Scenario #5 - Waterway with Side Dikes or Checks

Scenario Description:

Typical practice is 2000 ' long, 40' bottom, 6:1 side slopes, 1.6' depth. A grass waterway that is a shaped or graded channel and is established with suitable vegetation to carry surface water at a non-erosive velocity to a stable outlet. Fabric or stone checks are installed every 100 feet along the length of the waterway perpendicular to waterflow and are 2/3 the waterway top width to reduce maintenance and provide temporary protection until vegetation is established. Fabric Checks are installed 18" deep with 12" laid over on the surface. (Alternatively, rock checks or side dikes could be installed). This practice addresses Concentrated Flow Erosion (Classic Gully & Ephemeral Erosion) and Excessive Sediment in surface waters. Waterway area measured from top of bank to top of bank. Seeding will be completed under the Critical Area Planting (342) Practice Standard with seeding area up to 20% greater than waterway area to account for buffer area along the waterway. Costs include excavation and associated work to construct the overall shape and grade of the waterway.

Before Situation:

The field has a small gulley which is cutting deeper into the field as time goes on, so it needs to be stopped or controlled. Excessive sedimentation and soil erosion as a result from ephemeral or classic gully erosion. Gully has formed in field as a result of excessive runoff and poor cropping techniques. Grassed waterway is also commonly installed to covey runoff from concentrated flows, terrarces, diversions, or water control structures or similar practices to a suitable, stable outlet.

After Situation:

Installed grassed waterway is 2000 ' long, 40' bottom, 6:1 side slopes, 1.8' depth. Fabric checks are installed every 100 feet along the length of the waterway. The practice is installed using a dozer and/or scraper, with final grading with motor grader. Fabric or stone checks are installed with small backhoe and labor. Use Critical Area Planting (342) for establishment of waterway vegetation. If erosion control blankets or mulching for seedbed establishment/protection are needed, use conservation practice Mulching (484). Drainage tile, if needed, will be installed accoring to Subsurface Drain (606). Outlets, if needed will be installed using Structure for Water Control (587). If inlet Structures are needed with the drainage tile, then those will be installed using Underground Outlet (620).

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4,167.80	$5,904.39

Practice: 430 - Irrigation Pipeline

Scenario #1 - PVC, by the pound

Scenario Description:

Description: Below ground installation of PVC pipeline. Typical practice sizes range from 6-inch to 12-inch. Construct 1,300 feet of 6-inch, pressure rating 80 psi (SDR 51), PVC plastic irrigation pipe (PIP) with appurtenances, installed below ground with a minimum of 2.5 feet of ground cover. The unit is weight of pipe in pounds. 1,300 feet of 6-inch, SDR 51 PVC PIP weighs 1.49 lb/ft, or a total of 1,937 pounds. Appurtenances include: couplings, fittings, air vents, pressure relief valves, thrust blocks, dog-legs (risers), and inline valves. Cost of appurtenances does not include flow meters or backflow preventers. Typical installation applies to soils with no special bedding requirements.Resource Concerns: Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water; Inefficient Energy Use. Associated Practices: 436 - Irrigation Reservoir; 441 - Irrigation System, Microirrigation; 442 - Irrigation System, Sprinkler; 443 - Irrigation System, Surface & Subsurface; 447 - Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery; 533 - Pumping Plant

Before Situation:

Pipeline needed to replace or supplement inefficient irrigation conveyance systems.

After Situation:

Pipeline installed to convey and/or distribute water to irrigation systems, minimizing non-beneficial water use, reducing soil erosion, and/or reducing energy use.

Scenario Unit: Pound

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.14	$3.04

Practice: 430 - Irrigation Pipeline

Scenario #30 - HDPE, by the pound

Scenario Description:

Description: Below ground installation of HDPE (Iron Pipe Size & Tubing) pipeline. HDPE (IPS & Tubing) is manufactured in sizes (nominal diameter) from ??-inch to 24-inch; typical practice sizes range from 2-inch to 24-inch; and typical scenario size is 6-inch. Construct 1/4 mile (1,320 feet) of 6-inch, Class 130 (SDR-13.5), HDPE pipeline with appurtenances, installed below ground with a minimum 2 feet of ground cover. The unit is weight of pipe material in pounds. 1,320 feet of 8-inch, Class 130 (SDR-13.5), HDPE weighs 4.024 lb/ft, or a total of 5,312 pounds. Appurtenances include: fittings, air vents, pressure relief valves, thrust blocks, risers, and inline valves, and are included in the cost of pipe material (additional 10% of pipe material quantity). Cost of appurtenances does not include flow meters or backflow preventers. Typical installation applies to soils with no special bedding requirements.Resource Concerns: Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water; Inefficient Energy Use. Associated Practices: 436 - Irrigation Reservoir; 441 - Irrigation System, Microirrigation; 442 - Irrigation System, Sprinkler; 443 - Irrigation System, Surface & Subsurface; 447 - Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery; 533 - Pumping Plant; 634 - Waste Transfer.

Before Situation:

Pipeline needed to replace or supplement inefficient irrigation conveyance systems.

After Situation:

Pipeline installed to convey and/or distribute water to irrigation systems or reservoirs, minimizing non-beneficial water use, reducing soil erosion, and/or reducing energy use.

Scenario Unit: Pound

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.47	$2.09

Practice: 430 - Irrigation Pipeline

Scenario #33 - PVC, by pound, boring

Scenario Description:

Below ground installation of PVC pipeline. Typical practice sizes range from 6-inch to 12-inch. Construct 1,300 feet of 6-inch, pressure rating 80 psi (SDR 51), PVC plastic irrigation pipe (PIP) with appurtenances, installed below ground with a minimum of 2.5 feet of ground cover. Includes boring 52 lineal feet under a heavily used road, such as a state or county highway which has an average of 12' wide lanes, 6' shoulder width, and 8' width sideslopes. The unit is weight of pipe in pounds. 1,300 feet of 6-inch, SDR 51 PVC PIP weighs 1.49 lb/ft, or a total of 1,937 pounds. Appurtenances include: couplings, fittings, air vents, pressure relief valves, thrust blocks, dog-legs (risers), and inline valves. Cost of appurtenances does not include flow meters or backflow preventers. Typical installation applies to soils with no special bedding requirements. Resource Concerns: Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water; Inefficient Energy Use. Associated Practices: 436 - Irrigation Reservoir; 441 - Irrigation System, Microirrigation; 442 - Irrigation System, Sprinkler; 443 - Irrigation System, Surface &Subsurface; 447 - Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery; 533 -Pumping Plant

Before Situation:

Pipeline needed to replace or supplement inefficient irrigation conveyance systems.

After Situation:

Pipeline installed to convey and/or distribute water to irrigation systems, minimizing non-beneficial water use, reducing soil erosion, and/or reducing energy use.

Scenario Unit: Pound

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.56	$5.04

Practice: 436 - Irrigation Reservoir

Scenario #1 - Embankment Dam

Scenario Description:

The reservoir, created by an embankment built across a natural depression, with an 18" diameter principal spillway outlet through the embankment, is controlled by a canal-style gate. Outlet structure is constructed with watertight plasatic pipe appropriate for this use, commonly PVC pipe. Outlet can also serve as overflow protection with a 12" diameter standpipe and tee to the 18" pipe. Any watershed runoff will be diverted around reservoir. It will be built with approximately 4,500 cubic yards of on-site material. It will be about 19.9 feet high and 200 feet long and hold approximately 1,000,000 gallons (3 acre-feet). The top of berm will be 10 feet wide and the embankment side slopes will be 2.5 H to 1 V up and down stream. Resource concern: Insufficient Water - Inefficient use of irrigation water.Associated practices include: 521 - Pond Sealing or Lining (various); 320 - Irrigation Canal or Lateral; 430 - Irrigation Pipeline; 428 - Irrigation Ditch Lining; 533 - Pumping Plant; 440 series - Irrigation Systems; 378 - Pond; 447 - Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery; 484 - Mulching; and 342 - Critical Area Planting.

Before Situation:

Current system relies on an intermittent or low-flow rate water source. This results in untimely and/or inefficient water application.Divert water around - no spillway

After Situation:

This is an embankment, installed across a natural off-stream intermittent watercourse, used to store water for subsequent irrigation. It will be used to accumulate and store water for timely and efficient application of water through an irrigation system The water source could be a well, irrigation district pipeline, and/or a pump from a stream. It is designed to deliver water by gravity to an open ditch or non-pressurized pipeline, generally in excess of 5 cfs. All earthen materials will be from on-site sources.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.13	$4.43

Practice: 436 - Irrigation Reservoir

Scenario #3 - Excavated Tailwater Pit

Scenario Description:

This is an excavated pit with a control structure. It is designed to accumulate, store, deliver or regulate water for a surface irrigation system. It will have a bottom width of 20 ft and length of 1,250 feet. The side slopes will be no steeper than 1.5 H to 1 V inside and out. It will be built with approximately 20,000 cubic yards of on-site material. It will have a maximum water depth of 10 feet with 1 feet of freeboard. Volume is approximately 12 ac-ft (3,950,303 gallons). Resource concern: Insufficient Water - Inefficient use of irrigation water.Associated Practices: 521 - Pond Sealing or Lining (various); 320 - Irrigation Canal or Lateral; 430 - Irrigation Pipeline; 428 - Irrigation Ditch Lining; 533 - Pumping Plant; 440 series - Irrigation Systems; 447 - Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery; 378 - Pond; 484 - Mulching; and 342 - Critical Area Planting.

Before Situation:

Current system relies on an intermittent or low-flow rate water source. This results in untimely and/or inefficient water application.

After Situation:

An excavated regulating reservoir will be built on a relatively flat site and be used to accumulate and store water for timely application through an irrigation system. The water source could be a stream or an irrigation district canal.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.33	$1.88

Practice: 441 - Irrigation System, Microirrigation

Scenario #1 - SDI (Subsurface Drip Irrigation)

Scenario Description:

A subsurface drip irrigation system (SDI) with a lateral spacing of 40 inches. This buried drip irrigation system utilizes a thin wall tape with inline emitters at a uniform spacing for the system laterals. The dripperline or tape is normally installed by being plowed in approx. 10-18 inches deep with a chisel shank type plow equipped with tape reels. This type of drip irrigation system utilizes a buried supply manifold with automated zone control valves and a buried flush manifold with manual flush valves. This permanent micro-irrigation system includes an automated filter station, flow meter (functional used meter is usually available for an existing well, so meter cost is excluded), backflow prevention device, automated control box or timer, the thin wall dripperline or tape for laterals, both a supply and a flushing manifold and numerous types of water control valves. This is an all-inclusive system starting with the filter station including all required system components out to the flush valves. The water supply line from the water source to the filter station is an irrigation pipeline (430) and is not included as part of this system.Resource Concerns: Insufficient Water - Inefficient use of irrigation water, Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable plant productivity and health, Water Quality Degradation - Excessive sediment in surface waters, and Inefficient Energy Use - Equipment and facilities.Associated Practices: 533-Pumping Plant, 449- Irrigation Water Management, 430 - Irrigation Pipeline, 433 - Irrigation Flow Measurement, 610 - Salinity & Sodic Soil Management, 434 - Soil Moisture Measurement, 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, and 590 Nutrient Management.

Before Situation:

Typical before irrigation situation would normally be an existing inefficient surface or sprinkler irrigation system on a cropland or hayland field. The existing irrigation system would experience poor, non-uniform irrigation applications and significant water losses affecting both water quantity and water quality.

After Situation:

A typical practice would be the installation of a subsurface drip irrigation system (SDI) on a 60 acre cropland or hayland field. The system lateral (thin wall dripperline or tape) spacing would 40 inches. This highly efficient SDI (buried) irrigation system provides irrigation water directly to the plant root zone eliminating application losses resulting in a very high water application efficiency and properly designed these SDI systems are capable of very uniform water applications.Typical field size is 60 acres.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1,117.25	$1,582.77

Practice: 441 - Irrigation System, Microirrigation

Scenario #2 - Surface PE, with emitters, trees and shrubs

Scenario Description:

A micro-irrigation system, utilizing surface PE tubing (can be placed on trellis or above ground) with emitters to provide irrigation for an orchard, vineyard, windbreak, or other specialty crop grown in a grid pattern. The typical system is a permanent system, installed on a 3 row 1000' windbreak on the ground surface (total of 3000' lf). The windbreak has a plant spacing of 8 feet between trees. This system utilizes emitters at each tree or plant as the water application device, amounting to 375 emitters for this system. This system typically includes a filter system, PE tubing, HDPE or PVC manifolds, emitters, etc. This practice applies to systems designed to discharge < 60 gal/hr at each individual lateral discharge point. Does not include Pump, Power source, Water source (well or reservoir). Resource Concerns: Insufficient Water - Inefficient use of irrigation water, Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable plantproductivity and health, Water Quality Degradation - Excessive sediment in surface waters, and Inefficient Energy Use - Equipment and facilities.Associated Practices: 380-Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment, 533-Pumping Plant, 449- Irrigation Water Management, 430 - Irrigation Pipeline, 433 - Irrigation Flow Measurement, 610 - Salinity & Sodic Soil Management, 434 - Soil Moisture Measurement, 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, and 590 Nutrient Management.

Before Situation:

A tree row has an insufficient available water source causing plant health (establishment and persistence) concerns.

After Situation:

A surface placed microirrigation system is utilized to provide highly efficient irrigation to a tree row to address plant health concerns.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.11	$2.98

Practice: 441 - Irrigation System, Microirrigation

Scenario #3 - Surface PE, with emitters, high tunnel

Scenario Description:

A micro-irrigation system, utilizing surface PE tubing (can be placed on trellis or above ground) with emitters to provide irrigation in a seasonal high tunnel used for various vegetables or specialty crops grown in a grid pattern. The typical system is a permanent system, installed in a 30 ft by 72 ft high tunnel, with crop rows spaced at 12" to 18" with narrow alley walkways every other row. This system utilizes emitters at or near each plant as the water application device. This system typically includes a filter system, PE tubing, HDPE or PVC manifolds, emitters, etc. This practice applies to systems designed to discharge < 60 gal/hr at each individual lateral discharge point. Does not include Pump, Power source, Water source (well or reservoir). Resource Concerns: Insufficient Water - Inefficient use of irrigation water, Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable plant productivity and health, Water Quality Degradation - Excessive sediment in surface waters, and Inefficient Energy Use - Equipment and facilities.Associated Practices: 798-Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops, 533-Pumping Plant, 449- Irrigation Water Management, 430 - Irrigation Pipeline, 433 - Irrigation Flow Measurement, 610 - Salinity & Sodic Soil Management, 434 - Soil Moisture Measurement, 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, and 590 Nutrient Management.

Before Situation:

Vegetable or specialty crop has an insufficient available water source causing plant health (establishment and persistence) concerns.

After Situation:

A surface placed microirrigation system is utilized to provide highly efficient irrigation to vegetable or specialty crop to address plant health concerns.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.41	$0.59

Practice: 442 - Sprinkler System

Scenario #1 - Gravity to Pivot Conversion

Scenario Description:

Description: Installation of a low pressure center pivot system. Resource concerns include: Soil Erosion (Concentrated flow erosion e.g. irrigation induced), Insufficient Water (Inefficient use of irrigation water), Water Quality Degradation (Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters, Excessive salts in surface and ground waters, Excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids or compost applications).Associated Practices: Irrigation Pipeline (430), Pumping Plant (533), Irrigation Water Management (449)

Before Situation:

A 160 acre field is flood irrigated. Application of irrigation water is inefficient and non-uniform. Irrigation water is typically over applied in some parts of the field, and under applied in others. Deep percolation from the excess irrigation delivers excess nutrients salts, and chemicals to the ground water. Runoff from the field contains excess nutrients and degrades the receiving waters. Irrigated induced erosion is excessive.

After Situation:

The existing surface irrigation system is converted to a low pressure center pivot. Corners are converted to non-irrigated cropland. The pivot is 1300 feet in length with pressure regulators and low pressure sprinklers. The new irrigation system applies water efficiently and uniformly to maintain adequate soil water for the desired level of plant growth. Deep percolation and field runoff is eliminated and there are no excess nutrients, salts or pathogens delivered to the receiving waters. Irrigation induced runoff is eliminated.This center pivot scenario includes all hardware from the pivot point, including the concrete pad the pivot is placed on.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$45.45	$64.38

Practice: 442 - Sprinkler System

Scenario #2 - Linear Move System

Scenario Description:

This practice includes converting from a gravity irrigated system to a linear irrigation system (lateral move). Resource concerns include: Soil Erosion (Concentrated flow erosion e.g. irrigation induced), Insufficient Water (Inefficient use of irrigation water), Water Quality Degradation (Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters, Excessive salts in surface and ground waters, Excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids or compost applications), Inefficient Energy Use (Equipment and facilities e.g. pumping)Associated Practices: Irrigation Pipeline (430), Pumping Plant (533), Irrigation Water Management (449)Payment rate is figured per foot of installed hardware length.

Before Situation:

A 76 acre field is flood irrigated. Application of irrigation water is inefficient and non-uniform. Irrigation water is typically over applied in some parts of the field, and under applied in others. Deep percolation from the excess irrigation delivers excess nutrients salts, and chemicals to the ground water. Runoff from the field contains excess nutrients and degrades the receiving waters. Irrigated induced erosion is excessive.

After Situation:

A typical unit is approximately 76 acres in size with the sprinkler system typically 1280 feet in length. Irrigation water is efficiently and uniformly applied to maintain adequate soil water for the desired level of plant growth. Deep percolation and field runoff is eliminated and there are no excess nutrients, salts or pathogens delivered to the receiving waters. Irrigation induced runoff is eliminated.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$59.46	$84.24

Practice: 442 - Sprinkler System

Scenario #3 - System Renovation, Renozzle with Drops

Scenario Description:

Center Pivot and Linear Move sprinkler systems are used in large crop fields with fairly regular field borders and flat topography. The scenario involves changing nozzles on center pivot or lateral move irrigation systems to low-pressure systems to improve efficiency of water use and reduce energy use. This scenario is intended for cropland areas where the objective is water or energy conservation. A typical scenario assumes a 1300 LF span, renozzled with low-pressure nozzles and pressure regulators on drops.Resource concerns include: Soil Erosion (Concentrated flow erosion e.g. irrigation induced), Insufficient Water (Inefficient use of irrigation water), Water Quality Degradation (Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters, Excessive salts in surface and ground waters, Excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids or compost applications), Inefficient Energy Use (Equipment and facilities e.g. pumping)Associated Practices: Irrigation Pipeline (430), Pumping Plant (533), Irrigation Water Management (449)

Before Situation:

A center pivot is irrigating cropland that is being irrigated using a system in which all nozzles are operating above 35 psi on the mainline pipe. The nozzles are worn and water is applied non-uniformly. Water runs off the field and degrades the receiving waters. Deep percolation in some parts of the field degrades the ground water quality. The runoff from the field causes soil erosion. The high pressure requirement for the system requires excess energy use.

After Situation:

A Center Pivot or Linear Move sprinkler system with a span of 1300 linear feet is re-nozzled with low-pressure nozzles (<=35 psi) and pressure regulators on drops. The irrigation water is applied efficiently and uniformly to maintain adequate soil moisture for optimum plant growth. Runoff and deep percolation are eliminated, and the surface and ground water is no longer degraded. The irrigation induced soil erosion caused by runoff is also eliminated. The lower pressure sprinklers reduce the energy used by the pump when the pump is modified to match lower pressure requirements.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$25.53	$36.17

Practice: 442 - Sprinkler System

Scenario #4 - Gravity to Pivot Conversion with VRI

Scenario Description:

Upgrading existing irrigation system with a more uniform and efficient (vendor provided and installed modular system) Center Pivot system for the purpose of protecting water quality and utilizing water effectively. Integrating variable application technology onto a center pivot system for precision zone placement of water along the length of the system for water savings. A variable application over the field based either 1) EM mapping and a grid system, 2) previous year(s) harvest yield maps or 3) soil properties, or combination of each. This scenario is a new system to replace an existing gravity system, with the proper components, nozzles, and pressure regulating devices, along with other needed components for installation of a VRI system for more effective utilization of water.Resource concerns include: Soil Erosion (Concentrated flow erosion e.g. irrigation induced), Insufficient Water (Inefficient use of irrigation water), Water Quality Degradation (Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters, Excessive salts in surface and ground waters, Excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids or compost applications), Inefficient Energy Use (Equipment and facilities e.g. pumping), and protection of wetland areas enrolled in conservation program and other environmentally sensititve areas. Associated Practices: Irrigation Pipeline (430), Pumping Plant (533), Irrigation Water Management (449), Wetland Restoration (657), Wetland Enhancement (658) Wetland Creation (659)

Before Situation:

Flood application of irrigation water is inefficient and non-uniform. Irrigation water is typically over applied in some parts of the field, and under applied in others. Deep percolation from the excess irrigation delivers excess nutrients salts, and chemicals to the ground water and receiving stream. Additional energy input needed to apply suffiecint water to entire field. Irrigated induced erosion is excessive. Water runs off the field and degrades the receiving waters. Deep percolation in some parts of the field degrades the ground water quality. The runoff from the field causes soil erosion.

After Situation:

A new Center Pivot or Linear Move sprinkler system with a span of 1300 linear feet and a modular VRI system which increases irrigation efficiency and uniformity utilizing a modern center pivot system resulting in water savings. The irrigation water is applied efficiently and uniformly to maintain adequate soil moisture for optimum plant growth. Runoff and deep percolation are eliminated, and the surface and ground water is no longer degraded. The irrigation induced soil erosion caused by runoff is also eliminated. The lower pressure requirements of the sprinklers reduces the energy used by the pump.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$54.81	$77.65

Practice: 442 - Sprinkler System

Scenario #5 - VRI System Retrofit Zone

Scenario Description:

Integrating variable application technology onto a center pivot system for precision zone placement of water along the length of the system for water savings. A variable application over the field based either 1) EM mapping and a grid system, 2) previous year(s) harvest yield maps or 3) soil properties, or combination of each. This scenario is to renovate a previously irrigation system with proper modular components and pressure regulating devices, with GPS for field location and new control panel to update existing panel, along with other needed components to install a VRI system for more effective utilization of water. Resource concerns include: Soil Erosion (Concentrated flow erosion e.g. irrigation induced), Insufficient Water (Inefficient use of irrigation water), Water Quality Degradation (Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters, Excessive salts in surface and ground waters, Excess pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids or compost applications), Inefficient Energy Use (Equipment and facilities e.g. pumping), and protection of wetland areas enrolled in conservation program and other environemental sesititve areas. Associated Practices: Irrigation Pipeline (430), Pumping Plant (533), Irrigation Water Management (449), Wetland Restoration (657), Wetland Enhancement (658) Wetland Creation (659)

Before Situation:

A center pivot or lateral move system has low pressure sprinklers. Water runs off the field and degrades the receiving waters. Deep percolation in some parts of the field degrades the ground water quality. The runoff from the field causes soil erosion. The high pressure requirement for the system requires excess energy use.

After Situation:

A Center Pivot or Linear Move sprinkler system with a span of 1300 linear feet is has modular VRI components added to the system which increases irrigation efficiency and uniformity utilizing a modern center pivot system resulting in water savings. The irrigation water is applied efficiently and uniformly to maintain adequate soil moisture for optimum plant growth. Runoff and deep percolation are eliminated, and the surface and ground water is no longer degraded. The irrigation induced soil erosion caused by runoff is also eliminated. The lower pressure requirements of the sprinklers reduces the energy used by the pump.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$11.72	$16.61

Practice: 443 - Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface

Scenario #1 - Surge Valve & Controller

Scenario Description:

This scenario would typically include installation and utilization of a 10-inch surge valve with automated controller (including all appurtenances) and installation labor needed to convert from a conventional surface irrigated system to a surge irrigation system. Typical field size is 80 acres. The surge valve will be used with PVC Gated Pipe or PE Gated Tubing to convey and distribute irrigation water to alternating irrigation sets in a timed surge cycle that results in reduced a surging irrigation application. The surging action increases rate of advance along set length, reduces deep percolation at upper end of field, increases uniformity of application along row length, and on lower intake soils can significantly reduce runoff losses. The result is improved irrigation efficiency, reduced leaching and erosion losses, and conserved energy. This scenario does not include gated pipe or associated practices.Resource Concerns: Insufficient Water - Inefficient use of irrigation water, and Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable plantproductivity and health, Water Quality Degradation- Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters, Water Quality Degradation - Excessive sediment in surface waters, and Inefficient Energy Use - Equipment and facilitiesAssociated Practices: 464-Irrigation Land leveling, 533-Pumping Plant, 449- Irrigation Water Management, 430 - Irrigation Pipeline, 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, and 590 Nutrient Management.

Before Situation:

Unacceptable irrigation application uniformity along existing surface irrigation system furrow or border length caused by excessive run length or soil infiltration rate when operated with continuous inflow on existing system. System is over irrigated in attempt to adequately irrigate low end of field.

After Situation:

A surge surface irrigation system is in place. After implementation, distribution uniformity and irrigation efficiency is improved, by reducing irrigation application volume and deep percolation losses. Runoff reductions, reduced energy use, and air quality improvements can also result.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1,335.55	$1,892.02

Practice: 443 - Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface

Scenario #2 - Aluminum Gated Pipe

Scenario Description:

Installation of surface Aluminum gated pipe to efficiently convey and distribute irrigation water in irrigation furrows, borders, or contour levees. A typical scenario would include 1,320 feet of 10-inch Aluminum gated pipe, with 40 inch gate spacing used to irrigate 60 acres. Appurtenances include: gates, couplings, fittings, in-line valves, pressure relief valves, and air vent valves. Does not include flow meters, or a permanent inlet structure with or without filtration.Resource Concerns: Insufficient Water - Inefficient use of irrigation water, and Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable Plantproductivity and health.Associated Practices: 464-Irrigation Land leveling, 533-Pumping Plant, 449- Irrigation Water Management, 430 - Irrigation Pipeline, 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, and 590 Nutrient Management.,

Before Situation:

Typical before situation would include conveyance of water to surface irrigation distribution points with earthen ditches and distribution to individual furrows, borders, or contour levies by siphon tubes. The existing system would experience significant seepage ditch losses, and poor distribution uniformity.

After Situation:

The installation of aluminum gated pipe will improve distribution uniformity, irrigation efficiency, and eliminate or reduce ditch seepage by conveying and distributing irrigation water in irrigation furrows, borders, or contour levees.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$117.36	$166.26

Practice: 443 - Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface

Scenario #3 - Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Gated Pipe

Scenario Description:

Installation of surface PVC gated pipe to efficiently convey and distribute irrigation water in irrigation furrows, borders, or contour levees. A typical scenario would include 1,320 feet of 10-inch PVC gated pipe, with 40 inch gate spacing used to irrigate 60 acres. Appurtenances include: gates, couplings, fittings, in-line valves, pressure relief valves, and air vent valves. Does not include flow meters, or a permanent inlet structure with or without filtration.Resource Concerns: Insufficient Water - Inefficient use of irrigation water, and Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable Plantproductivity and health.Associated Practices: 464-Irrigation Land leveling, 533-Pumping Plant, 449- Irrigation Water Management, 430 - Irrigation Pipeline, 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, and 590 Nutrient Management.,

Before Situation:

Typical before situation would include conveyance of water to surface irrigation distribution points with earthen ditches and distribution to individual furrows, borders, or contour levies by siphon tubes. The existing system would experience significant seepage ditch losses, and poor distribution uniformity.

After Situation:

The installation of PVC gated pipe will improve distribution uniformity, irrigation efficiency, and eliminate or reduce ditch seepage by conveying and distributing irrigation water in irrigation furrows, borders, or contour levees.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$58.89	$83.43

Practice: 449 - Irrigation Water Management

Scenario #1 - IWM, Basic Technique

Scenario Description:

A low Intensity irrigation water management system for producers using a checkbook method (crop grown, soil moisture conditions prior to irrigation, dates of irrigation start and stop, depths of irrigation applied, duration of irrigations, and amount of rainfall). For a typical scenario, soil moisture is determined by the feel method, volumes of irrigation water are based on energy or water district bills, records are kept on paper copies, and calculations are made by hand. Resource Concerns: Insufficient Water Supply-Inefficient use of irrigation water; Degraded Plant Condition-Undesirable plant productivity and health, and Inefficient Energy Use-Equipment and facilities.Associated Practices: 441-Irrigation System Microirrigation, 442-Irrigation System Sprinkler, 443-Irrigation System Surface and Subsurface, 449- Irrigation Water Management, 587-Structure for water Control.

Before Situation:

The irrigator decides when to irrigate based on general crop or soil appearance or limited soil moisture monitoring. System run times are based on past apparent success. The typical irrigated field is a 125 acre corn field with a sprinkler irrigation system.

After Situation:

Irrigations are scheduled based on measured crop water requirements. Records are used to evaluate results of past irrigation events and influence future irrigations. The irrigator keeps records of soil moisture, crop water use, rainfall amounts and irrigation timing and amounts. At the end of the irrigation season all the data has been reviewed and evaluated. Improvements planned for the next season have been determined.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.50	$4.96

Practice: 449 - Irrigation Water Management

Scenario #2 - IWM, Intermediate Technique, 1st year

Scenario Description:

This practice includes the installation of electrical soil moisture sensors such as capacitance or resistance sensors that are monitored to determine soil moisture. This scenario includes purchasing soil moisture sensors, installation equipment (probe or auger), and a data logger to log continuous soil moisture data that can be downloaded to a personal computer and associated graphing software. This scenario is intended to be used as a one-time payment for the first year in multiple year IWM contracts. Typical Scenario involves installation of sensors at a single location in a 125 acre field of sprinkler irrigated cropland. Producer periodically monitors soil moisture sensors during the growing season. Resource Concerns: Insufficient Water - Inefficient use of irrigation water, and Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable plantproductivity and health, and Inefficient Energy Use - Equipment and facilities. Associated Practices: 449- Irrigation Water Management, 587-Structure for water Control, 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, 590-Nutrient Management, 442-Irrigation System, Sprinkler, and Irrigation System, Microirrigation 441.

Before Situation:

Producer uses feel method to estimate soil moisture for scheduling irrigation in the field.

After Situation:

Producer has installed at least three sensors at each monitoring site to a depth of three feet with one sensor representing each foot of depth. Producer periodically downloads continuously recorded soil moisture measurements that are used to schedule irrigation more effectively resulting in improved irrigation water management and reduced energy use.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$987.50	$1,398.95

Practice: 449 - Irrigation Water Management

Scenario #3 - IWM, Intermediate Technique, Subsequent Years

Scenario Description:

This practice includes the installation of electrical soil moisture sensors such as capacitance or resistance sensors that are monitored to determine soil moisture. This scenario includes the installation of soil moisture sensors and a data logger(s) to log continuous soil moisture data that can be downloaded to a personal computer and associated graphing software. This scenario is intended to be used as a subsequent payment for multiple year IWM contracts after the monitoring equipment was purchased or is already available. Typical Scenario involves installation of sensors at a single location in a 125 acre field of sprinkler irrigated cropland. Producer periodically monitors soil moisture sensors during the growing season. Resource Concerns: Insufficient Water - Inefficient use of irrigation water, and Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable plantproductivity and health, and Inefficient Energy Use - Equipment and facilities. Associated Practices: 449- Irrigation Water Management, 587-Structure for water Control, 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, 590-Nutrient Management, 442-Irrigation System, Sprinkler, and Irrigation System, Microirrigation 441.

Before Situation:

Producer uses feel method to estimate soil moisture for scheduling irrigation in the field.

After Situation:

Producer has installed at least three sensors at each monitoring site to a depth of three feet with one sensor representing each foot of depth. Producer periodically downloads continuously recorded soil moisture measurements that are used to schedule irrigation more effectively resulting in improved irrigation water management and reduced energy use.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.72	$5.27

Practice: 449 - Irrigation Water Management

Scenario #4 - IWM, Advanced Technique

Scenario Description:

A high intensity irrigation water management system for producers using a checkbook method with advanced methods of determining irrigation water applied, and estimating crop evapotranspiration, monitoring field soil moisture, or monitoring crop temperature stress. Typical methods include flow measurement, daily record keeping, and use of real-time evapotranspiration estimates (such as those provided dedicated weather stations) and/or soil moisture sensors with automated data logging to monitor field soil moisture content and/or crop temperature. For this scenario, soil moisture is determined by automated soil moisture monitoring stations equipped with telemetry data. Irrigation amounts are recorded from a flow meter near the pump. Telemetry data is automatically sent to a computer with irrigation software. Irrigator also receives real time data via mobile phone applications. Some data such as total water applied may be entered into computer software manually.Resource Concerns: Insufficient Water Supply-Inefficient use of irrigation water; Degraded Plant Condition-Undesirable plant productivity and health, and Inefficient Energy Use-Equipment and facilities.Associated Practices: 449- Irrigation Water Management, 587-Structure for water Control, 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, 590-Nutrient Management, 442-Irrigation System, Sprinkler, and Irrigation System, Microirrigation 441.

Before Situation:

The farmer decides when to irrigate based on general crop or soil appearance or limited soil moisture monitoring. System run times are based on past apparent success.

The typical irrigated field is a 125 acre corn field with sprinkler irrigation.

After Situation:

Irrigations are scheduled based on measured crop water requirements. Records are used to evaluate results of past irrigation events and influence future irrigations. The irrigator keeps records of soil moisture, crop water use, rainfall amounts and irrigation timing and amounts. At the end of the irrigation season all the data has been reviewed and evaluated. Improvements planned for the next season have been determined.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1,733.95	$2,456.43

Practice: 449 - Irrigation Water Management

Scenario #25 - Small Scale Irrigation

Scenario Description:

A low intensity irrigation water management system for small scale producers (typical size less than 5 acres) using a checkbook method (crop grown, soil moisture conditions prior to irrigation, dates of irrigation start and stop, depths of irrigation applied, duration of irrigations, and amount of rainfall). For a typical scenario, soil moisture is determined by soil moisture sensors (such as soil moisture meters or tensiometers), volumes of irrigation water are based on flow measureing device, energy or water bills, records are kept on computer program or paper copies, and calculations for paper copies are made by hand. Resource Concerns: Insufficient Water Supply-Inefficient use of irrigation water; Degraded Plant Condition-Undesirable plant productivity and health, and Inefficient Energy Use-Equipment and facilities.Associated Practices: 441-Irrigation System Microirrigation, 442-Irrigation System Sprinkler, 443-Irrigation System Surface and Subsurface, 433-Irrigation Water Measurement, 587 Structure for Water Control.

Before Situation:

The irrigator decides when to irrigate based on general crop or soil appearance or limited soil moisture monitoring. System run times are based on past apparent success.

After Situation:

Irrigations are scheduled based on measured crop water use and measured soil moisture. Records are used to evaluate results of past irrigation events and influence future irrigations. The irrigator keeps records of soil moisture, crop water use, rainfall amounts and irrigation timing and amounts. At the end of the irrigation season all the data has been reviewed and evaluated. Improvements planned for the next season have been determined.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$483.71	$685.25

Practice: 462 - Precision Land Forming

Scenario #2 - Site Stabilization

Scenario Description:

The site contains a gully or other site specific topographic problem. Site conditions require attention to elevation and grade. Resource concerns are EXCESS / INSUFFICIENT WATER -(Ponding, Flooding) and SOIL EROSION -(Sheet, Rill)

Before Situation:

The site, commonly a crop field or CAFO, has localized gully or topographic issues causing drainage or erosion problems. Typical situation is a gully 10 feet wide and 5 feet deep and 2000 feet long.

After Situation:

Land has been shaped to the required elevations and grades. Resource concerns have been treated. Associated practices, like plantings or drainage water management practices, would be contracted seperately as needed.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.04	$2.89

Practice: 466 - Land Smoothing

Scenario #1 - Minor Shaping

Scenario Description:
Removing irregularities on the land surface of cropland by use of heavy equipment.

Before Situation:
Field damaged by flooding (resulting in gullies), past agricultural practices, or other topographic issues causing drainage or field workability issues.

After Situation:
Land levelling by backhoe, dozer, scraper or other heavy equipment to correct irregularities and address drainage or workability issues. Typically consists of moving less than 100 cy/acre of material.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$231.20	$327.53

Practice: 466 - Land Smoothing

Scenario #1 - Minor Shaping

Scenario Description:
Removing irregularities on the land surface of cropland by use of heavy equipment.

Before Situation:
Field damaged by flooding (resulting in gullies), past agricultural practices, or other topographic issues causing drainage or field workability issues.

After Situation:
Land levelling by backhoe, dozer, scraper or other heavy equipment to correct irregularities and address drainage or workability issues. Typically consists of moving less than 100 cy/acre of material.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$231.20	$1,253.70

Practice: 466 - Land Smoothing

Scenario #1 - Minor Shaping

Scenario Description:
Removing irregularities on the land surface of cropland by use of heavy equipment.

Before Situation:
Field damaged by flooding (resulting in gullies), past agricultural practices, or other topographic issues causing drainage or field workability issues.

After Situation:
Land levelling by backhoe, dozer, scraper or other heavy equipment to correct irregularities and address drainage or workability issues. Typically consists of moving less than 100 cy/acre of material.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$884.96	$327.53

Practice: 466 - Land Smoothing

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Scenario Description:
Removing irregularities on the land surface of cropland by use of heavy equipment.

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After Situation:
Land levelling by backhoe, dozer, scraper or other heavy equipment to correct irregularities and address drainage or workability issues. Typically consists of moving less than 100 cy/acre of material.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$884.96	$1,253.70

Practice: 466 - Land Smoothing

Scenario #2 - Field Shaping

Scenario Description:

Removing irregularities on the land surface of cropland by use of heavy equipment.

Before Situation:

Depressions, mounds, old terraces, turn rows, and other surface irregularities interfere with the application of needed soil and water conservation and management practices, such as new terraces.

After Situation:

Motor grader or other heavy equipment used to correct irregularities and address drainage or workability issues. Typically less than 100 cy/acre material moved, or about 150 cy per 1000 LF of terrace.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.27	$0.38

Practice: 468 - Lined Waterway or Outlet

Scenario #1 - Turf Reinforced Matting, Moderate Stress

Scenario Description:

Install approximately 46' long trapezoidal (or similar parabolic shape) waterway, with 20' wide bottom, 1.1' depth, and 4:1 side slopes, lined with Turf Reinforced Matting (TRM). The profile includes a 4' long level approach apron, a 32' long section at 12.5% grade (4' drop), and a 10' long level exit apron depressed 1' below outlet channel grade. Ideally, all TRM is placed on an excavated surface, typically immediately upstream of a headcut. Excess excavation is spread in the immediate area. TRM is installed on the bottom and side slopes of the waterway to prevent scour and aid in waterway establishment. Costs include excavation to channel grade, earthfill in transverse approach berm and side berms, earthwork to blend aprons to existing ground, spreading of excess material, and furnishing and installing TRM. TRM is installed by laborers. Required TRM has a moderate allowable stress of less than 12 pounds per square foot in the fully vegetated condtion. Unit cost for TRM is assumed to include a surcharge for anhorage and overlap, typically 1' at upstream end, 0.5' at downstream end, side terminations, and 0.5' overlaps; such associated additional quantities are generally not part of the measured quantity for payment.

Before Situation:

Excessive soil erosion and sedimentation are a result of ephemeral or classic gully erosion. Velocities are generally too high or saturated soil conditions make it difficult to establish a grassed waterway without a lining material.

After Situation:

The TRM lined waterway provides a surface capable of withstanding moderate flow velocity and stress to maintain a stable channel configuration. The measured quantity for payment excludes amounts necessary for terminal anchorage and overlap. Associated practices are Grassed Waterway (412), Subsurface Drain (606), Underground Outlet (620), Structure for Water Control (587), and Critical Area Seeding (342).

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.14	$1.61

Practice: 468 - Lined Waterway or Outlet

Scenario #2 - Turf Reinforced Matting, High Stress

Scenario Description:

Install approximately 54' long trapezoidal (or similar parabolic shape) waterway, with 30' wide bottom, 1.3' depth, and 4:1 side slopes, lined with Turf Reinforced Matting (TRM). The profile includes a 4' long level approach apron, a 40' long section at 12.5% grade (5' drop), and a 10' long level exit apron depressed 1' below outlet channel grade. Ideally, all TRM is placed on an excavated surface, typically immediately upstream of a headcut. Excess excavation is spread in the immediate area. TRM is installed on the bottom and side slopes of the waterway to prevent scour and aid in waterway establishment. Costs include excavation to channel grade, earthfill in transverse approach berm and side berms, earthwork to blend aprons to existing ground, spreading of excess material, and furnishing and installing TRM. TRM is installed by laborers. Required TRM has a relatively high allowable stress of at least 12 pounds per square foot in the fully vegetated condtion. Unit cost for TRM is assumed to include a surcharge for anhorage and overlap, typically 1' at upstream end, 0.5' at downstream end, side terminations, and 0.5' overlaps; such associated additional quantities are generally not part of the measured quantity for payment.

Before Situation:

Excessive soil erosion and sedimentation are a result of ephemeral or classic gully erosion. Velocities are generally too high or saturated soil conditions make it difficult to establish a grassed waterway without a lining material.

After Situation:

The TRM lined waterway provides a surface capable of withstanding high flow velocity and stress to maintain a stable channel configuration. The measured quantity for payment excludes amounts necessary for terminal anchorage and overlap. Associated practices are Grassed Waterway (412), Subsurface Drain (606), Underground Outlet (620), Structure for Water Control (587), and Critical Area Seeding (342).

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.46	$2.07

Practice: 468 - Lined Waterway or Outlet

Scenario #3 - Rock Lined, 12 in

Scenario Description:

Install 300 ' long by 15' wide by 1.5' deep with 2:1 side slopes trapezoidal or parabolic shaped waterway lined with 12' thick riprap (D100 = 9', Velocity ~ 8 ft/sec). 1/2 the channel is excavated, before excavation for riprap. Excess excavation is spoiled in the immediate area. Riprap is installed over 100% of the width of the waterway to prevent scour. Cost include excavation, spoiling of excess material, geotextile underlayment and installing 9' Rock Riprap. Lined waterway width is measured from top of bank to top of bank. (9'+3.35'+3.35') x 300' = 4710 Square Feet

Before Situation:

Excessive sedimentation and soil erosion as a result of ephemeral or classic gully erosion. Velocities are generally too high or saturated soil conditions make it difficult to establish a grassed waterway.

After Situation:

Rock lined waterway is 300 ' long by 15' wide by 1.5' deep with 2:1 sideslopes. Waterway is excavated and rock is placed using a hydraulic excavator. Geotextile underlayment is installed by laborers. Associated practices are Subsurface Drain (606), Underground Outlet (620), Structure for Water Control (587), and Critical Area Seeding (342).

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.28	$1.81

Practice: 468 - Lined Waterway or Outlet

Scenario #4 - Rock Lined, 24 in

Scenario Description:

Install 300 ' long by 15' wide by 1.5' deep with 2:1 side slopes trapezoidal or parabolic shaped waterway lined with 24" thick riprap (D100 = 18", Velocity ~ 11 ft/sec). 1/2 the channel is excavated, before excavation for riprap. Excess excavation is spoiled in the immediate area. Riprap is installed over 100% of the width of the waterway to prevent scour. Cost include excavation, spoiling of excess material, geotextile underlayment and installing 18" Rock Riprap. Lined waterway width is measured from top of bank to top of bank. (9'+3.35'+3.35') x 300' = 4710 Square Feet

Before Situation:

Excessive sedimentation and soil erosion as a result of ephemeral or classic gully erosion. Velocities are generally too high or saturated soil conditions make it difficult to establish a grassed waterway.

After Situation:

Rock lined waterway is 300 ' long by 15' wide by 1.5' deep with 2:1 sideslopes. Waterway is excavated and rock is placed using a hydraulic excavator. Geotextile underlayment is installed by laborers. Associated practices are Subsurface Drain (606), Underground Outlet (620), Structure for Water Control (587), and Critical Area Seeding (342).

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.79	$3.96

Practice: 468 - Lined Waterway or Outlet

Scenario #5 - Concrete

Scenario Description:

Install 300 ' long by 15' wide by 1.5' deep with 2:1 sides slopes trapezoidal or parabolic shaped waterway lined with concrete. 1/2 the channel is excavated, before excavation for concrete and subgrade material. Excess excavation is spoiled in the immediate area. Concrete is installed over 100% of the width of the waterway to prevent scour. Cost include excavation, spoiling of excess material, 6" of clean sand or gravel subgrade, and 5" reinforced concrete slab. Lined waterway width is measured from top of bank to top of bank. (9'+3.35'+3.35') x 300' = 4710 Square Feet

Before Situation:

Excessive sedimentation and soil erosion as a result of ephemeral or classic gully erosion. Velocities are generally too high or saturated soil conditions make it difficult to establish a grassed waterway. Usually installed in locations where rock or other lining materials are not readily available.

After Situation:

Concrete lined waterway is 300 ' long by 15' wide by 1.5' deep with 2:1 side slopes. Waterway is excavated using a hydraulic excavator. Concrete slab is placed on 6" of clean sand or #57 stone. Concrete is placed, graded and screeded by laborers. Associated practices are Subsurface Drain (606), Underground Outlet (620), Structure for Water Control (587), and Critical Area Seeding (342).

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.85	$4.04

Practice: 468 - Lined Waterway or Outlet

Scenario #6 - Articulated Concrete Block

Scenario Description:

Install 300 ' long by 15' wide (at top) by 1.5' deep with 2:1 sides slopes trapezoidal or parabolic shaped waterway lined with artiulated concrete block (ACB). 1/2 the channel is excavated, before excavation for ACB and subgrade material. Excess excavation is spoiled in the immediate area. Articulated concrete block is installed over 100% of the width of the waterway to prevent scour. Cost include excavation, spoiling of excess material, 3" of clean sand or gravel subgrade, and 6" height articulated concrete block. Lined waterway width is measured from top of bank to top of bank. (9'+3.35'+3.35') x 300' = 4710 Square Feet

Before Situation:

Excessive sedimentation and soil erosion as a result of ephemeral or classic gully erosion. Velocities are generally too high or saturated soil conditions make it difficult to establish a grassed waterway. Usually installed in locations where rock or other lining materials are not readily available.

After Situation:

Articulated Concrete Block lined waterway is 300 ' long by 15' wide by 1.5' deep with 2:1 sideslopes. Waterway is excavated using a hydraulic excavator. Articulated concrete block is placed on 3" of clean sand or gravel subgrade and installed with a hydraulic excavator, loader and laborers. Associated practices are Subsurface Drain (606), Underground Outlet (620), Structure for Water Control (587), and Critical Area Seeding (342).

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4.33	$6.14

Practice: 468 - Lined Waterway or Outlet

Scenario #7 - Splash Pad

Scenario Description:

Install a 10'x10', 1' thick rock riprap pad at outlet into streams. Excess excavation is spoiled in the immediate area. Costs include 12" and smaller rock riprap installed. It does not include the cost of the required vegetation. This practice is often installed in conjunction with terraces, diversions, sediment control basins, waterways or simlar practices.

Before Situation:

Excessive sedimentation and soil erosion as a result of concentrated water flow. Velocities are generally too high or saturated soil conditions make it difficult to maintain a stable outlet.

After Situation:

Runoff water is released through a stable outlet into streams or water courses without erosion or sedimentation. Associated practices are Critical Area Planting (342), Grassed Waterway (412), Terrace (600), Diversion (342), Water and Sediment Control Basin (638), and Subsurface Drainage (606)

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.49	$4.95

Practice: 472 - Access Control

Scenario #1 - Animal exclusion from sensitive areas (FI)

Scenario Description:

Exclude animals from an area in order to address identified resource concerns. This is for facilitating exclusion of animals to protect or enhance natural resource values and/or to allow for fuel loads to accumulate to address other resource issues. Control will be by permanent or temporary electric fencing. Any need for permanent fencing will be planned and installed using the Fence practice (382). Clearing of brush and trees is not necessary. Resource concerns include wildlife habitat degradation, undesirable plant productivity and health, and/or excessive sediment in surface waters.

Before Situation:

Sensitive areas are threatened by the adverse actions of domestic and/or wild animals. The importance of the sensitive areas can include (but are not limited to): wildlife habitat, plant species composition, newly established trees and/or plants, stream bank stability, and/or water quality.

After Situation:

Adequate fuel loads are permitted to accumulate so that other conservation practices may be implemented and/or sensitive areas are protected from adverse actions of domestic and/or wild animals by excluding them from the area.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$18.97	$19.55

Practice: 484 - Mulching

Scenario #2 - Erosion Control Blanket

Scenario Description:

Installation of erosion control blanket on critical areas with steep slopes, grassed waterways or diversions. Blanket is typically made of coconut coir, wood fiber, or straw, and is typically covered on both sides with polypropylene netting. Used to help control erosion and establish vegetative cover.

Before Situation:

There are areas of concentrated flow and a grassed waterway is being installed and seeded to permanent cover. Soil erosion is a concern and there is little to no vegetation.

After Situation:

The erosion control blanket is placed on concentrated flow areas and secured with ground staples. Soil erosion is minimized and vegetative cover is established.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.13	$0.19

Practice: 484 - Mulching

Scenario #6 - Natural Materials - Large Area

Scenario Description:

Application of straw mulch or other other state approved natural material to reduce erosion and facilitate the establishment of vegetative cover on large areas including salt affected soils. Mulch provides full coverage and is typically used with critical area planting. 2 tons per acre of straw applied through mechanical methods.

Before Situation:

Typical scenario is applying mulch on large areas including salt affected soils after permanent cover planting. The potential for soil erosion is high and mulch is needed to stabilize the soil, reduce evaporative losses, and facilitate the establishment of vegetative cover.

After Situation:

Straw mulch has been applied to areas needing mulch. Erosion and sedimentation is reduced, evaporation losses are minimized, water and soil quality is protected, and vegetative cover is established.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$227.53	$322.33

Practice: 490 - Tree/Shrub Site Preparation

Scenario #4 - Windbreak, chemical and mechanical

Scenario Description:

This practice involves the use of various mechanical equipment and chemical treatments, order to prepare a site for tree row planting, remove undesirable vegetation, and improve site conditions for establishing trees and/or shrubs. Typical sites include abandoned fields, pastures, rangelands, or forestland that was recently harvested. This practice is typically used to address the following resource concerns: degraded plant condition - undesirable plant productivity and health, and inadequate structure and composition.

Before Situation:

Ground needs prepared for establishemnt of trees and shrubs in rows. Undesirable vegetation is present on the site including herbaceous and woody vegetation. Noxious and invasive species may also be present. If left uncontrolled, undesirable vegetation will inhibit successful establishment of target species of trees and/or shrubs.

After Situation:

Ground has been prepared to establish tree and shrub rows. Undesirable vegetation has been treated using appropriate herbicides, reducing competition for target trees and/or shrubs. Site conditions are favorable for successful establishment of trees and/or shrubs. The typical size of the practice is 1.5 acres.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$117.82	$191.46

Practice: 500 - Obstruction Removal

Scenario #1 - Removal and Disposal of Fence, Feedlot

Scenario Description:

Remove and disposal of all existing fences around a livestock feeding/waste facility by demolition, excavation or other means required for removal. Dispose of all fence materials from the site so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Dispose of all materials by removal to an approved landfill, wood chipping and land distribution, or recycling center, burial at an approved location or burning. If burning is used, implement appropriate smoke management to protect public health and safety. Fence removal will address the resource concerns of the prevention or hindrance to the installation of conservation practices or present a hazard to their use and enjoyment.

Before Situation:

On headquarters or any land where existing feedlot fence interferes with planned land use development, public safety, or infrastructure. The site may be abandoned mine lands, construction sites, recreation areas, farms, ranches, and areas affected by natural disasters. This is not intended for the removal of obstructions from aquatic environments.

After Situation:

The typical feedlot fence will be 300 in linear feet. The removal of the fence will be performed with the use of equipment and hand labor. Dispose of all debris from the fence removal so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Revegetate or otherwise protect from erosion disturbed areas as soon as possible. Refer to NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 342, Critical Area Planting for seedbed preparation, seeding, fertilizing, and mulching requirements. The practice is to improve site conditions in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate better use of the landscape such as Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645).

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.08	$2.95

Practice: 500 - Obstruction Removal

Scenario #2 - Removal and Disposal of Fence, landscape

Scenario Description:

Remove and disposal of all existing fences by demolition, excavation or other means required for removal. Dispose of all fence materials from the site so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Dispose of all materials by removal to an approved landfill, wood chipping and land distribution, or recycling center, burial at an approved location or burning. If burning is used, implement appropriate smoke management to protect public health and safety. Remove and dispose of the unwanted fence obstruction in order to apply conservation practices such as Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) or facilitate the planned land use. Fence removal will address the resource concerns of the prevention or hindrance to the installation of conservation practices or present a hazard to their use and enjoyment and reduce hazards to wildlife.

Before Situation:

On any land where existing fence interferes with planned land use development, public safety, wildlife movement and habitat, or infrastructure. The site may be abandoned mine lands, construction sites, recreation areas, farms, ranches, and areas affected by natural disasters. This is not intended for the removal of obstructions from aquatic environments.

After Situation:

The typical fence will be 2640 in linear feet. The removal of the fence will be performed with the use of equipment and hand labor. Dispose of all debris from the fence removal so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Revegetate or otherwise protect from erosion disturbed areas as soon as possible. Refer to NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 342, Critical Area Planting for seedbed preparation, seeding, fertilizing, and mulching requirements. The practice is to improve site conditions in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate better use of the landscape such as Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645).

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.63	$0.89

Practice: 500 - Obstruction Removal

Scenario #3 - Removal and Disposal of Power Lines and Poles

Scenario Description:

Remove and disposal of power lines and poles thru demolition, excavation or other means required for removal. Dispose of all power lines and poles so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Dispose of all power lines and poles by removal to an approved location, or reuse location. Remove and dispose all power lines and poles in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate the planned land use. Rocks and or boulders will address the resource concerns of the prevention or hindrance to the installation of conservation practices or present a hazard to their use and enjoyment.

Before Situation:

On any land where existing obstructions interfere with planned land use development, public safety or infrastructure. The site may be abandoned mine lands, construction sites, recreation areas, farms, ranches, and areas affected by natural disasters. This is not intended for the removal of obstructions from aquatic environments.

After Situation:

The typical length is 2640 linear feet of an impaired area. The removal of power lines and poles will be performed by using means required for removal with the use of heavy equipment and hand labor. Dispose of all lines and poles from the obstruction removal so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Revegetate or otherwise protect from erosion disturbed areas as soon as possible. Refer to NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 342, Critical Area Planting for seedbed preparation, seeding, fertilizing, and mulching requirements. The practice is to improve site conditions in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate better use of the landscape.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.05	$2.91

Practice: 500 - Obstruction Removal

Scenario #4 - Removal and Disposal of Steel and or Concrete Structures

Scenario Description:

Remove and disposal of large steel and or concrete structures by demolition, excavation or other means required for removal. Dispose of all steel and or concrete structures so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Dispose of all steel and or concrete structures by removal to an approved location, or reuse location. Remove and dispose all steel and or concrete structures in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate the planned land use. Steel and or concrete structure removal will address the resource concerns of the prevention or hindrance to the installation of conservation practices or present a hazard to their use and enjoyment.

Before Situation:

On any land where existing obstructions interfere with planned land use development, public safety or infrastructure. The site may be abandoned mine lands, construction sites, recreation areas, farms, ranches, and areas affected by natural disasters. This is not intended for the removal of obstructions from aquatic environments.

After Situation:

The typical area will be a 2000 square feet of impaired land. The removal of steel and or concrete structures will be performed by demolition, excavation or other means required for removal with the use of heavy equipment and hand labor. Dispose of all steel and or concrete structures from the obstruction removal so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Revegetate or otherwise protect from erosion disturbed areas as soon as possible. Refer to NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 342, Critical Area Planting for seedbed preparation, seeding, fertilizing, and mulching requirements. The practice is to improve site conditions in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate better use of the landscape.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7.89	$11.18

Practice: 500 - Obstruction Removal

Scenario #5 - Removal and Disposal of Wood Structures

Scenario Description:

Remove and disposal of wood structures (including large isolated trees) by demolition, excavation or other similar means required for removal. Dispose of all wood structures so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Dispose of all wood structures by removal to an approved location, landfill, or reuse location. Remove and dispose all wood structures in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate the planned land use. Wood structure removal will address the resource concerns of the prevention or hindrance to the installation of conservation practices or present a hazard to their use and enjoyment.

Before Situation:

On any land where existing obstructions interfere with planned land use development, public safety or infrastructure. The site may be abandoned mine lands, construction sites, recreation areas, farms, ranches, and areas affected by natural disasters. This is not intended for the removal of obstructions from aquatic environments.

After Situation:

The typical area will be a 2000 square feet of impaired land. The removal of wood structures will be performed by demolition, excavation or other similar means required for removal with the use of heavy equipment and hand labor. Dispose of all wood structures from the obstruction removal so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Revegetate or otherwise protect from erosion disturbed areas as soon as possible. Refer to NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 342, Critical Area Planting for seedbed preparation, seeding, fertilizing, and mulching requirements. The practice is to improve site conditions in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate better use of the landscape.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4.11	$5.83

Practice: 500 - Obstruction Removal

Scenario #6 - Removal and disposal of individual landscape structures

Scenario Description:

Remove and disposal of individual landscape structures (windmills, large trees, etc.) by demolition, excavation or other means required for removal. Dispose of all landscape structures so that it does not impede wildlife movement and/or subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Dispose of all associated materials by removal to an approved location, or reuse location. Remove and dispose all materials in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate the planned land use. Landscape structure removal will address the resource concerns of wildlife collision or avoidance at the landscape level.

Before Situation:

On any land where existing obstructions interfere with planned land use development, public safety or infrastructure. The site may be recreation areas, farms, ranches, and areas. This is not intended for the removal of obstructions from aquatic environments.

After Situation:

The typical area will be an area of 15 feet by 15 feet (225 square feet) of impaired land. The removal of landscape structures will be performed by demolition, excavation or other means required for removal with the use of heavy equipment and hand labor. Dispose of all materials from the obstruction removal so that it does not impede wildlife movement or cause onsite or offsite damage. Revegetate or otherwise protect from erosion disturbed areas as soon as possible. Refer to NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 342, Critical Area Planting for seedbed preparation, seeding, fertilizing, and mulching requirements. The practice is to improve site conditions in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate better use of the landscape.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.54	$5.02

Practice: 500 - Obstruction Removal

Scenario #7 - Removal and Disposal of Brush and Trees <= 6 inch Diameter

Scenario Description:

Remove and dispose of brush and trees predominantly <= 6 inches in diameter by demolition, excavation or other means required for removal. Dispose of all brush and trees so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Dispose of all brush and trees by removal to an approved landfill, wood chipping and or land distribution, or recycling center, burial at an approved location or burning. If burning is used, implement appropriate smoke management to protect public health and safety. Remove and dispose of brush and trees in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate the planned land use. Brush and tree removal will address the resource concerns of the prevention or hindrance to the installation of conservation practices or present a hazard to their use and enjoyment.

Before Situation:

On any land where existing obstructions interfere with planned land use development, public safety or infrastructure. The site may be abandoned mine lands, construction sites, recreation areas, farms, ranches, and areas affected by natural disasters. This is not intended for the removal of obstructions from aquatic environments.

After Situation:

On any land where existing obstructions interfere with planned land use development, public safety or infrastructure. The site may be abandoned mine lands, construction sites, recreation areas, farms, ranches, and areas affected by natural disasters. This is not intended for the removal of obstructions from aquatic environments.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$664.29	$941.08

Practice: 500 - Obstruction Removal

Scenario #8 - Removal and Disposal of Brush and Trees > 6 inch Diameter

Scenario Description:

Remove and dispose of brush and trees predominantly > 6 inches in diameter by demolition, excavation or other means required for removal. Dispose of all brush and trees so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Dispose of all brush and trees by removal to an approved landfill, wood chipping and or land distribution, or recycling center, burial at an approved location or burning. If burning is used, implement appropriate smoke management to protect public health and safety. Remove and dispose of brush and trees in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate the planned land use. Brush and tree removal will address the resource concerns of the prevention or hindrance to the installation of conservation practices or present a hazard to their use and enjoyment.

Before Situation:

On any land where existing obstructions interfere with planned land use development, public safety or infrastructure. The site may be abandoned mine lands, construction sites, recreation areas, farms, ranches, and areas affected by natural disasters. This is not intended for the removal of obstructions from aquatic environments.

After Situation:

The typical area will be a 2.0 acre impaired area. The removal of brush and trees > 6 inch diameter will be performed with the use of equipment and hand labor. Dispose of all brush and trees from the obstruction removal so that it does not impede subsequent work or cause onsite or offsite damage. Revegetate or otherwise protect from erosion disturbed areas as soon as possible. Refer to NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 342, Critical Area Planting for seedbed preparation, seeding, fertilizing, and mulching requirements. The practice is to improve site conditions in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate better use of the landscape.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1,251.96	$1,773.61

Practice: 511 - Forage Harvest Management

Scenario #1 - Improved Forage Quality

Scenario Description:

Improved cultural practices and recordkeeping result in better forage quality and better livestock performance.

Before Situation:

Forage cutting heights are as close to the ground as equipment will allow resulting in very low stubble height. Plant regrowth is very slow. Forage quality tests are not regularly done. Records of forage quality components, cutting heights, moisture content, and harvest schedule are not regularly kept.

After Situation:

Forage cutting heights are raised to leave at least 3-4" stubble height for cool season grasses and 6" for warm season grasses. Increased residual forage results in much faster plant regrowth. Forage quality tests are submitted to an accredited lab for analysis. Records of forage quality components, cutting heights, moisture content, and harvest schedule are regularly kept to track increased forage quality and improved livestock performance.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.71	$3.26

Practice: 511 - Forage Harvest Management

Scenario #3 - Per-Ann Crops - Delayed Mowing

Scenario Description:

In perennial or annual forage crops, the delaying the harvest of the first cutting to promote the reproduction of ground nesting birds. Delaying the harvest of the first cutting will benefit ground nesting birds; research at the University of Vermont showed that breeding success for declining grassland songbirds (e.g. Bobolink) went from 0 on a regularly harvested hay field to 2.8 fledglings per female per year when the the first harvest on a hayfield was delayed until August 1st. Bobolinks, Eastern Meadowlarks, and Savannah Sparrows require a nesting period to fledge young that lasts through the end of July in most parts of the eastern US. The delayed harvest results in a decrease in overall forage quality. Farmers could see as much as a 50% reduction in market value due to declines in protein (~50%) and digestibility (~20%), making the forage crop less palatable and lower in relative feed value. The selected fields should be large enough to promote ground nesting birds. After young have fledged the field will be harvested for dry forages.

Before Situation:

Perennial or annual forage crops are produced and harvested; ground nesting birds are disturbed and/or fledgling birds are killed in the process.

After Situation:

Perennial or annual forage crops are harvested with a delayed mowing; forage quality is compromised, however, the survival of ground nesting birds is promoted.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.71	$3.26

Practice: 512 - Forage and Biomass Planting

Scenario #3 - Native Perennial Grasses, multi species

Scenario Description:

Establish or reseed adapted perennial native warm season grasses to improve or maintain livestock/wildlife nutrition and health, extend the length of the grazing season, and provide soil cover to reduce erosion. Used for either conventional or no-till seeding of perennial native warm season grasses for pasture, hayland, and wildlife openings. This practice may be utilized for organic or regular production. This scenario includes seed, equipment and labor for seedbed prep, tillage, and seeding.

Before Situation:

Poorly managed/degraded pasture land or cropland being converted to pasture and/or hay.

After Situation:

Suitable species are established to improve forage quality and quantity and reduce soil erosion on cropland, hayland, pasture, and/or biomass production.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$185.26	$222.31

Practice: 512 - Forage and Biomass Planting

Scenario #4 - Native Perennial Grasses, multi species, forgone income

Scenario Description:

Establish or reseed adapted perennial native warm season grasses to improve or maintain livestock/wildlife nutrition and health, extend the length of the grazing season, and provide soil cover to reduce erosion. Used for either conventional or no-till seeding of perennial native warm season grasses for pasture, hayland, and wildlife openings. This practice may be utilized for organic or regular production. This scenario includes seed, equipment and labor for seedbed prep, tillage, and seeding. The land being seeded was previously cropland with a typical rotation of wheat and corn.

Before Situation:

Cropland being converted to pasture and/or hay.

After Situation:

Suitable species are established to improve forage quality and quantity and reduce soil erosion on cropland, hayland, pasture, and/or biomass production.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$213.00	$250.05

Practice: 512 - Forage and Biomass Planting

Scenario #5 - Introduced Perennial Grasses-Legume

Scenario Description:

Establish or reseed adapted perennial introduced grasses and legumes to improve or maintain livestock/wildlife nutrition and health, extend the length of the grazing season, and provide soil cover to reduce erosion. Used for either conventional or no-till seeding of perennial introduced grasses for pasture, hayland, and wildlife openings. This practice may be utilized for organic or regular production. This scenario includes seed, equipment and labor for seedbed prep, tillage, and seeding.

Before Situation:

Poor or nonexistent stand of grass species. Resource concerns may include undesireable plant productivity and health, inadequate feed and forage for livestock, soil erosion and soil quality.

After Situation:

Suitable species are established to improve forage quality and quantity and reduce soil erosion on cropland, hayland, pasture, and/or biomass production.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$39.52	$47.43

Practice: 512 - Forage and Biomass Planting

Scenario #6 - Introduced Perennial Grasses-Legume, foregone income

Scenario Description:

Establish or reseed adapted perennial introduced grasses and legumes to improve or maintain livestock/wildlife nutrition and health, extend the length of the grazing season, and provide soil cover to reduce erosion. Used for either conventional or no-till seeding of perennial introduced grasses for pasture, hayland, and wildlife openings. This practice may be utilized for organic or regular production. This scenario includes seed, equipment and labor for seedbed prep, tillage, and seeding. The land being seeded was previously cropland with a typical rotation of wheat and corn.

Before Situation:

Cropland being converted to grass. Resource concerns may include undesireable plant productivity and health, inadequate feed and forage for livestock, soil erosion and soil quality.

After Situation:

Suitable species are established to improve forage quality and quantity and reduce soil erosion on cropland, hayland, pasture, and/or biomass production.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$67.27	$75.18

Practice: 512 - Forage and Biomass Planting

Scenario #7 - Introduced Perennial & Native Grass Mix

Scenario Description:

Establish or reseed adapted introduced grasses and at least one native species to improve or maintain livestock/wildlife nutrition and health, extend the length of the grazing season, and provide soil cover to reduce erosion. Used for either conventional or no-till seeding of grasses for pasture, hayland, and wildlife openings. Native grass species, which have a significantly greater cost than introduced species, comprise one third of the grass mixture. This practice may be utilized for organic or regular production. This scenario includes seed, equipment and labor for seedbed prep, tillage, and seeding.

Before Situation:

Existing stand of perennial grasses, a monoculture, or no grasses present. Resource concerns may include undesireable plant productivity and health, inadequate feed and forage for livestock, soil erosion and soil quality.

After Situation:

Suitable species are established to improve forage quality and quantity and reduce soil erosion on cropland, hayland, pasture, and/or biomass production.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$57.60	$69.12

Practice: 512 - Forage and Biomass Planting

Scenario #8 - Introduced Perennial & Native Grass Mix, foregone income

Scenario Description:

Establish or reseed adapted introduced grasses and at least one native species to improve or maintain livestock/wildlife nutrition and health, extend the length of the grazing season, and provide soil cover to reduce erosion. Used for either conventional or no-till seeding of grasses for pasture, hayland, and wildlife openings. Native grass species, which have a significantly greater cost than introduced species, comprise one third of the grass mixture. This practice may be utilized for organic or regular production. This scenario includes seed, equipment and labor for seedbed prep, tillage, and seeding. The land being seeded was previously cropland with a typical rotation of wheat and corn.

Before Situation:

Land currently being cropped. Resource concerns may include undesireable plant productivity and health, inadequate feed and forage for livestock, soil erosion and soil quality.

After Situation:

Suitable species are established to improve forage quality and quantity and reduce soil erosion on cropland, hayland, pasture, and/or biomass production.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$85.35	$96.87

Practice: 516 - Livestock Pipeline

Scenario #1 - Shallow or Above Ground Pipeline, any diameter

Scenario Description:

Description: 1,320 feet of 1 1/4" PE pipe installed above ground or at a 12" depth to supply water for domestic animals. Installation includes all appurtenances and labor. Appurtenances include: couplings, fittings, thrust blocks, gate valves, air release valves, drain valve, and pressure relief valve, and are included in the cost of pipe material. Revegetation is not included.Resource Concerns: Inadequate Livestock Water, Inefficient Energy Use. Associated Practices: Critical Area Planting (342), Pumping Plant (533), Watering Facility (614),Water Harvesting Catchment (636), Spring Development (574), and Prescribed Grazing (528).

Before Situation:

Inadequate water supply for domestic animals located on grazed range, pasture, or grazed forest in the northern plains region. This practice will be installed either above ground or within 18" of the surface due to site conditions (i.e., difficult to install pipe below frost depth) or areas where allowed by waiver or state specific practice standard allows for installation of portable pipelines.

After Situation:

Pipeline(s) convey and/or distribute water to storage and/or watering facilities, for use by livestock or wildlife.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.77	$2.12

Practice: 516 - Livestock Pipeline

Scenario #7 - Boring, any diameter

Scenario Description:

Description: 200 feet of 2" PVC pipeline installed by boring through road bed or under streams to meet the needs of domestic animals. Typical trencher or plowing installation is not possible due to site disturbance or environmental concerns. This item includes installation, all materials, appurtenances, and labor required to construct and install the pipeline. Appurtenances include: couplings, fittings, expansion joints, anchors, thrust blocks, gate valves, air release valves, drain valve, and pressure relief valve, and are included in the cost of pipe material. Revegetation is not included.Resource Concerns: Inadequate Livestock Water, Inefficient Energy Use. Associated Practices: Critical Area Planting (342), Pumping Plant (533), Watering Facility (614), and Water Harvesting Catchment (636), Spring Development (574), and Prescribed Grazing (528).

Before Situation:

Water supplies need to be conveyed through pipelines for use by livestock or wildlife. Resource Concerns: Inadequate Livestock Water, Inefficient Energy Use.

After Situation:

Pipeline(s) convey and/or distribute water to storage and/or watering facilities, for use by livestock or wildlife. Pipeline will supply adequate water for domestic animals on grazed range, pasture, or grazed forest in the northern plains. The 200 feet of 2" diameter PVC pipe will be installedunder roads or streams at a depth of 60" or more to avoid unnecessary disturbance and to meet the water quantity requirements of domestic animals.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$17.68	$32.42

Practice: 516 - Livestock Pipeline

Scenario #8 - Rural Water Connection Equipment

Scenario Description:

The rural water connection includes the 4' manhole, meter, 500' of pipe, valves, and necessary installation for connecting from a rural water pipeline to a livestock distribution pipeline. This item includes installation, all materials, appurtenances, and labor required to construct and install the meter pit. This item does not include the hook-up fees to the rural water system. Resource Concerns: Inadequate Livestock Water, Inefficient Energy Use. Associated Practices: Critical Area Planting (342), Pumping Plant (533), Watering Facility (614), and Water Harvesting Catchment (636), Spring Development (574), and Prescribed Grazing (528).

Before Situation:

Inadequate water supply for domestic animals located on grazed range, pasture, or grazed forest in the northern plains region.

After Situation:

A rural water connection which provides access to a reliable, high quality water supply for meeting the needs of domestic animals on grazed range, pasture, or grazed forest in the northern plains region. The 4" manhole, meter, pipe and appurtenances will enable the pipeline to meet the quantity requirements of domestic animals.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3,320.63	$3,984.75

Practice: 521A - Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane

Scenario #1 - Flexible Membrane - Uncovered without liner drainage or venting

Scenario Description:

Installation of a flexible geosynthetic membrane liner, uncovered, to reduce seepage from ponds or waste storage impoundment structures. Practice implementation includes a geotextile or soil cushion to protect the liner from subgrade damage. Associated practices include PS378 Pond, PS313 Waste Storage Facility.

Before Situation:

In-place soils at site exhibit seepage rates in excess of acceptable limits.

After Situation:

Water conservation and enviromental protection provided by limiting seepage losses from ponds or waste storage impoundments.

Scenario Unit: Square Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$5.66	$8.01

Practice: 521A - Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane

Scenario #2 - Flexible Membrane - Uncovered with liner drainage or venting

Scenario Description:

Installation of a flexible geosynthetic membrane liner, uncovered, to reduce seepage from ponds or waste storage impoundment structures. Practice implementation includes a geotextile or soil cushion to protect the liner from subgrade damage, and liner drainage or venting. Associated practices include PS378 Pond, PS313 Waste Storage Facility.

Before Situation:

In-place soils at site exhibit seepage rates in excess of acceptable limits.

After Situation:

Water conservation and enviromental protection provided by limiting seepage losses from ponds or waste storage impoundments.

Scenario Unit: Square Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$6.84	$9.69

Practice: 521A - Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane

Scenario #3 - Flexible Membrane - Covered without liner drainage or venting

Scenario Description:

Installation of a flexible geosynthetic membrane liner to reduce seepage from ponds or waste storage impoundment structures. Practice implementation includes 1 foot of soil cover for liner protection, and a geotextile or soil cushion to protect liner from subgrade damage. Associated practices include PS378 Pond, PS313 Waste Storage Facility.

Before Situation:

In-place soils at site exhibit seepage rates in excess of acceptable limits.

After Situation:

Water conservation and enviromental protection provided by limiting seepage losses from ponds or waste storage impoundments.

Scenario Unit: Square Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$6.51	$9.22

Practice: 521A - Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane

Scenario #4 - Flexible Membrane - Covered with liner drainage or venting

Scenario Description:

Installation of a flexible geosynthetic membrane liner to reduce seepage from ponds or waste storage impoundment structures. Practice implementation includes 1 foot of soil cover for liner protection, a geotextile or soil cushion to protect liner from subgrade damage, and liner drainage or venting. Associated practices include PS378 Pond, PS313 Waste Storage Facility.

Before Situation:

In-place soils at site exhibit seepage rates in excess of acceptable limits.

After Situation:

Water conservation and enviromental protection provided by limiting seepage losses from ponds or waste storage impoundments.

Scenario Unit: Square Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7.70	$10.91

Practice: 521B - Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant

Scenario #1 - Soil Dispersant - Uncovered

Scenario Description:

Construction of a compacted soil liner, treated with a soil dispersant, to reduce seepage from ponds or waste storage impoundment structures. Practice implementation includes incorporation of the dispersant with the soil liner under proper moisture conditions and compaction to the designed liner thickness. Practice implementation may require filter compatibility with the subgrade (graded filter or geotextile). Associated practice PS378, PS313.

Before Situation:

In-place soils at site exhibit seepage rates in excess of acceptable limits. Soils are suitable for treatment with dispersants.

After Situation:

Water conservation and environmental protection provided by limiting seepage losses from ponds or waste storage impoundments.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$5.25	$7.43

Practice: 521B - Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant

Scenario #2 - Soil Dispersant - Covered

Scenario Description:

Construction of a compacted soil liner, treated with a soil dispersant, to reduce seepage from ponds or waste storage impoundment structures. Practice implementation includes incorporation of the dispersant with the soil liner under proper moisture conditions, compaction to the designed liner thickness, and placement of soil cover over the treated liner. Practice implementation may require filter compatibility with the subgrade (graded filter or geotextile). Associated practice PS378, PS313.

Before Situation:

In-place soils at site exhibit seepage rates in excess of acceptable limits. Soils are suitable for treatment with dispersants.

After Situation:

Water conservation and environmental protection provided by limiting seepage losses from ponds or waste storage impoundments. The soil liner is covered with a protective soil cover.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4.31	$6.11

Practice: 521C - Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant

Scenario #1 - Bentonite Treatment - Uncovered

Scenario Description:

Construction of a compacted soil liner, treated with bentonite, to reduce seepage from ponds or waste storage impoundment structures. Practice implementation includes incorporation of the bentonite with the soil under proper moisture conditions, compaction to the designed liner thickness. Practice implementation may require filter compatibility with the subgrade (graded filter or geotextile). Associated practice PS378, PS313.

Before Situation:

In-place soils at site exhibit seepage rates in excess of acceptable limits. Soils are suitable for treatment with dispersants.

After Situation:

Water conservation and environmental protection provided by limiting seepage losses from ponds or waste storage impoundments.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$51.32	$72.71

Practice: 521C - Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant

Scenario #2 - Bentonite Treatment - Covered

Scenario Description:

Construction of a compacted soil liner, treated with bentonite, to reduce seepage from ponds or waste storage impoundment structures. Practice implementation includes incorporation of the bentonite with the soil under proper moisture conditions, compaction to the designed liner thickness, and placement of soil cover over the treated liner. Practice implementation may require filter compatibility with the subgrade (graded filter or geotextile). Associated practice PS378, PS313.

Before Situation:

In-place soils at site exhibit seepage rates in excess of acceptable limits. Soils are suitable for treatment with bentonite.

After Situation:

Water conservation and environmental protection provided by limiting seepage losses from ponds or waste storage impoundments.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$26.87	$38.07

Practice: 521D - Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment

Scenario #1 - Material haul, less than 1 mile

Scenario Description:

Construction of a compacted soil liner, treated with compacted clay, to reduce seepage from ponds or waste storage impoundment structures. Practice implementation includes compaction of the soil liner under proper moisture conditions to the designed liner thickness, and soil cover to protect the finished liner. Material haul < 1 mile. Associated practices include PS378, PS313, & other waste water impoundments.

Before Situation:

In-place soils at site exhibit seepage rates in excess of acceptable limits. An adequate quantity of soil suitable for constructing a clay liner without amendments is available at an econical haul distance. Material haul < 1 mile.

After Situation:

Water conservation and environmental protection provided by limiting seepage losses from ponds or waste storage impoundments.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$9.30	$13.18

Practice: 521D - Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment

Scenario #2 - Material haul, greater than 1 mile

Scenario Description:

Construction of a compacted soil liner, treated with compacted clay, to reduce seepage from ponds or waste storage impoundment structures. Practice implementation includes compaction of the soil liner under proper moisture conditions to the designed liner thickness, and protection of the finished liner. Material haul > 1 mile. Associated practices include PS378, PS313, & other waste water impoundments.

Before Situation:

In-place soils at site exhibit seepage rates in excess of acceptable limits. An adequate quantity of soil suitable for constructing a clay liner without amendments is available at an economical haul distance.

After Situation:

Water conservation and environmental protection provided by limiting seepage losses from ponds or waste storage impoundments.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$10.14	$14.36

Practice: 521D - Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment

Scenario #3 - Use On-Site Material

Scenario Description:

Construction of a compacted soil liner, using materials available on-site, to reduce seepage from ponds or waste storage impoundment structures. Practice implementation includes compaction of the subgrade and soil liner under proper moisture conditions to the designed liner thickness using materials available at the construction site. Associated practices include PS378, PS313, & other waste water impoundments.

Before Situation:

In-place soils at site exhibit seepage rates in excess of acceptable limits without proper moisture and density control. An adequate quantity of soil suitable for constructing a clay liner without amendments is available on-site.

After Situation:

Water conservation and environmental protection provided by limiting seepage losses from ponds or waste storage impoundments.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4.58	$6.49

Practice: 521D - Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment

Scenario #4 - Use On-site Material with Soil Cover

Scenario Description:

Construction of a compacted soil liner, treated with compacted clay, to reduce seepage from ponds or waste storage impoundment structures. Practice implementation includes compaction of the soil liner under proper moisture conditions to the designed liner thickness, and soil cover to protect the finished liner using materials available at the construction site. Associated practices include PS378, PS313, & other waste water impoundments.

Before Situation:

In-place soils at site exhibit seepage rates in excess of acceptable limits. An adequate quantity of soil suitable for constructing a clay liner without amendments is available on-site.

After Situation:

Water conservation and environmental protection provided by limiting seepage losses from ponds or waste storage impoundments.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.72	$5.27

Practice: 528 - Prescribed Grazing

Scenario #2 - Range, 3-6 Pastures

Scenario Description:

Design and implementation of a grazing system using a minimum of 3, and not more than 6, pastures in rotation that will enhance rangeland health and ecosystem function as well as optimize efficiency and economic return through monitoring (ex: trend, composition, production, etc), and record keeping.

Before Situation:

Current grazing system exhibits undesirable and inefficient use of forage plants, and such use may have a negative impact on rangeland health, as well as soil and water resources. Stocking rates are likely higher than the current level of production and efficiency of use can support without management changes. There is currently no monitoring plan in place to evaluate change on the landscape.

After Situation:

Prescribed grazing system is designed to protect the health and vigor of the plant communities that are in place. Livestock are managed in rotation in a way that enhances rangeland health and function through proper rest and recovery periods, protection of sensitive areas, proper utilization, and efficient harvest of forage resources. Grazing system success will be evaluated through long term monitoring.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$5.72	$6.86

Practice: 528 - Prescribed Grazing

Scenario #3 - Range, 7 or More Pastures

Scenario Description:

Design and implementation of a grazing system, using a minimum of 7 pastures in rotation, that will enhance rangeland health and ecosystem function, as well as optimize efficiency and economic return through monitoring (ex: trend, composition, production, etc), and record keeping.

Before Situation:

Current grazing system exhibits undesirable and inefficient use of forage plants and such use may have a negative impact on rangeland health, as well as soil and water resources. Stocking rates are likely higher than the current level of production and efficiency of use can support without management changes. There is currently no monitoring plan in place to evaluate change on the landscape.

After Situation:

Prescribed grazing system is designed to protect the health and vigor of the plant communities that are in place. Livestock are managed in rotation in a way that enhances rangeland health and function through proper rest and recovery periods, protection of sensitive areas, proper utilization, and efficient harvest of forage resources. Grazing system success will be evaluated through long term monitoring.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7.78	$9.33

Practice: 528 - Prescribed Grazing

Scenario #7 - Habitat Mgt., Grouse

Scenario Description:

Development and implementation of a grazing schedule that will create, restore, and/or enhance habitat components for grouse species including Lesser prairie-chicken and Sage grouse (identified wildlife species of concern).

Before Situation:

Wildlife cover, shelter, food, water and movement are limited due to grazingland condition. Plant health and vigor are negatively impacted by one or more of the following: poor grazing distribution, timing of grazing and inadequate rest and recovery periods. Water quality may be impacted by increased runoff and erosion. In addition, reduced vegetative cover increases the opportunity for encroachment of noxious and invasive weeds.

After Situation:

A grazing system is altered and/or enhanced to benefit habitat for targeted wildlife species. Additional benefits include improved rangeland and/or pasture health, adequate rest and recovery periods, protection of sensitive areas, improved water quality and reduced risk of invasive or noxious weed encroachment. In order to achieve this, implementation of a rest/rotation or deferred grazing system will be required. A portion of the acres (20% for Sage Grouse Initiative) may be deferred during periods of critical wildlife use.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$10.49	$12.59

Practice: 533 - Pumping Plant

Scenario #1 - Irrigation, Modify Pump

Scenario Description:

This scenario includes the modification and/or replacement of vertical turbine pumps in conjunction with an irrigation conversion practice to ensure energy and water savings are realized. This includes an inventory or evaluation of existing pump performance data. This scenario includes all materials, equipment and labor to test and repair the inner column of the pump assembly and rebowling. Resource Concerns: Water Quality degradation - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters; Insufficient water - Inefficient use of irrigation water.Associated Practices include: 374 - Farmstead Energy Improvement; 430 - Irrigation Pipeline; 441 - Irrigation System, Microirrigation; 449 - Irrigation Water Management; 313 - Waste Storage Facility; 634 - Waste Transfer; 436 - Irrigation Reservoir; and 447 - Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery; and 614 - Watering Facility.

Before Situation:

160 acres of cropland is being irrigated with a less efficient system than a properly designed low pressure center pivot or linear move system.

After Situation:

Irrigation system on 160 acres of cropland has been converted to use a more efficient method of irrigation. The new pump and irrigation delivery are designed as a system that maximizes efficiency in energy and water use.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$12,607.47	$17,860.58

Practice: 533 - Pumping Plant

Scenario #2 - Irrigation, Submersible or Booster

Scenario Description:

This scenario includes the installation of a submersible pump and motor in a new or existing active well, or from surface water source, when done in conjunction with an irrigation conversion practice to ensure energy and water savings are realized. This scenario also includes the installation of an electric-powered centrifugal pump serving multiple pump systems for pressurizing a medium-sized (600 gpm and 50 psi) sprinkler system. Resource Concerns: Water Quality degradation - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters; insufficient water - Inefficient use of irrigation water.Associated Practices include: 374 - Farmstead Energy Improvement; 430 - Irrigation Pipeline; 441 - Irrigation System, Microirrigation; 449 - Irrigation Water Management

Before Situation:

160 acres of cropland is being irrigated with a less efficient system than a center pivot or linear move system with low pressure nozzles and is being supplied by a pump designed for the existing system.

After Situation:

160 acres of cropland are irrigated with an irrigation system converted to a system with more efficient distribution, and the pump modified to maximize water and energy savings.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4,223.83	$5,983.75

Practice: 533 - Pumping Plant

Scenario #3 - Irrigation, Variable Frequency Drive

Scenario Description:

Description: This is an installation of electrical and electronic components designed to vary the frequency of the voltage to vary the speed of an electric motor in an irrigation system. This directly affects pressure and flowrate. This would give the operator the flexibility to operate several systems separately or at the same time. Resource concerns: Insufficient water - Inefficient use of irrigation water; Inefficient energy use - Equipment and facilities and Farming/ranching practices and field operations.Associated Practices: 374 - Farmstead Energy Improvement; 430 - Irrigation Pipeline; 441 - Irrigation System, Microirrigation; 449 - Irrigation Water Management.

Before Situation:

Standard electrical connection from electrical utility to pump motor. No capability to match pump output pressure and/or flowrate to field(s) need(s). Result is over/under pressure(s) and/or flow rate(s), possible hydraulic anomalies, energy loss, and or inefficient water application in the irrigation system.

After Situation:

VFD Modifications are implemented at the pump site to allow for varying the speed of a 50 Hp electric motor to match the pressure and flow requirements for a center pivot irrigation system.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$8,832.62	$11,356.22

Practice: 533 - Pumping Plant

Scenario #4 - irrigation, Surface Water

Scenario Description:

This scenario includes the installation of an electric motor and pump with surface water (such as an irrigation canal) as the water source. This is done in conjunction with an irrigation conversion practice to ensure energy and water savings are realized. This scenario includes all materials, equipment and labor to install the pump and motor, including intake screens. Resource Concerns: Water Quality degradation - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters; Insufficient water - Inefficient use of irrigation water.Associated Practices include: 374 - Farmstead Energy Improvement; 430 - Irrigation Pipeline; 441 - Irrigation System, Microirrigation; 449 - Irrigation Water Management; 313 - Waste Storage Facility; 634 - Waste Transfer; 436 - Irrigation Reservoir; and 447 - Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery; and 614 - Watering Facility.

Before Situation:

Irrigation: 160 acres of cropland that is being irrigated under a less efficient system than a center pivot or linear move system with low pressure nozzles which is being serviced by a pump set up for the existing system. The existing irrigation system employs an inefficient, improperly sized pump that prevents efficient water application resulting in water loss and high energy use.

After Situation:

Irrigation: 160 acres of cropland that has undergone an irrigation conversion practice to use a more efficient method of irrigation, including installation of a pumping plant with an irrigation canal as the water source. The properly designed and efficient pumping plant is installed, reducing energy use and improving irrigation efficiency.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7,787.28	$10,012.21

Practice: 533 - Pumping Plant

Scenario #5 - Livestock, Manure Transfer

Scenario Description:

Description: Pump and accessories to move manure from storage location to manure distribution site/equipment. Part of a animal waste management system. Resource Concerns: Water Quality degradation - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters.Associated Practices include: 313 - Waste Storage Facility; 634 - Waste Transfer

Before Situation:

Livestock facility that is not in compliance with federal and/or state regulations for animal feeding operations for handling livestock manure.

After Situation:

A manure transfer pump is installed as part of animal manure handling system. The typical installation includes a 15 hp chopper/screw pump installed at the facility with all necessary appurtenances and controls. Other pump types may be substituted as needed to transfer manure. Waste is properly managed in accordance federal and/or state regulations for animal feeding operations to address water quality concerns.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$11,638.05	$14,963.21

Practice: 533 - Pumping Plant

Scenario #7 - Livestock, w/ Pressure Tank, Low HP

Scenario Description:

Descriptions: A submersible electric-powered pump (typically less than 2 HP) is installed in a well or structure. It is used to provide water for livestock as part of a prescribed grazing system. Submersible pump installed to deliver stockwater from a well or waterbody to a watering facility. Installation includes drop pipe, pump, and all necessary appurtenances and includes a pressure tank. Resource Concerns: Livestock Production Limitation - Inadequate livestock water.Associated Practices include: 374 - Farmstead Energy Improvement; 516 - Livestock Pipeline.

Before Situation:

Grazing system has an inadequate water supply for livestock that prevents efficient use of pasture.

After Situation:

Properly designed water supply system including pump, pipeline, and watering facilities are in place. Water is delivered at a sufficient rate to meet the requirements of a prescribed grazing system.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3,068.98	$3,945.83

Practice: 533 - Pumping Plant

Scenario #10 - Windmill-Powered Pump

Scenario Description:

Description: A windmill is installed in order to supply a reliable water source for livestock and/or wildlife. The windmill includes the tower, concrete footings, wheel blade unit, sucker rod, down pipe, gear box, pump, plumbing, and well head protection concrete pad. The typical scenario will be a windmill system with a 8 ft diameter mill and 27-foot tower which is pumping from a 100-foot well. As a result of installing this windmill, resource concerns of inadequate stock water, plant establishment, growth, productivity, health, and vigor, and water quantity can be addressed.Resource Concerns: Insufficient stockwater. Associated Practices include: 374 - Farmstead Energy Improvement; 516 - Livestock Pipeline.

Before Situation:

In a rangeland or pasture setting, a reliable source of water for livestock is not available, or the spacing between water sources is such that grazing distribution and plant health are adversely impacted.

After Situation:

A windmill, will be installed over a well that is located to provide a reliable source of livestock water at the rate of at least 2 gpm, to facilitate proper grazing distribution and improved plant health. To increase reliability, water is pumped into a storage tank to provide a given number of days of supply. Installation includes the footings, wellhead protection concrete pad, tower, gear box, sail, sucker rod, down hole accessories, and a short outlet pipe to a storage tank.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4,976.91	$6,398.88

Practice: 533 - Pumping Plant

Scenario #12 - Solar-Powered Pump

Scenario Description:

Description: The typical scenario assumes installation of a submersible solar-powered pump in a well or a live stream. The installation includes the pump, wiring, drop pipe, solar panels, mounts, inverter, and all appurtenances. Grazing - Livestock exclusion from surface water will result in improved surface water quality and reduced erosion. Irrigation - energy consumption will be reduced and the increased pressure and flow rates will improve irrigation efficiency.Resource Concerns: Insufficient stockwater.Associated Practices include: 374 - Farmstead Energy Improvement; 382 - Fence; 516 - Livestock Pipeline; 561 - Heavy Use Area Protection; and, 614 - Watering Facility.

Before Situation:

Inadequate supply or location of water for a prescribed grazing system. Eroded stream banks and degraded water quality due to livestock access to stream. Cattle are not well-distributed because of remote water location.

After Situation:

The typical scenario assumes installation of a photovoltaic (PV) panel, capable of operating a solar-powered submersible pump in a well or other water source. The installation includes the pump, wiring, pipeline in the well, solar panels, frame mounts, inverter, and all appurtenances. Water will be pumped to a Livestock Pipeline (516). Grazing - Livestock exclusion from surface water will result in improved surface water quality and reduced erosion. Grazing has potential to be well distributed.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7,334.04	$9,429.48

Practice: 533 - Pumping Plant

Scenario #14 - Livestock, Variable Frequency Drive

Scenario Description:

Description: This is an installation of electrical and electronic components designed to vary the frequency of the voltage to vary the speed of an electric motor in a livestock watering system to provide a constant pressure and flow rate. This would give the operator the flexibility to operate several systems separately or at the same time. Resource concerns: Livestock Production Limitation - Inadequate livestock water and distribution.Associated Practices: 374 - Farmstead Energy Improvement; 516 - Livestock Pipeline; 614 - Watering Facility.

Before Situation:

Standard electrical connection from electrical utility to pump motor. No capability to match pump output pressure and/or flowrate to livestock needs. Result is over/under pressure(s) and/or flow rate(s), possible hydraulic anomalies, energy loss, and or inefficient water application in the irrigation system.

After Situation:

A VFDis installed at the pump site to vary the speed of a submersible electric motor to match the pressure and flow requirements for a livestock watering system.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$6,686.51	$8,596.95

Practice: 550 - Range Planting

Scenario #2 - Native, Standard Prep (FI)

Scenario Description:

Establishment of a mixture of NATIVE adapted perennial species on a grazed land unit to improve forage condition, improve wildlife habitat and/or reduce erosion. Seed mix of Native species is chosen based on range conditions and availability of seed. Planting by preparing a seedbed with LIGHT TO MODERATE TILLAGE and seeding with a no-till drill, range drill, or by broadcasting.

Before Situation:

Rangeland or cropland with or without an existing stand of perennial or annual grasses, OR a monoculture, OR no grasses are present, where natural reseeding or vegetation enhancement by grazing management alone is unlikely. Resource concerns may include: undesireable plant productivity and health, inadequate feed and forage for livestock, soil erosion and soil quality.

After Situation:

Establishment of NATIVE adapted perennial vegetation such as grasses, forbs, and legumes improve forage quality and quantity and reduce soil erosion on grazed range, pasture, forest or other suitable location.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$213.00	$250.05

Practice: 550 - Range Planting

Scenario #5 - Native, Wildlife, or Pollinator (FI)

Scenario Description:

Establishment of a mixture of PREDOMINANTLY NATIVE adapted perennial species on a grazed land unit to improve habitat for pollinators,beneficial insects, and wildlife species. Seed mix of PREDOMINANTLY NATIVE SPECIES IS CHOSEN TO SPECIFICALLY BENEFIT WILDLIFE (ex: big game spp, Sage grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, others) or POLLINATORS (eg. inclusion of 5-10 forb species) based on range conditions. FOR POLLINATOR HABITAT: Consideration is given to selecting plants that bloom sequentially throughout the growing season, where feasible. For honeybee foraging habitat, species are selected which will be in bloom when hives are in the area. Planting by preparing a seedbed with MODERATE TO HEAVY TILLAGE (ex: ripping & heavy disk) and seeding with a no-till drill, range drill, or by broadcasting.

Before Situation:

Rangeland or cropland with or without an existing stand of perennial or annual grasses, OR a monoculture, OR no grasses are present, where natural reseeding or vegetation enhancement by grazing management alone is unlikely. Existing conditions often require complete removal, suppression, or eradication of existing vegetation to ensure success of planting. Resource concerns may include: inadequate habitat for wildlife (ex: big game spp, Sage grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, others) undesireable plant productivity and health, inadequate feed and forage for livestock, soil erosion and soil quality.

After Situation:

Establishment of PREDOMINANTLY NATIVE adapted perennial vegetation, such as grasses, forbs, legumes, with an emphasis on species beneficial to wildlife or Pollinators on grazed range, pasture, forest, or other suitable location. For Pollinator habitat: Plants that bloom sequentially throughout the growing season are established, where feasible.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$254.64	$300.02

Practice: 554 - Drainage Water Management

Scenario #1 - Drainage Water Management (DWM)

Scenario Description:

This scenario is the process of managing water discharges from surface and/or subsurface agricultural drainage systems by reducing nutrient loading into surface waters. Typical systems consist of a 80 acre field with existing drainage tile lines and installed water control structures. The operator goes to the field in order to adjust water control structures (riser boards). While on site the date and adjustment information is recorded/logged. The number of yearly adjustments is based on 6 trips to a field 5 miles from headquarters. The field time to make and record each adjustment is 0.5 hours per structure (including travel time). The typical field will contain 3 structures to control field water levels.Resource Concern: Water Quality - Excess Nutrients in surface and ground waters.Associated Practices: 606-Subsurface Drain; 607-Surface Drain, Field Ditch; 608-Surface Drain, Main or Lateral; 587-Structure for Water Control; 590-Nutrient Management .

Before Situation:

Existing drainage systems are in place and water flows uncontrolled.

After Situation:

Existing drainage systems are managed to reduce flow of field drainage waters from the site and reduce nitrate loading.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$61.08	$86.53

Practice: 558 - Roof Runoff Structure

Scenario #1 - Roof Gutter

Scenario Description:

A roof runoff structure, consisting of gutter(s), downspout(s), and appropriate outlet facilities on a 200 feet long building by 10 feet tall side walls. Used to keep roof clean water runoff uncontaminated and provide a stable outlet to ground surface. Facilitates waste management and protects environment by minimizing clean water additions to waste systems and addresses water quality concerns. Associated practices include Waste Storage Facility (313), Composting Facility (317), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Watering Facility (614), Underground Outlet (620), Diversion (362), Roofs and Covers (367), and any relevant irrigation practices.

Before Situation:

Applicable where: (1) a roof runoff management facility is included in an overall plan for an overall plan for a waste management system; (2) roof runoff needs to be diverted away from structures or contaminated areas; (3) there is a need to collect, control, and transport runoff from roofs to a stable outlet.

After Situation:

A gutter, downspout, and outlet system servicing the portion of the building roof that would otherwise drain into a waste management system or create erosion. Roof line of 200 feet serviced with gutter, downspouts, and appurtenances.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.82	$3.99

Practice: 560 - Access Road

Scenario #2 - New 6 inch gravel road with Geotextile, less than 2.5 Ft.

Scenario Description:

Newly Constructed gravel road with min. 6 inch thick compacted gravel surface over woven geotextile fabric on relatively level ground and weak bearing capacity soils. A properly constructed, well defined access road will address resource concerns related with compaction, emissions of fugitive dust, and excessive sediment in surface water. It also improves the plant productivity, vigor and health and substantially reduces the chance of wild fire hazards. Short term air quality deterioration may result if proper dust control measures are not implemented during the practice installation. Costs include excavation, shaping, grading, and all equipment, labor and incidental materials necessary to install the practice.

Before Situation:

An agricultural enterprise which requires, but does not have, a fixed travel way for equipment and vehicles for various resource activities and where use of equipment and vehicles within the enterprise without a defined access road would result in compaction, excessive sediment and turbidity in surface water, reduced visibility, and emissions of fugitive dust. This scenario is applicable where the resource activity areas consist of relatively wet and swampy but level terrain lands.

After Situation:

The road will be 16 feet wide with 6 inch gravel surfacing at the top over woven geotextile fabric. It is mostly in embankment less than 2.5 feet in height, (average 1.5 ft) typical side slopes 3:1. A properly constructed, well defined access road will greatly reduce sheet, rill and wind erosion, eliminate compaction in land use areas where it is harmful, reduce emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors and also reduce excessive sediment in surface water by reducing uncontrolled sediment transport. Planned grades will include all dips and water bars. If clearing and grubbing of land in the alignment area is required, use Land Clearing (460). Pipe culverts installed as part of access road should be covered by either Structures for Water Control (587) or Stream Crossings (578) depending on the type of structure. Earthfill embankment above the culvert structure would still be covered by this Practice. Diversions constructed as part of access road should be covered by Diversion (362). When seeding or revegetation is required, use Critical Area Planting (342). Dust control must be addressed under Dust Control on Unpaved Roads and Surfaces (373).

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$11.36	$14.60

Practice: 561 - Heavy Use Area Protection

Scenario #1 - Reinforced Concrete with sand or gravel foundation

Scenario Description:

The stabilization of areas around facilities that are frequently and intensively used by people, animals or vehicles by surfacing with reinforced concrete on a sand or gravel foundation to provide a stable, non-eroding surface. Installation includes all materials, equipment, and labor to install this practice, The stabilized area will address the resource concerns soil erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

This practice applies to agricultural, urban, recreational and other frequently and/or intensively used areas requiring treatment to address soil erosion and water quality degradation.

After Situation:

The stabilized area is surfaced with approximately 600 square feet of approximately 11 cubic yards of welded wire mesh reinforced concrete with 11 cubic yards of sand or gravel foundation material for surfacing areas around facilities that are frequently and intensively used by people, animals or vehicles and will address soil erosion and water quality degradation. All needed roads must use Access Road (560). Any needed treatment of stream crossings must use Stream Crossing (578). Any needed vegetation of disturbed areas must use Critical Area Planting (342). Provisions to collect, store, utilize, and or treat contaminated runoff must use Sediment Basin (350), Waste Storage Facility (313), or Waste Treatment (629) as appropriate. To reduce the potential for air quality problems from particulate matter associated with heavy use areas, consider the use of Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380) or Herbaceous Wind Barriers
(603).

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$220.38	$264.45

Practice: 561 - Heavy Use Area Protection

Scenario #3 - Rock/Gravel

Scenario Description:

The stabilization of areas around facilities that are frequently and intensively used by people, animals or vehicles by surfacing with rock and or gravel to provide a stable, non-eroding surface. Installation includes all materials, equipment, and labor to install this practice. The stabilized area will address the resource concerns of soil erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

This practice applies to agricultural, urban, recreational and other frequently and/or intensively used areas requiring treatment to address soil erosion and water quality degradation.

After Situation:

The stabilized area is surfaced with approximately 270 cubic yards of rock and or gravel for surfacing areas around facilities that are frequently and intensively used by people, animals or vehicles and will address soil erosion and water quality degradation. All needed roads must use Access Road (560). Any needed treatment of stream crossings must use Stream Crossing (578). Any needed vegetation of disturbed areas must use Critical Area Planting (342). Provisions to collect, store, utilize, and or treat contaminated runoff must use Sediment Basin (350), Waste Storage Facility (313), or Waste Treatment (629) as appropriate. To reduce the potential for air quality problems from particulate matter associated with heavy use areas, consider the use of Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380) or Herbaceous Wind Barriers (603).

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$12.53	$15.03

Practice: 574 - Spring Development

Scenario #1 - Spring, up to 50 ft Collection

Scenario Description:

Develop a water source from a natural spring or seep (i.e., spring development) to provide water for livestock and/or wildlife needs. This typical scenario includes excavating and exposing the water source at the spring/seep (typically on a hillside), constructing a water collection structure by installing a 30 ft long, 4 inch diameter HDPE perforated pipe enclosed in a sand/gravel envelope overlaid by 3 ft wide filter fabric (30 ft long) and behind a two layer vinyl cutoff wall (4 ft height x 30 ft long) to retain water. Water is directed (via 50 ft long, 4 inch PVC) to a spring box (48 inch diameter x 6 ft long CMP) that is located below the cutoff wall. The spring box is equipped with a watertight lid and two outlets. One outlet serves as overflow pipe to account for occasions where inflow exceeds outflow. The collection system is commonly composed of a single or a network of perforated 4 inch diameter drainage pipe placed in an excavated collection trench that runs across the slope. The second outflow pipe from the spring box is directed to buried large storage (not included) or to a watering facility (not included) for use.Resource Concern: Livestock production limitation - Inadequate livestock water.Associated Practices: 516-Livestock Pipeline; 614-Watering Facility; 382-Fence; Critical Area Planting (342).

Before Situation:

Livestock operation with inadequate fresh water for livestock and an on-site undeveloped spring/seep.

After Situation:

Spring development system provides adequate water for the intended use. The system typically runs all year long in most zones.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2,566.20	$3,079.44

Practice: 574 - Spring Development

Scenario #2 - Spring, > 50 ft Collection

Scenario Description:

Develop a water source from a natural spring or seep (i.e., spring development) to provide water for livestock and/or wildlife needs. This typical scenario includes excavating and exposing the water source at the spring/seep (typically on a hillside), constructing a water collection structure by installing a 90 ft long, 4 inch diameter HDPE perforated pipe enclosed in a sand/gravel envelope overlaid by 3 ft wide filter fabric (90 ft long) and behind a two layer vinyl cutoff wall (4 ft height x 90 ft long) to retain water. Water is directed (via 100 ft long, 4 inch PVC) to a spring box (48 inch diameter x 8 ft long CMP) that is located below the cutoff wall and away from the spring collection area. The spring box is equipped with a watertight lid and two outlets. One outlet serves as overflow pipe to account for occasions where inflow exceeds outflow. The collection system is commonly composed of a single or a network of perforated 4 inch diameter drainage pipe placed in an excavated collection trench that runs across the slope. The second outflow pipe from the spring box is directed to buried large storage (not included), or to a watering facility (not included) for use.Resource Concern: Livestock production limitation - Inadequate livestock water.Associated Practices: 516-Livestock Pipeline; 614-Watering Facility; 382-Fence; Critical Area Planting (342).

Before Situation:

Livestock operation with inadequate fresh water for livestock and an on-site undeveloped spring/seep.

After Situation:

Spring development system provides adequate water for the intended use. The system typically runs all year long in most zones.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3,944.60	$4,733.52

Practice: 575 - Trails and Walkways

Scenario #1 - Earthfill Walkway, 4 Ft high or less

Scenario Description:

Layout and construct a lane or travel way of earthfill four feet high or less. Walkway will facilitate animal movement, to provide or improve access to forage, water, working/handling facilities, and/or shelter, Improve grazing efficiency and distribution, and/or protect ecologically sensitive, erosive and/or potentially erosive sites and address soil erosion and water quality resource concerns. Costs include Earthfill, shaping, grading, and all equipment, labor and incidental materials necessary to install the practices.

Before Situation:

On farmstead area and pastureland and rangeland areas where control of animal movement is needed to address soil erosion, forage availability, and water quality resource concerns.

After Situation:

The typical trail or walkway will be a 12 foot wide 200 foot long, with an average fill height of 3 feet. All excavation, earthfill, grading and shaping necessary to provide a smooth permanent travel surface for livestock. No surface materials are included with this practice. If the lane is vegetated and requires planting, the vegetation shall be planted according to Critical Area Planting, Code 342. Where vegetation is not practical, Heavy Use Area Protection, Code 561,shall be used to provide adequate surface protection. Structure for Water Control, Code 587, will be used when the trail or lane crosses water areas. Consider the use of water bars or culverts to control and direct water flow. Fencing, Code 382, will be used when needed to control animal movement.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7.05	$9.99

Practice: 575 - Trails and Walkways

Scenario #2 - Earthfill Walkway, Higher than 4 Ft.

Scenario Description:

Layout and construct a lane or travel way of earthfill greater than four feet high. Walkway will facilitate animal movement, to provide or improve access to forage, water, working/handling facilities, and/or shelter, Improve grazing efficiency and distribution, and/or protect ecologically sensitive, erosive and/or potentially erosive sites and address soil erosion and water quality resource concerns. Costs include Earthfill, shaping, grading, and all equipment, labor and incidental materials necessary to install the practices.

Before Situation:

On farmstead area and pastureland and rangeland areas where control of animal movement is needed to address soil erosion, forage availability, and water quality resource concerns.

After Situation:

The typical trail or walkway will be a 12 foot wide 300 foot long, with an average fill height of 6 feet. All excavation, earthfill, grading and shaping necessary to provide a smooth permanent travel surface for livestock. No surface materials are included with this practice. If the lane is vegetated and requires planting, the vegetation shall be planted according to Critical Area Planting, Code 342. Where vegetation is not practical, Heavy Use Area Protection, Code 561,shall be used to provide adequate surface protection. Structure for Water Control, Code 587, will be used when the trail or lane crosses water areas. Consider the use of water bars or culverts to control and direct water flow. Fencing, Code 382, will be used when needed to control animal movement.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$15.78	$22.35

Practice: 576 - Livestock Shelter Structure

Scenario #1 - Portable Wind Shelter

Scenario Description:

Portable Livestock Fabricated Wind Shelter is installed to provide protection for livestock. The shelter can be moved around the grazing unit in order to prevent heavy use resource concerns at any one location.

Before Situation:

Herds are held and fed in fragile riparian areas in order to reduce stress on domestic animals from harsh winter conditions and provide protection from wind. The concentration of animals in these areas degrades streambanks, causes excessive sedimentation, damages woody vegetation, overgrazes herbacious vegetation, in addition to degrading water quality through manure deposition and erosion. Resource concerns are water quality, animal health, plant productivity, health, and vigor, and inadequate shelter.

After Situation:

Portable fabricated wind shelters are utilized to provide shelter for livestock in upland grazing areas from the riparian zones. The portable shelters are moved in rotation with feeding areas thereby limiting soil disturbance and reducing the impacts of heavy use at any one location. As a result of implementing this practice, the herd can be moved out of the impacted area and water quality and vegetation health resource concerns will be addressed. A typical portable wind shelter involves a series of steel framed panels faced with corrugated metal. Each unit is approximately 8 feet tall and 24 feet long, 80% solid faced. Four panels (96 - feet) would be utilized to provide shelter to a herd size of 190 animals.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7.69	$10.89

Practice: 576 - Livestock Shelter Structure

Scenario #2 - Permanent Wind Shelter

Scenario Description:

Permanent Livestock Fabricated Wind Shelter is installed to provde protection for livestock.

Before Situation:

Herds are held and fed in fragile riparian areas in order to reduce stress on domestic animals from harsh winter conditions and provide protection from wind. The concentration of animals in these areas can degrade streambanks, cause excessive sedimentation, damage woody vegetation, overgraze herbacious vegetation, in addition to degrading water quality through manure deposition and erosion. Resouce concerns are water quality, animal health, plant productivity, health, and vigor, and inadequate shelter.

After Situation:

Permanent fabricated wind shelters are installed in order to provide shelter for livestock in upland grazing areas away from the riparian zones. As a result, animals can be held in an area away from the riparian zone thereby eliminating the impacts to water quality and riparian health. A typical scenario is a Fabricated Wind Shelter installed in association with an animal feeding operation (AFO). The AFO has been moved out of the riparian zone where shelter was previously provided by the surrounding riparian woody vegetation. The AFO has been moved to a location where shelter is not naturally provided and needs to be fabricated. The typical fabrication involves a permanent, wood framed, metal or wood faced, 8.5 - foot high, 200 - foot long, fabricated wind shelter, 80% solid face, secured to the ground with wood posts.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$16.78	$23.78

Practice: 578 - Stream Crossing

Scenario #1 - Bridge

Scenario Description:

Install a bridge to allow stream flows to cross under access road or animal trail. Bridge opening determined by sizing for storm event dictated in standard. Scenario includes dewatering, abutments, girders, decking. Work consists of site preparation, dewatering, acquiring and installing abutments, girders, decking with necessary hardware, backfilling abutments, and armoring with geotextile and riprap. Riprap and geotextile are used to stabilize and protect abutments as needed. Scenario based on cast in place concrete abutments, steel girders, and timber deck. Travel surface shall be wooden deck surface. If a different travel surface is needed, refer to another appropriate standard for the surfacing. Span is less than 14 feet. Load is H-20. Width is 14 feet including curbs. Abutments are <= 6 feet. Use (396) Aquatic Organism Passage instead, when the primary intent is biological concerns, not hydrologic.

Before Situation:

Water flow could not cross access road or trail without erosion; or access road or trail could not cross channel.

After Situation:

Access and waterflow are able to cross each other in a stable manner. Stream flow is not impeded and a stable base exists for equipment, people and/or animals to cross. Associated practices could be (342) Critical Area Planting, (560) Access Road, (575) Animal Trails and Walkways, (566) Recreational Trails and Walkways, (500) Obstruction Removal, or (584) Channel Stabilization.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$25.29	$35.82

Practice: 578 - Stream Crossing

Scenario #2 - Culvert installation

Scenario Description:

Install a new culvert. Work includes dewatering, site preparation and removing any old crossing, acquiring and installing culvert pipe with gravel bedding and fill (compacted), and building headwalls. If a different travel surface is needed, refer to another appropriate standard for the surfacing. 48 inch Culvert installation with > 75 cy of fill needed and > 2 yds rock riprap for headwalls. Pipe is 50 feet long. Use (396) Aquatic Organism Passage instead, when the primary intent is biological concerns, not hydrologic. Use (587) Structure for Water Control instead, for ditch cross culverts and other intermittent flows.

Before Situation:

Water flow could not cross access road or trail without erosion; or access road or trail could not cross channel.

After Situation:

Access road and waterflow are able to cross each other in a stable manner. Stream flow is not impeded and a stable base exists for equipment, people and/or animals to cross. Associated practices could be (342) Critical Area Planting, (560) Access Road, (575) Animal Trails and Walkways, (566) Recreational Trails and Walkways.

Scenario Unit: Diameter Inch Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.73	$2.46

Practice: 578 - Stream Crossing

Scenario #3 - Low water crossing, rock armor

Scenario Description:

Stabilize the bottom and slope of a stream channel using rock riprap. This scenario includes site preparation, dewatering, acquiring and installing gravel or geotextile with rock riprap on channel bottom and approaches. Final travel surface shall be rock. If a different travel surface is needed, refer to another appropriate standard for the surfacing. Typical stream has 75 foot bottom width and approaches. Width is 12 feet for a total area as 900 square feet. Use (396) Aquatic Organism Passage instead, when the primary intent is biological concerns, not hydrologic.

Before Situation:

Water flow could not cross access road or trail without erosion; or access road or trail could not cross channel.

After Situation:

Stream flow is not impeded and a stable base exists for equipment, people and/or animals to cross. Associated practices could be (342) Critical Area Planting, (560) Access Road, (575) Animal Trails and Walkways, (566) Recreational Trails and Walkways, (500) Obstruction Removal, or (584) Channel Stabilization.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.94	$2.75

Practice: 578 - Stream Crossing

Scenario #5 - Low water crossing, concrete block

Scenario Description:

Stabilize the bottom and slope of a stream channel using articulated concrete block mats. This scenario includes site preparation, dewatering, acquiring and installing articulated concrete block mats on channel bottom and approaches. Final travel surface shall be concrete blocks. If a different travel surface is needed, refer to another appropriate standard for the surfacing. Typical stream has 50 foot bottom width and 8 foot approach on each side. Width is 12 feet for a total area of 792 square feet. Use (396) Aquatic Organism Passage instead, when the primary intent is biological concerns, not hydrologic.

Before Situation:

Water flow could not cross access road or trail without erosion; or access road or trail could not cross channel.

After Situation:

Stream flow is not impeded and a stable base exists for equipment, people and/or animals to cross. Associated practices could be (342) Critical Area Planting, (560) Access Road, (575) Animal Trails and Walkways, (566) Recreational Trails and Walkways, (500) Obstruction Removal, or (584) Channel Stabilization.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4.62	$6.55

Practice: 578 - Stream Crossing

Scenario #6 - Low water crossing, geocell

Scenario Description:

Stabilize the bottom and slope of a stream channel using geocell mats filled with rock, typically suited for a "low energy" channel. This scenario includes site preparation, dewatering, acquiring and installing geocell mats on channel bottom and approaches. Final travel surface shall be a rock aggregate covering above the geocell. If a different travel surface is needed, refer to another appropriate standard for the surfacing. Typical stream has 50 foot bottom width and 8 foot approach on each side. Width is 12 feet for a total area of 792 square feet. Use (396) Aquatic Organism Passage instead, when the primary intent is biological concerns, not hydrologic.

Before Situation:

Water flow could not cross access road or trail without erosion; or access road or trail could not cross channel.

After Situation:

Stream flow is not impeded and a stable base exists for equipment, people and/or animals to cross. Associated practices could be (342) Critical Area Planting, (560) Access Road, (575) Animal Trails and Walkways, (566) Recreational Trails and Walkways, (500) Obstruction Removal, or (584) Channel Stabilization.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.59	$3.67

Practice: 580 - Streambank and Shoreline Protection

Scenario #1 - Shaping

Scenario Description:

Protection of streambanks consisting of conventional plantings of vegetation to stabilize and protect against scour and erosion. The purpose of this practice is to maintain, improve, or restore physical, chemical, and biological functions of a stream to provide diverse aquatic communities to improve habitat for desired aquatic species. Payment cost include shaping bank; a 6-foot high bank at 3(H):1(V) slope for 1000 linear feet (0.46 acres) is used for estimation purposes. In order to ensure plant community establishment and integrity, a vegetative management plan shall be prepared in accordance with Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) 342, Critical Area Planting.???Resource Concerns: Soil Erosion - Excessive Bank Erosion from Streams, Shoreline and Water Conveyance Channels; Water Quality Degradation - Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters; Water Quality Degradation - Elevated Water Temperature; Excess/Insufficient Water - Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters; Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife- Habitat Degradation.Associated Practices include: 560 - Access Road; 342 - Critical Area Planting; 382 - Fence; 391 - Riparian Forest Buffer; 390 - Riparian Herbaceous Cover; 395 - Stream Habitat Improvement and Management; 614 - Watering Facility; 484 - Mulching; 570 - Stormwater Runoff Control.

Before Situation:

A stream bisects the agricultural property and has had all of the woody vegetation removed due to overgrazing or human manipulation; the stream has marginally degraded streambanks that are unstable and show signs of active erosion. Soil Erosion: The streambank is unstable.Water Quality Degradation: The sediment load has increased in the stream resulting in elevated water temperatures.Excess/Insufficient Water: The excessive sediment load has reduced the water conveyance capacity, storage capacity and flow within the stream.Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: The deficiencies in the stream's habitat limit survival, growth, reproduction, and/or diversity of aquatic organisms within the stream.

After Situation:

The streambank is stable against further erosion and encourages natural sediment transport and deposition. Loss of riparian areas and sediment load is reduced in the stream.For Soil Erosion: The streambank is stable.For Water Quality Degradation: The sediment load has decreased in the stream resulting in improved aquatic habitat.For Excess/Insufficient Water: The water conveyance capacity, storage capacity and flow within the stream has been stabilized.For Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: The reduction in the sediment load promotes survival, growth, reproduction, and/or diversity of aquatic organisms within the stream's habitat.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4.94	$7.00

Practice: 580 - Streambank and Shoreline Protection

Scenario #2 - Bioengineered

Scenario Description:

Protection of streambanks consisting of a bioengineered technique comprised of non-structural measures such as earth revetments and benches with vegetative measures to stabilize and protect the streambank against scour and erosion. Soil bioengineering is a system of living plant materials used as structural components. Adapted types of woody vegetation (shrubs and trees) are initially installed in specified configurations that offer immediate soil protection and reinforcement. In addition, soil bioengineering systems create resistance to sliding or shear displacement in a streambank as they develop roots or fibrous inclusions. Environmental benefits derived from woody vegetation include diverse and productive riparian habitats, shade, organic additions to the stream, cover for fish, and improvements in aesthetic value and water quality. Under certain conditions, soil bioengineering installations work well in conjunction with structures to provide more permanent protection and healthy function, enhance aesthetics, and create a more environmentally acceptable product. Soil bioengineering systems normally use unrooted plant parts in the form of cut branches and rooted plants. For streambanks, living systems include brushmattresses, live stakes, joint plantings, vegetated geogrids, branchpacking, and live fascines.

The purpose of this practice is to maintain, improve, or restore physical, chemical, and biological functions of a stream to provide diverse aquatic communities to improve habitat for desired aquatic species. Payment cost include shaping bank, livestake, rootwads and revetments: a 6-foot high bank at 3(H):1(V) slope for 1000 linear feet (0.46 acres) is used for estimation purposes. In order to ensure plant community establishment and integrity, a vegetative management plan shall be prepared and paid in accordance with Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) 342, Critical Area Planting.Resource Concerns: Soil Erosion - Excessive Bank Erosion from Streams, Shoreline and Water Conveyance Channels; Water Quality Degradation - Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters; Water Quality Degradation - Elevated Water Temperature; Excess/Insufficient Water - Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters; Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife- Habitat Degradation.Associated Practices include: 560 - Access Road; 342 - Critical Area Planting; 382 - Fence; 391 - Riparian Forest Buffer; 390 - Riparian Herbaceous Cover; 395 - Stream Habitat Improvement and Management; 614 - Watering Facility; 484 - Mulching; 570 - Storm Runoff Control.

Before Situation:

A stream bisects the agricultural property and has had all of the woody vegetation removed due to overgrazing or human manipulation; the stream has moderately degraded streambanks that are unstable and show signs of active erosion. Soil Erosion: The streambank is unstable.Water Quality Degradation: The sediment load has increased in the stream resulting in elevated water temperatures.Excess/Insufficient Water: The excessive sediment load has reduced the water conveyance capacity, storage capacity and flow within the stream.Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: The deficiencies in the stream's habitat limit survival, growth, reproduction, and/or diversity of aquatic organisms within the stream.

After Situation:

The streambank is stable against further erosion and encourages natural sediment transport and deposition. Loss of riparian areas and sediment load is reduced in the stream.For Soil Erosion: The streambank is stable.For Water Quality Degradation: The sediment load has decreased in the stream resulting in improved aquatic habitat.For Excess/Insufficient Water: The water conveyance capacity, storage capacity and flow within the stream has been stabilized.For Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: The reduction in the sediment load promotes survival, growth, reproduction, and/or diversity of aquatic organisms within the stream's habitat.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$16.62	$23.54

Practice: 580 - Streambank and Shoreline Protection

Scenario #3 - Rock Riprap

Scenario Description:

Protection of streambanks using riprap to stabilize and protect banks of streams or excavated channels against scour and erosion. The purpose of this practice is to maintain, improve, or restore physical, chemical, and biological functions of a stream to provide diverse aquatic communities to improve habitat for desired aquatic species. Payment cost include shaping bank, geotextile, and rock rip rap; a 6-foot high bank at 3(H):1(V) slope for 1000 linear feet (0.46 acres) is used for estimation purposes. The rock toe will be 3' thick and 5' high. The bank above the riprap will be graded to a stable slope and revegetated. In order to ensure plant community establishment and integrity, a vegetative management plan shall be prepared and paid in accordance with Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) 342, Critical Area Planting.Resource Concerns: Soil Erosion - Excessive Bank Erosion from Streams, Shoreline and Water Conveyance Channels; Water Quality Degradation - Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters; Water Quality Degradation - Elevated Water Temperature; Excess/Insufficient Water - Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters; Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife- Habitat Degradation.Associated Practices include: 560 - Access Road; 342 - Critical Area Planting; 382 - Fence; 391 - Riparian Forest Buffer; 390 - Riparian Herbaceous Cover; 395 - Stream Habitat Improvement and Management; 614 - Watering Facility; 484 - Mulching; 570 - Storm Runoff Control.

Before Situation:

A stream bisects the agricultural property and has had all of the woody vegetation removed due to overgrazing or human manipulation; the stream has severely degraded streambanks that are unstable and show signs of active erosion. Soil Erosion: The streambank is unstable.Water Quality Degradation: The sediment load has increased in the stream resulting in elevated water temperatures.Excess/Insufficient Water: The excessive sediment load has reduced the water conveyance capacity, storage capacity and flow within the stream.Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: The deficiencies in the stream's habitat limit survival, growth, reproduction, and/or diversity of aquatic organisms within the stream.

After Situation:

The streambank is stable against further erosion and encourages natural sediment transport and deposition. Loss of riparian areas and sediment load is reduced in the stream.For Soil Erosion: The streambank is stable.For Water Quality Degradation: The sediment load has decreased in the stream resulting in improved aquatic habitat.For Excess/Insufficient Water: The water conveyance capacity, storage capacity and flow within the stream has been stabilized.For Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: The reduction in the sediment load promotes survival, growth, reproduction, and/or diversity of aquatic organisms within the stream's habitat.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$30.63	$43.39

Practice: 580 - Streambank and Shoreline Protection

Scenario #4 - Gabion

Scenario Description:

Protection of streambanks using gabions to stabilize and protect banks of streams or excavated channels against scour and erosion. The purpose of this practice is to maintain, improve, or restore physical, chemical, and biological functions of a stream to provide diverse aquatic communities to improve habitat for desired aquatic species. Payment cost include shaping bank, geotextile, and rock gabions; a 12-foot high bank for 48 linear feet is used for estimation purposes. The gabions will be 3' thick and 3' long stacked 12' high. The bank around the gabion will be graded to a stable slope and revegetated. In order to ensure plant community establishment and integrity, a vegetative management plan shall be prepared and paid in accordance with Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) 342, Critical Area Planting.Resource Concerns: Soil Erosion - Excessive Bank Erosion from Streams, Shoreline and Water Conveyance Channels; Water Quality Degradation - Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters; Water Quality Degradation - Elevated Water Temperature; Excess/Insufficient Water - Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters; Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife- Habitat Degradation.Associated Practices include: 560 - Access Road; 342 - Critical Area Planting; 382 - Fence; 391 - Riparian Forest Buffer; 390 - Riparian Herbaceous Cover; 395 - Stream Habitat Improvement and Management; 614 - Watering Facility; 484 - Mulching; 570 - Storm Runoff Control.

Before Situation:

A stream bisects the agricultural property and has had all of the woody vegetation removed due to overgrazing or human manipulation; the stream has severely degraded streambanks that are unstable and show signs of active erosion. Soil Erosion: The streambank is unstable.Water Quality Degradation: The sediment load has increased in the stream resulting in elevated water temperatures.Excess/Insufficient Water: The excessive sediment load has reduced the water conveyance capacity, storage capacity and flow within the stream.Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: The deficiencies in the stream's habitat limit survival, growth, reproduction, and/or diversity of aquatic organisms within the stream.

After Situation:

The streambank is stable against further erosion and encourages natural sediment transport and deposition. Loss of riparian areas and sediment load is reduced in the stream.For Soil Erosion: The streambank is stable.For Water Quality Degradation: The sediment load has decreased in the stream resulting in improved aquatic habitat.For Excess/Insufficient Water: The water conveyance capacity, storage capacity and flow within the stream has been stabilized.For Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: The reduction in the sediment load promotes survival, growth, reproduction, and/or diversity of aquatic organisms within the stream's habitat.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$284.98	$403.72

Practice: 582 - Open Channel

Scenario #1 - Excavate & Fill

Scenario Description:

This scenario is the construction or improvement of a channel in which water flows with a free surface. Typical construction dimensions are 3-4' deep x 30' wide bottom x 2000' length with a side slope of 6:1. The practice is used for the restoration of a natural or artificial channel to improve the process and ecological function in a degraded and eroding stream. Excavation and earth fill is required. Conditions are difficult. Difficult conditions include: a location that requires a significant drive off the main road, soils with large rock or difficult clay to excavate, and/or other aspects that create difficulty in excavation compared to similar work in the area. Construction may include vegetation and/or a lightly armored bank toe. This scenario assists in addressing the resource concerns: streambank erosion, sediment deposition, excessive flooding or ponding. Conservation practices that may be associated are: 356-Dike, 587-Structure For Water Control, 533-Pumping Plant, 580 Streambank and Shoreline Protection, 584 Channel Stabilization, 578 Stream Crossing.

Before Situation:

A stream or channel with active streambank erosion or headcuts and inadequate capacity to handle the flow needed for flood prevention, drainage or erosion prevention.

After Situation:

An earthen channel was excavated to allow unrestricted flow of water and to stabilize the bottom and side slopes. Flooding and erosion is no longer a resource concern.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.51	$2.14

Practice: 584 - Channel Bed Stabilization

Scenario #1 - Bio-engineering

Scenario Description:

Stabilize the bottom and slope of a stream channel using bioengineering methods. Bio-engineering methods include live stakes, fascines, plantings, bare root stock, willow waddles, and live stakes. Re-vegetation of exposed surfaces will be completed using 342 - Critical Area Planting. Typical stream has 50 foot bottom width and 6 foot banks. Length of area 100 feet. Planting bank area at a 2x2 grid with live stakes, potted plants, and bare root mix

Before Situation:

Bed of an existing or newly constructed alluvial or threshold channel is undergoing damaging aggradation or degradation. Stream cannot be feasibly controlled with clearing and snagging, vegetation, bank protection or upstream water control.Soil Erosion: The stream is unstable.Water Quality Degradation: The sediment load has increased in the stream resulting in elevated water temperatures.Excess/Insufficient Water: The excessive sediment load has reduced the water conveyance capacity, storage capacity and flow within the stream.Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: The deficiencies in the stream's habitat limit survival, growth, reproduction, and/or diversity of aquatic organisms within the stream.

After Situation:

Stream channel is stable and vegetated. Other associated practices could be (326) Clearing and Snagging, (396) Aquatic Organism Passage, (395) Stream Habitat Improvement and Management, (580) Streambank and Shoreline Protection, or (587) Structure for Water Control.For Soil Erosion: The streambank is stable.For Water Quality Degradation: The sediment load has decreased in the stream resulting in improved aquatic habitat.For Excess/Insufficient Water: The water conveyance capacity, storage capacity and flow within the stream has been stabilized.For Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: The reduction in the sediment load promotes survival, growth, reproduction, and/or diversity of aquatic organisms within the stream's habitat.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.05	$2.91

Practice: 584 - Channel Bed Stabilization

Scenario #2 - Rock structures

Scenario Description:

Stabilize the bottom and slope of a stream channel using rock riprap or engineered products that consist primarily of rock or concrete. This includes but not limited to gabions, rock veins, rock weirs, concrete blocks,etc. Typical stream has 50 foot bottom width and 6 foot banks. Length of area 100 feet. Based on degrading channel that needs to be riprapped its entire wetted perimeter.

Before Situation:

Bed of an existing or newly constructed alluvial or threshold channel is undergoing damaging aggradation or degradation. Changes cannot be controlled feasibly with clearing and snagging, vegetation, bank protection or upstream water control.Soil Erosion: The stream is unstable.Water Quality Degradation: The sediment load has increased in the stream resulting in elevated water temperatures.Excess/Insufficient Water: The excessive sediment load has reduced the water conveyance capacity, storage capacity and flow within the stream.Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: The deficiencies in the stream's habitat limit survival, growth, reproduction, and/or diversity of aquatic organisms within the stream.

After Situation:

Stream channel is stable. Re-vegetation of exposed surfaces will be completed using 342 - Critical Area Planting. Other associated practices could be (326) Clearing and Snagging, (396) Aquatic Organism Passage, (395) Stream Habitat Improvement and Management, (580) Streambank and Shoreline Protection, or (587) Structure for Water Control.For Soil Erosion: The streambank is stable.For Water Quality Degradation: The sediment load has decreased in the stream resulting in improved aquatic habitat.For Excess/Insufficient Water: The water conveyance capacity, storage capacity and flow within the stream has been stabilized.For Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: The reduction in the sediment load promotes survival, growth, reproduction, and/or diversity of aquatic organisms within the stream's habitat.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$26.80	$37.96

Practice: 584 - Channel Bed Stabilization

Scenario #3 - Wood structures

Scenario Description:

Stabilize the bottom and slope of a stream channel using engineered structures consisting primarily of wood. This includes but not limited to toe wood, log weirs, log vanes, root wads, log step pools, etc. Re-vegetation of exposed surfaces will be completed using 342 - Critical Area Planting. Typical stream has 50 foot bottom width and 6 foot banks. Length of area 100 feet. Structures spaced at 50 foot intervals.

Before Situation:

Bed of an existing or newly constructed alluvial or threshold channel is undergoing damaging aggradation or degradation. Changes cannot be controlled feasibly with clearing and snagging, vegetation, bank protection or upstream water control.Soil Erosion: The stream is unstable.Water Quality Degradation: The sediment load has increased in the stream resulting in elevated water temperatures.Excess/Insufficient Water: The excessive sediment load has reduced the water conveyance capacity, storage capacity and flow within the stream.Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: The deficiencies in the stream's habitat limit survival, growth, reproduction, and/or diversity of aquatic organisms within the stream.

After Situation:

Stream channel is stable. Re-vegetation of exposed surfaces will be completed using 342 - Critical Area Planting. Other associated practices could be (326) Clearing and Snagging, (396) Aquatic Organism Passage, (395) Stream Habitat Improvement and Management, (580) Streambank and Shoreline Protection, or (587) Structure for Water Control.For Soil Erosion: The streambank is stable.For Water Quality Degradation: The sediment load has decreased in the stream resulting in improved aquatic habitat.For Excess/Insufficient Water: The water conveyance capacity, storage capacity and flow within the stream has been stabilized.For Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: The reduction in the sediment load promotes survival, growth, reproduction, and/or diversity of aquatic organisms within the stream's habitat.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1,260.09	$1,785.12

Practice: 584 - Channel Bed Stabilization

Scenario #15 - Log and Boulder Check Dam

Scenario Description:

Typical project involves a series of check dams, to raise the bottom elevation of an incised stream channel. Cost estimate is based upon a typical scenario involving a 35 ft wide bankfull channel, incised to a 12 ft maximum depth and restored to a 2.5 ft max depth. These structures are utilized on the downstream end of a proposed restoration reach, to raise the channel up to it???s stable, natural elevation. The upstream reach may be restored via 580- Open Channel, or left to aggrade naturally. Structures are intended as a temporary (<20 years) measure, to encourage natural beaver activity to re-establish in the reach. Many times beaver transplants to the area are done in conjunction with channel stabilization work.The cost to construct these structures (quantity of materials), is variable by their height. To develop a ???typical??? structure for the cost list and intermediate depth was used. A combination of boulders, and excavator driving ???piling??? logs, are used to counteract buoyancy and overturning/sliding forces. Boulders, and smaller graded riprap, are used to construct both bed and bank keys to prevent flanking and failure due to scour.

The unit of payment measurement is bankfull channel width. Disturbed areas are protected with permanent vegetative cover. Addresses resource concerns such as soil erosion-concentrated flow erosion and water quality degradation.

Before Situation:

Bed of an existing alluvial channel is undergoing degradation. Changes cannot be controlled feasibly with clearing and snagging, vegetation, bank protection or upstream water control.

After Situation:

Stream channel is stable. Re-vegetation of exposed surfaces will be completed using 342 - Critical Area Planting. Other associated practices could be (582) Open Channel.

Scenario Unit: Linear Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$504.39	$714.55

Practice: 587 - Structure for Water Control

Scenario #2 - Inline Flashboard Riser, Metal

Scenario Description:

A Flashboard Riser fabricated of metal and used in a water management system that maintains a desired water surface elevation, controls the direction or rate of flow, or conveys water to address the resource concerns: Inadequate Water - Inefficient use of Irrigation Water and Inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife. The water surface elevation is controlled by addition or removal of slats or "stoplogs". This scenario is applicable to variable crest weir structures where the elevation is controlled at the embankment. Payment rate is based upon the Flashboard Weir Length in inches multiplied by the outlet length in feet (Inch-Foot). Cost estimate is based on a 36" corrugated metal flashboard riser shop fabricated with flashboard channels at the midpoint, and a 50' long - 30" CMP outlet passing through an embankment. Earthwork is included in the associated pracitce.

Before Situation:

The operator presently flood irrigates his field and has no means to accurately maintain a constant water level at varying elevations resulting in a lack of flexibility, and inefficient use of water and energy during pumping. The operator also desires to maintain a permanent pool for waterfowl during the winter.

After Situation:

The operator has the capability to more efficiently control and maintain a range of water surface elevations thereby reducing the flow rate needed. Less water is wasted and both water and energy is conserved. The operator is now able to maintain adequate water during the winter as a benefit to waterfowl. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Irrigation Water Management (449), Irrigation Land Leveling (464), Irrigation Canal or Lateral (320), Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery (447), Dike (356), and Grade Stabilization Structure (410) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Diameter Inch Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.95	$2.76

Practice: 587 - Structure for Water Control

Scenario #3 - Commercial Inline Flashboard Riser

Scenario Description:

An Inline Water Control Structure (WCS) composed of plastic that maintains a desired water surface elevation, controls the direction or rate of flow, or conveys water to address the resource concern: Inadequate habitat for Fish and Wildlife. The water surface elevation is controlled by addition or removal of slats or "stoplogs". This scenario is applicable to variable crest weir structures where the elevation is controlled at point along a pipe extending through an embankment, providing ease of access to the structure and provide better protection against beaver activity. There are commercially available models composed of plastic that are commonly used when the width of the weir is 24" or less. Payment rate is based upon the Flashboard Weir Length in inches multiplied by the outlet length in feet (Inch-Foot). Cost estimate is based on a using such a commercial product. The typical scenario is an inline structure with a width of 24" and height of six feet. The pipe is 70' of 18" PVC (inlet and outlet combined). Earthwork is included in the associated practice.

Before Situation:

The landowner wishes to provide for a way to control the water surface elevation in a wetland area. The landowner wishes to enhance and enlarge the area to provide habitat for fish and wildlife.

After Situation:

A WCS is installed in a flow line allowing shallow water impoundments. A wetland area is enhanced and water levels can be varied to better accommodate wildlife needs. Any needed re-vegetation of disturbed areas use Critical Area Planting (342). Other associated practices such as; Wetland Creation (658), Wetland Enhancement (659) Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644), Dike (356), and Grade Stabilization Structure (410) will use the corresponding Standard(s) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Diameter Inch Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.93	$2.74

Practice: 587 - Structure for Water Control

Scenario #5 - Culvert <30 inches CMP

Scenario Description:

Install a new Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) culvert under 30 inches in diameter to convey water under roads or other barriers. A typical scenario would be an 24 inch diameter pipe, 40 feet in length. Work includes site preparation, acquiring and installing culvert pipe with gravel bedding and fill (compacted), and riprap protection of side slopes. Use (396) Aquatic Organism Passage when the primary intent is biological concerns, not hydrologic. Use (578) Stream Crossing instead for culverts ??? 30 inches or perennial flow. Earthwork is included in the associated practice.

Before Situation:

Water flow needs to be conveyed under an access road, ditch or other barrier. Water must be conveyed in a controlled fashion.

After Situation:

Water is conveyed in a controlled manner. Associated practices could be Access Road (560), Animal Trails and Walkways (575), Critical Area Planting (342), Drainage Water Management (554), Irrigation Canal or Lateral (320), Irrigation Pipeline (430), Irrigation Reservoir (436), Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (443), Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery (447), Irrigation Water Management (449), Lined Waterway or Outlet (468), Obstruction Removal (500), Pond (378), Stormwater Runoff Control (570), Surface Drain, Field Ditch (607), Surface Drain, Main or Lateral (608), and Trails and Walkways (568).

Scenario Unit: Diameter Inch Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.37	$3.36

Practice: 587 - Structure for Water Control

Scenario #6 - Slide Gate - Flood Dike

Scenario Description:

This scenario includes installation of 15" CMP with a 15" slide gate (screw activated) through a flood control dike. Pipe is typically 48 feet long. During normal conditions the pipe provides un-restricted drainage from areas protedcted by the dike. During high water events on the downstream side of the dike, the gate can be closed to prevent flood water from backing into the protected area above the dike.

Before Situation:

A dike to protect an area from flooding is either in place or planned. Adequate drainage is required during normal operating periods to prevent saturating the area being protected, and flood waters need to be prevented from entering during periods of flooding.

After Situation:

Tide or flood inundation is controlled. Associated practices could be Dike (356), Field Ditch (607), Surface Drain, Main or Lateral (608). After installation of the Dike and Water Control Structure, the area protected by the dike will have proper drainage and protection during high water conditions downstream.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$31.90	$45.19

Practice: 587 - Structure for Water Control

Scenario #8 - Flow Meter with Electronic Index

Scenario Description:

Permanently installed water flow meter with an electronic index . Meters can be any flow measurement device that meets CPS 433, (i.e., meters: turbine, propeller, acoustic, magnetic, venturi, orifice, etc.) with or without straightening vanes or data logging capability. Meter nominal diameter for insert type turbine meters will be installation pipe size. Typical installation would include installation of a 10 inch turbine flow meter, with electronic index output. Resource Concerns: Insufficient Water - Inefficient use of irrigation water, and Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable plantproductivity and health, and Inefficient Energy Use - Equipment and facilitiesAssociated Practices: 533-Pumping Plant, 449-Irrigation Water Management, 441-Irrigation System, Microirrigation, 443-Irrigation System Surface and Subsurface, 442-Irrigation System, Sprinkler, 328-Conservation Crop Rotation, 634-Waster Transfer, and 590-Nutrient Management.

Before Situation:

Producer estimates seasonal and individual irrigation application flow rate and volumes based on energy costs, system operating pressure, or other means.

After Situation:

Producer is able to access instantaneous rate and cumulative flow volume data at the meter location. The information gained will enable the irrigator to improve irrigation water management, recognize system performance issues before they become critical, and reduce energy use.

Scenario Unit: Inch

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$223.28	$316.31

Practice: 587 - Structure for Water Control

Scenario #10 - Rock Check

Scenario Description:

This is a structure constructed with rock placed in existing, recently formed and active minor gullies located near the upper end of a watershed. Multiple structures are generally required, with downstream structures placed to force tail water at an upstream structure. The furthest upstream structure is located to control existing head cutting. Resource concerns addressed included gully erosion and water quality.

Before Situation:

Small gullies are actively forming in locations with reletively small drainage areas that result in increased downstream sedimentation and decreased water quality.

After Situation:

Construction of the structures will result in preventing further head cutting in the channel and improved downstream water quality due to a decrease of sediment in the runoff. Construction will consist of minor site shaping, excavaton to tie rock into the embankment, and placement of rock rip rap. Typical dimensions used are 2:1 upstream slope, 5:1 downstream slope with a 3' top width, approximately 4' wide within the channel. The rock will be placed in a key way 1' deep with 1:1 side slopes located below the level top section. The typical height is 3' above the existing channel elevation.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$591.56	$838.04

Practice: 587 - Structure for Water Control

Scenario #11 - Earth Check

Scenario Description:

This is a structure constructed with compacted earth placed in existing, recently formed and active, minor gullies located near the upper end of a watershed. Multiple structures are generally required, with downstream structures placed to force tail water at an upstream structure. The furthest upstream structure is located to control existing head cutting. Resource concerns addressed included gully erosion and water quality.

Before Situation:

Small gullies are actively forming in locations with reletively small drainage areas that result in increased downstream sedimentation and decreased water quality.

After Situation:

Construction of the structures will result in preventing further head cutting in the channel and improved downstream water quality due to a decrease of sediment in the runoff. Construction will consist of minor site shaping, and placement of earthfill. Typical dimensions used are 3:1 upstream slope, 5:1 downstream slope with a 3' top width, approximately 4' wide within the channel. The typical height is 3' above the existing channel elevation.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$421.93	$597.73

Practice: 587 - Structure for Water Control

Scenario #12 - Buried Automatic Valve

Scenario Description:

A buried inline water control valve constructed of plastic that maintains a desired water surface, controls the direction or rate of flow, or conveys water to address resource concerns. The water surface elevation is automatically controlled. Cost estimate is based on using a commercially available product.

Before Situation:

The landowner wishes to provide a way to control the water surface elevation in tile drained land.

After Situation:

The water surface elevation in the tile drained land is controlled with an automatic valve to provide a 1' increase in water level elevation upstream of each valve.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$555.24	$786.59

Practice: 590 - Nutrient Management

Scenario #268 - Basic NM (Non-Organic/Organic)

Scenario Description:

This scenario describes the implementation of a basic nutrient management system on > = 40 acres of cropland or hayland where there is no manure application. Scenario is applicable on non-organic and organic land. The planned NM system will meet the current Nutrient Management (590) CPS. Implementation will result in the proper rate, source, method of placement, and timing of nutrient application. Payment for implementation is to defray the costs of soil testing, analysis, and implementation of the nutrient management plan and recordkeeping. Records demonstrating implementation of the 4 R's of NM will be required.

Before Situation:

In this geographic area, a fertility program is either nonexistent or does not meet the Nutrient Management (590) CPS. Soil testing is not completed on a regular basis and applications of fertilizers are not based on land grant university recommendations or a nutrient budget. An environmental evaluation or risk assessment is not completed. Nutrients are transported to surface waters through runoff, drainage tile, or soil erosion, or to ground water from leaching in quantities that degrade water quality and limit use of intended purposes. Soil quality may be degraded by excess or inadequate nutrients. Fields have little or no erosion protection during critical periods often times resulting in sheet, rill, and ephemeral erosion.

After Situation:

A nutrient management system will be developed to meet the current Nutrient Management (590) CPS, when applicable system will also meet NOP regulations. Development and implementation of a nutrient management plan (NMP) will benefit plant productivity while also reducing potential for off-site degradation. A nutrient management budget will be developed for each field(s) based on soil test analysis and land grant university recommendations or crop removal rates. On planning units typically 40 acres or larger, soil testing is completed according to LGU recommendations. Records will be provided annually of the current soil test, analysis, application rates, forms and rates of nutrients for each field, including crop yields. Nutrient applications will be completed according to the Nutrient Management Plan that minimizes nutrient runoff and leaching or buildup of excess nutrient concentrations.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.52	$3.02

Practice: 590 - Nutrient Management

Scenario #272 - NM Nitrification/Urease Inhibitors, variable rate, grid/zone soil sampling, soil nitrate/plant tissue test (Non-Organic/Organic)

Scenario Description:

This scenario takes a conventional cropping system where either no nutrient management or only a very basic level of nutrient management is being practiced and improves it to address air quality (reduce emissions for N fertilizer) and/or minimize agricultural nonpoint source pollution of surface and groundwater. The planned NM system will meet the current Nutrient Management (590) CPS general and additional criteria. Nutrient management system includes such items as split applications, variable rate applications, nitrification or urease inhibitors, additional nutrient tests including PSNT (pre-side dress nitrogen test), CSNT (corn stalk nitrate test), and PPSN (pre-plant soil nitrate test), chlorophyll meters, and/or spectral analysis may be used to further refine nutrient applications. Payment for implementation is to defray the costs of grid or zone soil testing, additional testing and analysis, nitrification or urease inhibitors, equipment, implementation of the NMP and recordkeeping. Typical treatment area is 40 acres.

Before Situation:

In this geographic area, conventional fertility programs involve very little or no soil or manure testing. Application of fertilizers, including manures and amendments, are completed annually based upon tradition that does not specifically consider the detrimental affects of improper timing or rates of nutrients, nitrous oxide emissions or excess nutrient build-up in the soil. Fields are overwintered with little or no erosion protection often times resulting in sheet, rill, and ephemeral erosion by spring. Runoff flows into adjacent streams, water courses, tile drains, field surface drains, or other water courses causing degradation to receiving waters or leaching of nutrients to shallow ground water sources. There is typically no environmental evaluation of the potential for off-site movement. Soil quality may also be detrimentally affected.

After Situation:

A nutrient management system will be developed to meet the current Nutrient Management (590) CPS general and additional criteria, when applicable system will also meet NOP regulations. Development and implementation of a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) base on the 4Rs will benefit plant productivity while reducing potential of off-site movement of nutrients, including the use of nitrification or urease inhibitors to reduce nitrogen emissions. NMP may include practices such as use of split applications, slow release nutrients, nitrification inhibitors, urease inhibitors, proper timing of application, more appropriate formulations, banding, etc. Additional nutrient tests including PSNT (pre-side dress nitrogen test), CSNT (corn stalk nitrate test), and PPSN (pre-plant soil nitrate test), chlorophyll meters, spectral analysis, etc., may also be used to further refine nutrient applications. Use of a post-harvest soil test or tissue tests will help establish the adequacy of the plan in meeting crop needs while minimizing P application rate and residual N, thus reducing the potential for off-site impacts. Potential for offsite movement of nutrient may be further reduced by identifying variability across the field(s) by using soil survey maps or other simple techniques to establish management zones, along with grid or zone soil testing. Nutrients are applied at rates based on soil test zone analyses. Nitrogen and Phosphorus risk assessment tools are completed and results included in the nutrient management system specifications as required by current NRCS 590 CPS criteria and any mitigation measures are included in the conservation plan if determined needed by risk assessment results. Soil testing is completed according to LGU recommendations. Analysis are completed at least once every three years for N-P-K, and for N annually. A nutrient budget is developed for each field or management zone annually. Records will be provided annually of the current soil test, analysis, application rates, forms and rates of nutrients for each field, including crop yields.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$18.39	$26.05

Practice: 603 - Herbaceous Wind Barriers

Scenario #10 - Cool Season Annual/Perennial Species

Scenario Description:

This scenario describes the implementation of herbaceous barriers to reduce wind velocities and wind-borne particulate matter. In this scenario barriers are composed of cool season annual or perennial vegetation. Plant materials shall be selected for local adaptation and climatic conditions and are resistant to lodging and are non-spreading in their habit. Barriers will be designed as close to perpendicular to prevailing winds as practical. Barrier direction, spacing, and composition needed to achieve the desired purpose shall be designed using the currently approved wind erosion technology.

Before Situation:

Typically cropland has excessive soil disturbance and unsheltered distance that results in excessive wind erosion that affect soil resources. Seedling development and wildlife habitat are negatively affected by wind-borne sediment and sediment-borne contaminants travelling offsite.

After Situation:

Implementation Requirements will be prepared and implemented for the site according to the Herbaceous Wind Barrier (603) standard. Implementation of herbaceous wind barriers will modify the flow and velocity of air dependent upon barrier height, porosity, spacing and wind speed. Orientation is generally placed across an entire field perpendicular to applicable prevailing wind direction. Implementation will reduce soil loss, protect growing plants from damage by wind-blown soil particles, and provide food and cover for wildlife. The scenario includes the design and implementation of annual barriers and required reestablishment.

Scenario Unit: Linear Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.06	$0.08

Practice: 606 - Subsurface Drain

Scenario #1 - Corrugated Plastic Pipe (CPP), Single-Wall, <= 6 inch

Scenario Description:

Description: Below ground installation of perforated HDPE (Corrugated Plastic Pipe) pipeline, using a drainage plow. HDPE (CPP) Single-Wall is manufactured in sizes (nominal diameter) from 3-inch to 24-inch; typical practice sizes range from 3-inch to 12-inch; and typical scenario size is 5-inch. Construct 2,000 feet of 5-inch, Single-Wall, perforated HDPE Corrugated Plastic Pipe (CPP), installed below ground to a minimum depth 5 feet. The typical number of mainline connections for 2,000 feet of subsurface drainline is a total of 3 each. Consideration must be given to Section 404 of Clean Water Act and Food Security Act regarding wetlands.Resource Concerns: Excess Water (Seasonal High Water Table); Degraded Plant Condition; Water Quality Degradation (Nutrients). Associated Practices: 608 - Surface Drain, Main or Lateral; 587 - Structure for Water Control, 533 - Pumping Plant; and 554 - Drainage Water Management,412-Grassed Waterway, 410- Grade Stabilization Structure, 313- Waste Storage Facility, 412-Grassed Waterway, 410- Grade Stabilization Structure, 313- Waste Storage Facility.

Before Situation:

Before installation soil conditions are excessively wet in the spring due to poor internal soil drainage. Excess soil water is causing crop stress and delay of field operations (seed bed preparation, planting, etc.).

After Situation:

The drainage modifications result in reduced plant stress due to excessive wetness caused by a seasonal high water table, or improved drainage water quality due to system retrofit enabling drainage water management.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.02	$2.86

Practice: 606 - Subsurface Drain

Scenario #2 - Enveloped Corrugated Plastic Pipe (CPP), Single-Wall, <= 6 inch

Scenario Description:

Description: Below ground installation of perforated HDPE (Corrugated Plastic Pipe) pipeline with Sand-Gravel envelope, using a drainage trencher. HDPE (CPP) Single-Wall is manufactured in sizes (nominal diameter) from 3-inch to 24-inch; typical practice sizes range from 3-inch to 12-inch; and typical scenario size is 5-inch. Construct 2,000 feet of 5-inch, Single-Wall, perforated HDPE Corrugated Plastic Pipe (CPP), installed below ground to a minimum depth of 5 feet, and surrounded with a sand-gravel envelope. The typical volume sand-gravel for 2,000 feet of 12'wide x 12' high envelope is 64 cubic yards. The typical number of mainline connections for 2,000 feet of subsurface drainline is a total of 3 each. Consideration must be given to Section 404 of Clean Water Act and Food Security Act regarding wetlands.Resource Concerns: Excess Water (seasonal High Water Table); Degraded Plant Condition; Water Quality Degradation (Nutrients). Associated Practices: 608 - Surface Drain, Main or Lateral; 587 - Structure for Water Control, 533 - Pumping Plant; and 554 - Drainage Water Management, 412-Grassed Waterway, 410- Grade Stabilization Structure, 313-Waste Storage Facility.

Before Situation:

Before installation soil conditions are excessively wet in the spring due to poor internal soil drainage. Excess soil water is causing crop stress and delay of field operations (seed bed preparation, planting, etc.).

After Situation:

The drainage modifications result in reduced plant stress due to excessive wetness caused by a seasonal high water table, or improved drainage water quality due to system retrofit enabling drainage water management.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.48	$3.52

Practice: 606 - Subsurface Drain

Scenario #5 - Secondary Main Retrofit for DWM

Scenario Description:

An agricultural field has existing patterned tile system installed at 75 foot spacings. The field is 75 acres in size: 2475' x 1320', with a single main line at the low end of the field (2475'). The laterals are installed perpendicular to the topographic contours. The field has 3.5 feet of fall in the 1/4 mile length of the laterals, so a secondary main will be needed to allow drainage water management to be implemented on the higher half of the field.

Before Situation:

The patterned tile drainage system allows free flow of drainage water to a receiving ditch. Drainage water carries nitrogen and phosphorus out of the soil and these nutrients pollute the receiving waters.

After Situation:

A 12 inch diameter secondary mainline is retrofitted to the drainage system, located halfway up the field and relatively parallel to the topographic contours. This new mainline is hooked to each individual lateral and continued to a stable outlet. A Drainage Water practice must be completed along with the mainline; typically Structures for Water Control (587) installed at two foot vertical intervals so that water can be retained in the field. This scenario also applies to systems where the secondary main is used to connect drain lines that formerly each exited separately to the ditch, with a structure that distributes the drainage water into the subsurface soil at a vegetated buffer (772) OR a Denitrifying Bioreactor (747) might be installed at the outlet. In combination or singly, one of these practices must be installed with the secondary main.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4.52	$6.41

Practice: 610 - Salinity and Sodic Soil Management

Scenario #1 - Soil Management (non-Irrigated)

Scenario Description:

The producer secures training in Salinity and Sodic Soil Management, analyzes subsurface conditions in areas in and around a saline seep and using information gained from training and field observations carrys out a Salinity and Sodic Soil Management Plan employing as applicable changes in Conservation Cropping Systems, Critical Area Planting, Nutrient Management and use of soil amendments. Scenario includes cost of attending a 6 hr University, NRCS, or commodity group sponsored training session and 40 hours of mgt labor a year to analyze available data and field situation, then review, and modify as necessary the Salinity and Sodic Soil Management Plan and continue to carry it out. Resource Concerns: Soil Quality Degradation - Concentration of salts or other chemicals, and Water Quality Degradation- Excessive salts in surface and ground waters. Associated Practices: 328 -Conservation Cropping System; 342- Critical Area Planting; and 590 - Nutrient Management.

Before Situation:

A crop-fallow system on sodic and saline soils has resulted in saline seeps. The recharge area of the seep must be determined before the extents of the treatment can be planned. An analyses of the subsurface conditions in areas in and around a saline is completed on 95 acres of recharge area surrounding a 5 acre saline seep in order to determine groundwater gradients and limits of the recharge area.

After Situation:

A determination of extent of recharge area has been made. The area to be treated has been identified. The producer has developed and is carrying out a Salinity and Sodic Soil Management Plan. Deep percolation in the recharge area is eliminated and salts no longer leach into the ground or surface water.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$11.12	$15.75

Practice: 610 - Salinity and Sodic Soil Management

Scenario #3 - Soil Management (Irrigated)

Scenario Description:

The producer secures training in Salinity and Sodic Soil Management and develops and carries out a Salinity and Sodic Soil Management Plan. Scenario includes cost of attending a 6 hr University, NRCS, or commodity group sponsored training session and 12 hours of mgt labor a year to analyze available data and field situation, develop (or review and modify as necessary) plan and carry it out. Sampling on a 3-5 year interval is recommended if conditional soils are irrigated or marginal irrigation water is used.. Monitor (sample) one site per 40 acres of each major soil. Monitoring procedures include; GPS reference all sites, duplicate (2 samples) all sites of each major soil, sample after harvest, sampled to a depth of 6 feet and examined to 10 feet noting water table depth. Also sample each genetic soil horizon or portion no greater than 12 inches. Monitoring should be done by or under the supervision of an experienced soil scientist.Resource Concerns: Soil Quality Degradation - Concentration of salts or other chemicals, and Water Quality Degradation- Excessive salts in surface and ground waters.Associated Practices: 328-Conservation Crop Rotation; 449-Irrigation Water Management; and 590-Nutrient Management.

Before Situation:

Salintiy and or Sodic conditions have developed in the root zone of a 100 acre irrigated cropland field resulting in decreased soil quality, plant health problems, and yield reductions.

After Situation:

Producer conducts soil conductivity and salinity test to determine the root zone depth of water application necessary for flushing accumulated salts and maintaining a proper salt balance. Producer conducts irrigation suitability test of water supply results to determine suitability of applied water for irrigation and additional irrigation volumes needed for leaching. Routine periodic checks of water EC will be conducted by producer to monitor for water salinity which might require changes to Salinity and Sodic Soil Management Plan. The Salinity and Sodic Soil Management Plan is carried out employing soil and water testing and as applicable changes in Irrigation Water Management (449), Conservation Crop Rotation (328), tillage, and use of soil amendments. The producer has developed and is carrying out a Salinity and Sodic Soil Management Plan resulting in improved soil quality and plant health.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$16.61	$23.53

Practice: 612 - Tree/Shrub Establishment

Scenario #3 - Trees, Machine planted with tubes for animal protection

Scenario Description:

This practice involves planting tree seedlings after the site has been prepared for seedling growth and establishment. The productivity of the site is good and will handle a medium density planting rate. Typical scenario will consist of 1000 feet of trees with tubes for animal protection. The resource concerns addressed are degraded plant condition: undesirable plant productivity and health, inadequate structure and composition, and degraded wildlife habitat. Terrain is moderately sloping and will be planted with a mechanical tree planter. Smaller size seedlings (1-0) are planted.

Before Situation:

The land has little or no tree cover, or is stocked with the wrong tree species. Competing vegetation is a concern before and after planting. Soil condition is degraded due to the loss of the native forest ecosystem (organic matter in topsoil depleted). Native wildlife habitat is lacking. The main resource concern is degraded plant condition: inadequate structure and composition.

After Situation:

Land is established with permanent tree cover that will improve degraded plant condition, reduce soil erosion, establish wildlife habitat, sequester carbon and reduce invasive species presence. Establishing forest vegetation also creates corridors for wildlife movement. Planted trees have vexar tubes, or something similar, installed as protection from animal damage.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$6.81	$8.76

Practice: 612 - Tree/Shrub Establishment

Scenario #4 - Trees, Machine planted - no tubes

Scenario Description:

This practice involves planting tree seedlings after the site has been prepared for seedling growth and establishment. The productivity of the site is good and will handle a medium density planting rate. Typical scenario will consist of 1000 feet of trees. The resource concerns addressed are degraded plant condition: undesirable plant productivity and health, inadequate structure and composition, and degraded wildlife habitat. Terrain is moderately sloping and will be planted with a mechanical tree planter. Smaller size seedlings (1-0) are planted.

Before Situation:

The land has little or no tree cover, or is stocked with the wrong tree species. Competing vegetation is a concern before and after planting. Soil condition is degraded due to the loss of the native forest ecosystem (organic matter in topsoil depleted). Native wildlife habitat is lacking. The main resource concern is degraded plant condition: inadequate structure and composition.

After Situation:

Land is established with permanent tree cover that will improve degraded plant condition, reduce soil erosion, establish wildlife habitat, sequester carbon and reduce invasive species presence. Establishing forest vegetation also creates corridors for wildlife movement.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.09	$2.69

Practice: 612 - Tree/Shrub Establishment

Scenario #9 - Shrub Planting

Scenario Description:

Shrubs are planted to provide a more diverse habitat. Plantings are in either uplands or bottomlands. The site lacks ground level habitat structure and diversity for widlife. Resource concern is inadequate habitat for fish and wildife - habitat fragmentation.

Before Situation:

No shrubbery vegetation, or very little, is present in the forest understory. Wildlife species that need shrub cover are not present. An adequate stand of overstory trees is present, but it is a single level, versus the desired multi-level structure.

After Situation:

A 10 acre area is planted with shrubs. Shrubs are not planted over the entire 10 acres. They are planted in groups or motts. The motts, roughly circular in shape, are 50 feet in diameter, with 50 shrubs planted within each mott. 4 motts are planted per acre, for a total of 200 shrubs per acre. Motts are randomly established to take advantage of site conditions and shrub species being planted.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.65	$0.84

Practice: 612 - Tree/Shrub Establishment

Scenario #48 - Trees, Machine Planted, Weed Barrier

Scenario Description:

This practice involves planting tree seedlings after the site has been prepared for seedling growth and establishment. The productivity of the site is good and will handle a medium density planting rate. Typical scenario will consist of 1000 feet of trees. The resource concerns addressed are degraded plant condition: undesirable plant productivity and health, inadequate structure and composition, and degraded wildlife habitat. Terrain is moderately sloping and will be planted with a mechanical tree planter. Smaller size seedlings (1-0) are planted. Fabric installed to reduce competition from weeds and grass.

Before Situation:

The land has little or no tree cover, or is stocked with the wrong tree species. Competing vegetation is a concern before and after planting. Soil condition is degraded due to the loss of the native forest ecosystem (organic matter in topsoil depleted). Native wildlife habitat is lacking. The main resource concern is degraded plant condition: inadequate structure and composition.

After Situation:

Land is established with permanent tree cover that will improve degraded plant condition, reduce soil erosion, establish wildlife habitat, sequester carbon and reduce invasive species presence. Establishing forest vegetation also creates corridors for wildlife movement.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.66	$0.79

Practice: 612 - Tree/Shrub Establishment

Scenario #48 - Trees, Machine Planted, Weed Barrier

Scenario Description:

This practice involves planting tree seedlings after the site has been prepared for seedling growth and establishment. The productivity of the site is good and will handle a medium density planting rate. Typical scenario will consist of 1000 feet of trees. The resource concerns addressed are degraded plant condition: undesirable plant productivity and health, inadequate structure and composition, and degraded wildlife habitat. Terrain is moderately sloping and will be planted with a mechanical tree planter. Smaller size seedlings (1-0) are planted. Fabric installed to reduce competition from weeds and grass.

Before Situation:

The land has little or no tree cover, or is stocked with the wrong tree species. Competing vegetation is a concern before and after planting. Soil condition is degraded due to the loss of the native forest ecosystem (organic matter in topsoil depleted). Native wildlife habitat is lacking. The main resource concern is degraded plant condition: inadequate structure and composition.

After Situation:

Land is established with permanent tree cover that will improve degraded plant condition, reduce soil erosion, establish wildlife habitat, sequester carbon and reduce invasive species presence. Establishing forest vegetation also creates corridors for wildlife movement.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.66	$6.27

Practice: 612 - Tree/Shrub Establishment

Scenario #48 - Trees, Machine Planted, Weed Barrier

Scenario Description:

This practice involves planting tree seedlings after the site has been prepared for seedling growth and establishment. The productivity of the site is good and will handle a medium density planting rate. Typical scenario will consist of 1000 feet of trees. The resource concerns addressed are degraded plant condition: undesirable plant productivity and health, inadequate structure and composition, and degraded wildlife habitat. Terrain is moderately sloping and will be planted with a mechanical tree planter. Smaller size seedlings (1-0) are planted. Fabric installed to reduce competition from weeds and grass.

Before Situation:

The land has little or no tree cover, or is stocked with the wrong tree species. Competing vegetation is a concern before and after planting. Soil condition is degraded due to the loss of the native forest ecosystem (organic matter in topsoil depleted). Native wildlife habitat is lacking. The main resource concern is degraded plant condition: inadequate structure and composition.

After Situation:

Land is established with permanent tree cover that will improve degraded plant condition, reduce soil erosion, establish wildlife habitat, sequester carbon and reduce invasive species presence. Establishing forest vegetation also creates corridors for wildlife movement.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.86	$0.79

Practice: 612 - Tree/Shrub Establishment

Scenario #48 - Trees, Machine Planted, Weed Barrier

Scenario Description:

This practice involves planting tree seedlings after the site has been prepared for seedling growth and establishment. The productivity of the site is good and will handle a medium density planting rate. Typical scenario will consist of 1000 feet of trees. The resource concerns addressed are degraded plant condition: undesirable plant productivity and health, inadequate structure and composition, and degraded wildlife habitat. Terrain is moderately sloping and will be planted with a mechanical tree planter. Smaller size seedlings (1-0) are planted. Fabric installed to reduce competition from weeds and grass.

Before Situation:

The land has little or no tree cover, or is stocked with the wrong tree species. Competing vegetation is a concern before and after planting. Soil condition is degraded due to the loss of the native forest ecosystem (organic matter in topsoil depleted). Native wildlife habitat is lacking. The main resource concern is degraded plant condition: inadequate structure and composition.

After Situation:

Land is established with permanent tree cover that will improve degraded plant condition, reduce soil erosion, establish wildlife habitat, sequester carbon and reduce invasive species presence. Establishing forest vegetation also creates corridors for wildlife movement.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.86	$6.27

Practice: 614 - Watering Facility

Scenario #1 - Wildlife Guzzler

Scenario Description:

A permanent watering facility for livestock and or wildlife constructed of approved materials with less than 500 gallons of capacity that stores adequate quantity and quality of water for storage and or direct drinking access. All watering facilities will be constructed from approved durable materials that have a life expectancy that meets or exceeds the planned useful life of the installation. This watering facility will address the resource concerns of inadequate supply of water for livestock and or wildlife, habitat degradation, water quality, and undesirable plant productivity and health.

Before Situation:

This practice applies to all land uses where there is a need for new or improved watering facilities for livestock and or wildlife, where water is not available in sufficient quantities at specific locations, and habitat, water quality, plant productivity and health needs to be improved.

After Situation:

A permanent watering facility with a capacity of less than 500 gallons is installed with all tank materials, tank plumbing and float valve, to provide adequate water storage capacity to ensure an adequate supply and quality of water for livestock or wildlife for storage and or direct drinking access and provides improved plant productivity and health, water quality, and habitat. All watering facilities are constructed from approved durable materials that have a life expectancy that meets or exceeds the planned useful life of the installation and placed on a properly prepared foundation with required plumbing. All needed pipelines are installed using Livestock Pipeline (516). Any needed vegetation of disturbed areas will use Critical Area Planting (342). All collectors or catchments for collecting precipitation will be addressed by using Water Harvesting Catchment (636). Any needed water source installation will use Water Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Spring Development (574), or Livestock Pipeline (516) as appropriate. Areas around watering facilities where animal concentrations or overflow from the watering facility will cause resource concerns will be protected by using Heavy Use Area Protection (561) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$521.88	$739.33

Practice: 614 - Watering Facility

Scenario #4 - Fiberglass Tank on Earth

Scenario Description:

A permanent watering facility for livestock constructed using a fiberglass tank with 1,200 gallon capacity placed on a gravel or compacted earth foundation that stores adequate quantity and quality of water for storage and or direct drinking access. All watering facilities will be constructed from approved durable materials that have a life expectancy that meets or exceeds the planned useful life of the installation. This watering facility will address the resource concerns of inadequate supply of water for livestock, habitat degradation, water quality, and undesirable plant productivity and health.

Before Situation:

This practice applies to all land uses where there is a need for new or improved watering facilities for livestock and or wildlife during the entire year in the Northern Plains Region, where water is not available in sufficient quantities at specific locations, and habitat, water quality, plant productivity and health needs to be improved.

After Situation:

A permanent watering facility with a capacity of greater than 1,200 gallons constructed using a fiberglass tank is installed on a gravel or compacted earth foundation with all tank materials, tank plumbing and float valve, to provide adequate water storage capacity to ensure an adequate supply and quality of water for livestock or wildlife for storage and or direct drinking access and provides improved plant productivity and health, water quality, and habitat. All watering facilities are constructed from approved durable materials that have a life expectancy that meets or exceeds the planned useful life of the installation and placed on a properly prepared foundation with required plumbing. All needed pipelines are installed using Livestock Pipeline (516). Any needed vegetation of disturbed areas will use Critical Area Planting (342). All collectors or catchments for collecting precipitation will be addressed by using Water Harvesting Catchment (636). Any needed water source installation will use Water Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Spring Development (574), or Livestock Pipeline (516) as appropriate. Areas around watering facilities where animal concentrations or overflow from the watering facility will cause resource concerns will be protected by using Heavy Use Area Protection (561) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Gallon

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.56	$2.22

Practice: 614 - Watering Facility

Scenario #11 - Insulated Tank with Cover

Scenario Description:

A permanent watering facility for livestock constructed using a rubber equipment tire with concrete plug or fiberglass tank with 1,200 gallon capacity placed on a gravel or compacted earth foundation that stores adequate quantity and quality of water for storage and or direct drinking access. This scenario includes an insulated cover for the watering facility. All watering facilities will be constructed from approved durable materials that have a life expectancy that meets or exceeds the planned useful life of the installation. This watering facility will address the resource concerns of inadequate supply of water for livestock, habitat degradation, water quality, and undesirable plant productivity and health.

Before Situation:

This practice applies to all land uses where there is a need for new or improved watering facilities for livestock and or wildlife, where water is not available in sufficient quantities at specific locations, and habitat, water quality, plant productivity and health needs to be improved.

After Situation:

A permanent insulated watering facility with a capacity of greater than 1,200 gallons constructed using a rubber equipment tire with concrete plug or fiberglass tank is installed on a gravel or compacted earth foundation to provide livestock water year-round with all tank materials, tank plumbing and float valve, to provide adequate water storage capacity to ensure an adequate supply and quality of water for livestock or wildlife for storage and or direct drinking access and provides improved plant productivity and health, water quality, and habitat. All watering facilities are constructed from approved durable materials that have a life expectancy that meets or exceeds the planned useful life of the installation and placed on a properly prepared foundation with required plumbing. All needed pipelines are installed using Livestock Pipeline (516). Any needed vegetation of disturbed areas will use Critical Area Planting (342). All collectors or catchments for collecting precipitation will be addressed by using Water Harvesting Catchment (636). Any needed water source installation will use Water Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Spring Development (574), or Livestock Pipeline (516) as appropriate. Areas around watering facilities where animal concentrations or overflow from the watering facility will cause resource concerns will be protected by using Heavy Use Area Protection (561) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Gallon

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.41	$3.41

Practice: 614 - Watering Facility

Scenario #12 - Enclosed Storage Tank

Scenario Description:

A permanent below ground storage facility to provide water for a watering facility for livestock, wildlife and/or other conservation practices. All water storage facilities will be constructed from approved durable materials that have a life expectancy that meets or exceeds the planned useful life of the installation. This watering facility will address the resource concerns of inadequate supply of water for livestock and or wildlife, habitat degradation, water quality, and undesirable plant productivity and health.

Before Situation:

This practice applies to all land uses where there is a need for new or improved watering facilities for livestock and or wildlife; where water is not available in sufficient quantities at specific locations; and habitat, water quality, plant productivity and health needs to be improved.

After Situation:

A permanent water storage facility using a below ground concrete tank is installed with all tank materials, tank plumbing and float valve, to provide adequate water storage capacity to ensure an adequate supply and quality of water for livestock, wildlife or other conservation practices for storage and/or direct drinking access and provides improved plant productivity and health, water quality, and habitat. All water storage facilities are constructed from approved durable materials that have a life expectancy that meets or exceeds the planned useful life of the installation and placed on a properly prepared foundation with required plumbing. All needed pipelines are installed using Livestock Pipeline (516). Any needed vegetation of disturbed areas will use Critical Area Planting (342). All collectors or catchments for collecting precipitation will be addressed by using Water Harvesting Catchment (636). Any needed water source installation will use Water Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Spring Development (574), or Livestock Pipeline (516) as appropriate. Areas around watering facilities where animal concentrations or overflow from the watering facility will cause resource concerns will be protected by using Heavy Use Area Protection (561) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Gallon

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.99	$1.40

Practice: 614 - Watering Facility

Scenario #13 - Portable Tank

Scenario Description:

A portable watering facility for livestock constructed of structural foam, polyethylene, galvanized steel or other similar UV resistant material of adequate strength, with 300 gallon capacity placed on the ground. This installation provides adequate quality and quantity of water for storage and or direct drinking access when coupled with a higher volume supply. For portable systems, the water flow rate should be 2 gallons per minute for each animal that can water at the tank at one time. For example, if four animals can water at one time, the maximum water flow rate should be 8 gallons per minute. All watering facilities will be constructed from approved durable materials that have a life expectancy that meets or exceeds the planned useful life of the installation. This watering facility will address the resource concerns of inadequate supply of water for livestock, habitat degradation, water quality, and undesirable plant productivity and health.

Before Situation:

This practice applies to all land uses where there is a need for new or improved watering facilities for livestock and or wildlife during the entire year in the Northern Plains Region, where water is not available in sufficient quantities at specific locations, and habitat, water quality, plant productivity and health needs to be improved.

After Situation:

A portable watering facility for livestock constructed of structural foam, polyethylene, galvanized steel or other similar UV resistant material of adequate strength, with 300 gallon capacity placed on the ground, with all tank materials, tank plumbing and float valve, to provide adequate water storage capacity to ensure an adequate supply and quality of water for livestock or wildlife for storage and or direct drinking access and provides improved plant productivity and health, water quality, and habitat. All watering facilities are constructed from approved durable materials that have a life expectancy that meets or exceeds the planned useful life of the installation and installed with required plumbing. Portable tanks are ideal for management intensive grazing systems where adaptive management is required and typically increases the benefits realized. All needed pipelines are installed using Livestock Pipeline (516). Any needed vegetation of disturbed areas will use Critical Area Planting (342). All collectors or catchments for collecting precipitation will be addressed by using Water Harvesting Catchment (636). Any needed water source installation will use Water Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Spring Development (574), or Livestock Pipeline (516) as appropriate. Areas around watering facilities where animal concentrations or overflow from the watering facility will cause resource concerns will be protected by using Heavy Use Area Protection (561) as appropriate.

Scenario Unit: Gallon

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.54	$0.76

Practice: 620 - Underground Outlet

Scenario #4 - 4 inch - 6 inch PVC or DW w Riser

Scenario Description:

Install 400 feet of 4" & 6" approved plastic pipe (PVC or Dual Wall HDPE) to convey stormwater from one location to a suitable and stable outlet in high pressure flow conditions, situations needing greater capacity or where rodent damage may be a concern. Trench excavation is 48" deep and 12" wide for 4" pipe, and 18-24" wide for 6" pipe. Costs include 6" PVC pipe, 6" Perforated PVC Riser Inlet, labor to install pipe, trench excavation, trench backfill, and rodent guard. This practice is often installed in conjunction with terraces, diversions, sediment control basins, waterways or simlar practices.

Before Situation:

Excessive sedimentation and soil erosion as a result of gully, rill or sheet erosion which exceeds "T" from farm fields and other locations. Also, roof runoff or surface runoff that becomes contminated with agricultural wastes that significantly contributes to the amount of runoff that has to be stored or treated.

After Situation:

Field system meets "T" or "clean" storm water runoff is diverted away from an agricultural waste management system to minimize the volume of runoff that is contaminated by agricultural waste. Associated practices are Critical Area Planting (342), Grassed Waterway (412), Terrace (600), Diversion (342), Water and Sediment Control Basin (638), and Subsurface Drainage (606)

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$4.06	$5.75

Practice: 620 - Underground Outlet

Scenario #6 - 6 inch or smaller Single Wall PE w Riser

Scenario Description:

Install 400 feet of 4" & 6" approved plastic pipe to convey stormwater from one location to a suitable and stable outlet in non-pressure flow conditions. Trench excavation is 48" deep and 12" wide. Costs include 4" and 6" HDPE corrugated single wall plastic tubing, 6" Perforated PVC Riser Inlet, labor to install pipe, trench excavation, trench backfill, and rodent guard. This practice is often installed in conjunction with terraces, diversions, sediment control basins, waterways or simlar practices.

Before Situation:

Excessive sedimentation and soil erosion as a result of gully, rill or sheet erosion which exceeds "T" from farm fields and other locations. Also, roof runoff or surface runoff that becomes contminated with agricultural wastes that significantly contributes to the amount of runoff that has to be stored or treated.

After Situation:

Field system meets "T" or "clean" storm water runoff is diverted away from an agricultural waste management system to minimize the volume of runoff that is contaminated by agricultural waste. Associated practices are Critical Area Planting (342), Grassed Waterway (412), Terrace (600), Diversion (342), Water and Sediment Control Basin (638), and Subsurface Drainage (606)

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.59	$3.67

Practice: 620 - Underground Outlet

Scenario #7 - 8 inch - 10 inch PVC or DW w Riser

Scenario Description:

Install 400 feet of 8" and 10" approved plastic pipe (PVC or Dual Wall HDPE) to convey stormwater from one location to a suitable and stable outlet in non-pressure flow conditions and when multiple practices drain into it. Trench Excavation is 48" deep and 24" wide. Typical costs include 8" and 10" PVC pipe, 10" riser inlet , labor to install pipe, trench excavation, trench backfill, and rodent guard. This practice is often installed in conjunction with terraces, diversions, sediment control basins, waterways or simlar practices.

Before Situation:

Excessive sedimentation and soil erosion as a result of gully, rill or sheet erosion which exceeds "T" from farm fields and other locations. Also, roof runoff or surface runoff that becomes contminated with agricultural wastes that significantly contributes to the amount of runoff that has to be stored or treated.

After Situation:

Field system meets "T" or "clean" storm water runoff is diverted away from an agricultural waste management system to minimize the volume of runoff that is contaminated by agricultural waste. Associated practices are Critical Area Planting (342), Grassed Waterway (412), Terrace (600), Diversion (342), Water and Sediment Control Basin (638), and Subsurface Drainage (606)

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$9.46	$13.40

Practice: 620 - Underground Outlet

Scenario #9 - 12 inch - 18 inch PVC or DW w Riser

Scenario Description:

Install 400 feet of 12" and 18" approved plastic pipe (PVC or Dual Wall HDPE) to convey stormwater from one location to a suitable and stable outlet in non-pressure flow conditions and when multiple practices drain into it. Trench Excavation is 58" deep and 28" wide. Costs include 12" and 18" HDPE pipe, 10" Perforated PVC Riser Inlet, labor to install pipe, trench excavation, trench backfill, and rodent guard. This practice is often installed in conjunction with terraces, diversions, sediment control basins, waterways or simlar practices.

Before Situation:

Excessive sedimentation and soil erosion as a result of gully, rill or sheet erosion which exceeds "T" from farm fields and other locations. Also, roof runoff or surface runoff that becomes contminated with agricultural wastes that significantly contributes to the amount of runoff that has to be stored or treated.

After Situation:

Field system meets "T" or "clean" storm water runoff is diverted away from an agricultural waste management system to minimize the volume of runoff that is contaminated by agricultural waste. Associated practices are Critical Area Planting (342), Grassed Waterway (412), Terrace (600), Diversion (342), Water and Sediment Control Basin (638), and Subsurface Drainage (606)

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$14.29	$20.24

Practice: 620 - Underground Outlet

Scenario #11 - Over 18 inch PVC or DW w/ Riser

Scenario Description:

Install 60 feet of greater than 18" approved plastic (PVC or Dual Wall HDPE) or CMP pipe to convey stormwater from one location to a suitable and stable outlet in non-pressure flow conditions and when multiple practices drain into it. Trench Excavation is 58" deep and 28" wide. Costs include 24" HDPE dual wall pipe, 36" dual wall HDPE pipe riser inlet , labor to install pipe, trench excavation, trench backfill, and rodent guard. This practice is often installed in conjunction with terraces, diversions, sediment control basins, waterways or simlar practices.

Before Situation:

Excessive sedimentation and soil erosion as a result of gully, rill or sheet erosion which exceeds "T" from farm fields and other locations. Also, roof runoff or surface runoff that becomes contminated with agricultural wastes that significantly contributes to the amount of runoff that has to be stored or treated.

After Situation:

Field system meets "T" or "clean" storm water runoff is diverted away from an agricultural waste management system to minimize the volume of runoff that is contaminated by agricultural waste. Associated practices are Critical Area Planting (342), Grassed Waterway (412), Terrace (600), Diversion (342), Water and Sediment Control Basin (638), and Subsurface Drainage (606)

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$25.30	$35.84

Practice: 629 - Waste Treatment

Scenario #3 - Milking Parlor Waste Dosing System and Organic Bed

Scenario Description:

This practice scenario includes a dosed treatment system with an organic bed for milking parlor wastewater. The purpose of the practice is to address resource concerns related to water quality degradation due to (excess nutrient, salts and pathogens).Associated practices: Nutrient Management (590), Pumping Plant (533), Fence (382), Waste Storage Facility (313), Manure Transfer (634), Pond Sealing or lining Flexible Membrane (521A), Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant, Irrigation Pipeline (430), Irrigation System, Sprinker (442), Irrigation System Surface and Subsurface (443), Heavy Use Area Protection (561), Critical Area Planting (342), Sediment Basin (350), Drainage Water Management (554)

Before Situation:

Milkhouse waste water currently outlets in an untreated manner which presents potential soil, water and air quality concerns.

After Situation:

This scenario assumes that the treatment system is designed for 500 gal/day of wastewater from the milking parlor. It assumes a two tank scenario. The grease trap acts as the primary settling basin. The wastewater overflows into the septic tank, which is then dosed to the treatment bed (bark bed or leaching gallery). It is assumed that the treatment bed is dosed at 0.16 gal/square ft (3000 sq ft). To maintain bark bed performance, additional bark may need to be added every 3 to 5 years. This practice scenario reduces nutrient content, organic strength, or pathogen levels of agricultural waste; improve air quality by reducing odors and gaseous emissions (methane or ammonia).

Scenario Unit: Gallon per Day

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$25.09	$35.54

Practice: 632 - Waste Separation Facility

Scenario #1 - Mechanical Separator

Scenario Description:

A small mechanical separation facility to partition solids, liquids, and/or associated nutrients from animal waste streams. The partitioning of the previously mentioned components facilitates the protection of air and water quality, protects animal health, and improves the management of an animal waste management system. Mechanical separators may include, but are not limited to: static inclined screens , vibratory screens, rotating screens, centrifuges, screw or roller presses, or other systems. Associated practices include Nutrient Management (590), Composting Facility (317), Anaerobic Digester (366), Waste Storage Facility (313), Waste Recycling (633), Waste Transfer (634), Amendments for the Treatment of Agricultural Waste (591), Pumping Plant (533), Vegetated Treatment Area (635), Pond Lining or Sealing (521A-D), and Waste Treatment (629).

Before Situation:

Applicable to situations where partitioning solids, liquids, and nutrients will facilitate the management of an animal waste management system, improve air quality (reduce odors), and address water quality concerns.

After Situation:

One small mechanical separation facility (a screw press) installed at livestock facility before storage or treatment or after treatment, for example, after an anaerobic digester. Part of an animal waste management system.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$20,305.12	$28,765.59

Practice: 632 - Waste Separation Facility

Scenario #2 - Earthen Settling Structure with picket screen outlet

Scenario Description:

An earthen structure, such as a basin or a terrace or dike like structure, used to capture and separate a portion of the solids from a liquid stream from a feedlot or confinement facility. A concrete pad should be installed on the bottom of the basin and around outlet structures to facilitate cleanout. Removes as portion of the solids to facilitate waste handling and to address water quality concerns. Associated practices include Nutrient Management (590), Composting Facility (317), Anaerobic Digester (366), Waste Storage Facility (313), Waste Recycling (633), Waste Transfer (634), Vegetated Treatment Area (635), Pond Lining or Sealing (521A-D), and Waste Treatment (629).

Before Situation:

Applicable to situations where partitioning solids, liquids, and nutrients will facilitate the management of an animal waste management system, improve air quality (reduce odors), and address water quality concerns.

After Situation:

One earthen settling basin structure (60 ft wide by 200 ft long by 3 ft deep)(estimate 0.5' of freeboard above the design storage), with three screening outlet structures) constructed around or at a livestock feeding operation. Removes a portion of the solids that otherwise would leave with the runoff from an animal feeding operation. Part of an animal waste management system.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.18	$0.26

Practice: 632 - Waste Separation Facility

Scenario #4 - Concrete Settling Structure with pipe outlet

Scenario Description:

An earthen structure, such as a basin or a terrace or dike like structure, used to capture and separate a portion of the solids from a liquid stream from a feedlot or confinement facility. A concrete pad should be installed on the bottom of the basin and around outlet structures to facilitate cleanout. Removes as portion of the solids to facilitate waste handling and to address water quality concerns. Associated practices include Nutrient Management (590), Composting Facility (317), Anaerobic Digester (366), Waste Storage Facility (313), Waste Recycling (633), Waste Transfer (634), Vegetated Treatment Area (635), Pond Lining or Sealing (521A-D), and Waste Treatment (629).

Before Situation:

Applicable to situations where partitioning solids, liquids, and nutrients will facilitate the management of an animal waste management system, improve air quality (reduce odors), and address water quality concerns.

After Situation:

One earthen settling basin structure with a 30 ft wide by 200 ft long bottom area, 5 ft deep with 3:1 sideslopes. 4.0' depth is used for storage volume computation with 1.0' freeboard. One screening outlet structure is constructed around or at a livestock feeding operation. Removes a portion of the solids that otherwise would leave with the runoff from an animal feeding operation. Part of an animal waste management system.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.52	$0.74

Practice: 632 - Waste Separation Facility

Scenario #5 - Concrete Settling Structure with picket screen outlet

Scenario Description:

A concrete structure, such as a basin with concrete walls and floor, used to capture and separate a portion of the solids from a liquid stream from a feedlot or confinement facility. Removes as portion of the solids to facilitate waste handling and to address water quality concerns. Associated practices include Nutrient Management (590), Composting Facility (317), Anaerobic Digester (366), Waste Storage Facility (313), Waste Recycling (633), Waste Transfer (634), Pumping Plant (533), Vegetated Treatment Area (635), Pond Lining or Sealing (521A-D), and Waste Treatment

Before Situation:

Applicable to situations where partitioning solids, liquids, and nutrients will facilitate the management of an animal waste management system, improve air quality (reduce odors), and address water quality concerns.

After Situation:

One concrete settling basin structure (20 ft wide by 40 ft long with 6 ft high walls and weeping wall/picket structure or outlet control) constructed around or at a livestock feeding operation. Removes a portion of the solids that otherwise would leave with the runoff from an animal feeding operation. Part of an animal waste management system.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.68	$2.38

Practice: 632 - Waste Separation Facility

Scenario #6 - Concrete Sand Settling Lane

Scenario Description:

A concrete structure, a concrete lane with curbs, used to capture and separate a portion of the solids, mainly sand, from a liquid stream from a confinement facility. Removes as portion of the solids to facilitate waste handling and to address water quality concerns. Associated practices include Nutrient Management (590), Composting Facility (317), Anaerobic Digester (366), Waste Storage Facility (313), Waste Recycling (633), Waste Transfer (634), Pumping Plant (533), Vegetated Treatment Area (635), Pond Lining or Sealing (521A-D), and Waste Treatment (629).

Before Situation:

Applicable to situations where partitioning solids, liquids, and nutrients will facilitate the management of an animal waste management system, improve air quality (reduce odors), and address water quality concerns.

After Situation:

One concrete settling lane structure (22 ft wide by 740 ft long by 5 in. thick) constructed around or at a livestock feeding operation. A 20' long opening in wall is allowed as an outlet for this lane. Removes a portion of the solids (sand) that otherwise would leave with the runoff from an animal feeding operation. Part of an animal waste management system.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.97	$5.63

Practice: 634 - Waste Transfer

Scenario #1 - Concrete Channel

Scenario Description:

Installation of a concrete channel that consists of a slab with curb and footing on each side of the slab for the entire length of the channel to enable the facility manager to direct liquid waste to an existing collection basin and/or waste storage facility. Water quality concerns will be addressed by preventing liquid waste from entering surface waters, and to facilitate timely land application of manure and wastewater at agronomic rates according to the CNMP. This scenario addresses the potential for surface water and groundwater quality degradation. Associated practices may include: PS 313 Waste Storage Facility for storage structures; PS 533, Pumping Plant; PS 430, Irrigation Pipeline; PS 632, Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility; PS 468, Lined Waterway or Outlet; PS 590 Nutrient Management for waste application; PS 633, Waste Recycling.

Before Situation:

Current facility operations are allowing liquid waste to flow uncontrolled during periods of precipitation events or cleaning operations such that water resources can be contaminated.

After Situation:

Typical installation of a 12 foot wide 100' long concrete channel that consists of a 5" thick concrete slab with curbing on each side of the slab that is 2" high, 6" thick with footing for the entire length. The purpose is to transfer liquids or manure slurry from one area to an existing collection basin or waste storage facility. Includes safety chain for equipment.Alternative configurations can consist of the installation of a more narrow or wider channel that may or may not have curbs or a deeper shaped channel and may include a half pipe on the bottom.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$6.47	$9.16

Practice: 634 - Waste Transfer

Scenario #8 - Agitator, Liquids Transfer

Scenario Description:

This scenario is for a manure and wastewater agitator, piping and reception pit associated with an agricultural production operation to transfer agricultural waste product from the production source to a storage facility for proper utilization. This agitator is typically no more than 15 HP and is used for smaller tanks or pits that are less than 10 feet deep. This scenario does not include a pump.Associated practices may include: PS 313 Waste Storage Facility for storage structures; PS 533, Pumping Plant; PS 430, Irrigation Pipeline; PS 632, Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility; PS 468, Lined Waterway or Outlet; PS 590 Nutrient Management for waste application; PS 633, Waste Recycling The waste transfer equipment is installed to address water quality concerns by facilitating timely land application of waste at agronomic rates according to the nutrient management plan. This scenario addresses the potential for surface water and groundwater quality degradation.

Before Situation:

In this typical setting, the operator has a small waste storage structure from a confined animal feeding operation without an effective waste handling and transfer system to manage the waste stream departing from the facility.

After Situation:

The typical installation would be for a small manure 10 HP agitator to put settled manure solids into suspension for removal from an animal waste storage structure and transfer to the next step of waste treatment, utilization or storage. Part of an animal waste management system to address water quality concerns. If required a wastewater reception pit, concrete channel or transfer conduit scenario may need to be contracted to support the operation of this waste transfer system equipment.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$12,087.68	$17,124.21

Practice: 634 - Waste Transfer

Scenario #9 - Agitator, Slurry Transfer

Scenario Description:

This scenario is for a manure and wastewater agitator, piping and reception pit associated with an agricultural production operation to transfer agricultural waste product from the storage facility to a site for proper utilization. This agitator is typically 30 HP and is used where the tank or pond is between 10 and 15 feet deep. This scenario does not include a pump.Associated practices may include: PS 313 Waste Storage Facility for storage structures; PS 533, Pumping Plant; PS 430, Irrigation Pipeline; PS 632, Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility; PS 468, Lined Waterway or Outlet; PS 590 Nutrient Management for waste application; PS 633, Waste Recycling The waste transfer equipment is installed to address water quality concerns by facilitating timely land application of waste at agronomic rates according to the nutrient management plan. This scenario addresses the potential for surface water and groundwater quality degradation.

Before Situation:

In this typical setting, the operator has waste production from a confined animal feeding operation without an effective waste handling and transfer system to manage the waste stream departing from the facility.

After Situation:

A typical installation would be for a medium 30 HP manure agitator to put settled manure solids into suspension for removal from an animal waste storage structure and transfer to the next step of waste treatment, utilization or storage. Part of an animal waste management system to address water quality concerns. Wastewater reception pit, Concrete Pump installation pit and transfer conduit have been included in this scenario to support the operation of this waste transfer system equipment.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$19,334.47	$27,390.50

Practice: 634 - Waste Transfer

Scenario #34 - Hard-hose Reel System with Booster incorporated into Traveler

Scenario Description:

Liquid manure is transferred from the waste storage pond to the field application site through the use of a hard hose reel system. The hard hose, which is drug across the field behind the tractor implement, allows the injection of manure directly into the soil. The traveler/reel allows handling and management of the stiff, non-collapsable, above ground, hard hose. Pressure requirements call for a traveler which incorporates a booster pump into its capability. This scenario does NOT account for labor and/or tractor/implement costs to apply the manure. It merely addresses equipment needed fulfill the CNMP and transfer the waste to its application site.The hard hose traveler assembly is part of a waste management system. Associated practices may include: PS 313 Waste Storage Facility for storage structures; PS 533, Pumping Plant; PS 632, Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility; PS 590 Nutrient Management for waste application.

Before Situation:

The current manure effluent application operation is high in the use of time, energy and inefficiency. Nutrients are lost via drift and vaporization. Water quality concerns exist when liquids are surface and over-applied. Odor concerns exist with surface application of liquids. Field conditions are impaired when soil compaction occurs as a result of heavy tankers traveling on moist soils in order to spread the liquids.

After Situation:

Liquid manure is transferred to injection equipment through the use of a hard hose reel/traveler. This piece of drag hose is required to utilize injection style equipment for manure application to the field. With injection style application the potential for surface runoff is nearly eliminated. Furthermore, odors and drift losses are significantly reduced. The hard hose traveler typically houses 1320 lineal feet of 4" dia hard hose. Pumps needed to deliver manure through the system are contracted using the Pumping Plant (533) practice. 150 ft of 160 psi HDPE pipe is used above ground to deliver manure from the pump (and/or riser) to the hard hose traveler.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$33,580.62	$47,572.55

Practice: 634 - Waste Transfer

Scenario #35 - Hard-hose Reel System

Scenario Description:

Liquid manure is transferred from the waste storage pond to the field application site through the use of a hard hose reel system. The hard hose, which is drug across the field behind the tractor implement, allows the injection of manure directly into the soil. The traveler/reel allows handling and management of the stiff, non-collapsable, above ground, hard hose. This scenario does NOT account for labor and/or tractor/implement costs to apply the manure. It merely addresses equipment needed fulfill the CNMP and transfer the waste to its application site.

Before Situation:

The current manure effluent application operation is high in the use of time, energy and inefficiency. Nutrients are lost via drift and vaporization. Water quality concerns exist when liquids are surface and over-applied. Odor concerns exist with surface application of liquids. Field conditions are impaired when soil compaction occurs as a result of heavy tankers traveling on moist soils in order to spread the liquids.

After Situation:

Liquid manure is transferred to injection equipment through the use of a hard hose reel/traveler. This piece of drag hose is required to utilize injection style equipment for manure application to the field. With injection style application the potential for surface runoff is nearly eliminated. Furthermore, odors and drift losses are significantly reduced. The hard hose traveler typically houses 1320 lineal feet of 4" dia hard hose. Pumps needed to deliver manure through the system are contracted using the Pumping Plant (533) practice. 150 ft of 160 psi HDPE pipe is used above ground to deliver manure from the pump (and/or riser) to the hard hose traveler.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$26,856.32	$38,046.45

Practice: 635 - Vegetated Treatment Area

Scenario #1 - Concrete Curb, with or without flow spreaders

Scenario Description:

This is a permanent herbaceous vegetative area or channel installed down slope from a livestock production area. Wastewater (runoff or milking parlor wastewater) is properly collected and released with a controlled gravity outflow into the VTA. The VTA vegetation is harvested to removed nutrients on a regular basis. This practice addresses water quality degradation due to uncontrolled nutrient rich wastewater that can flow into surface waters or leach into ground water. Associated practices: Waste Storage Facility (313), Fence (382), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Manure Transfer (634), Roof runoff Management (558), Pumping Plant (533), Subsurface Drain (606), Critical Area Planting (342), Terrace (600), Nutrient Management (590), Diversion (362), Pipeline (516), Land Smoothing (466), Precision Land Forming (462), Waste Treatment (629)

Before Situation:

Nutrient rich wastewater is running off from an animal operation that has the potential to pollute surface waters or ponding and leaching into groundwater.

After Situation:

Typical VTA is 2.0 ac in size, includes a concrete curb for distribution flow (sheet flow) into the VTA. Usually requires grading and shaping, gravel spreader trenches and perforated pipe to maintain sheet flow throughout the VTA. A settling basin for wastewater collection is contracted using Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632). For milkhouse waste, Waste Treatment (629) could be contracted to provide pre-treatment prior to being released into the VTA. The VTA practice will provide a controlled release of nutrient rich wastewater into a designed vegetative area for nutrient uptake. This system will improve water quality by treating nutrient rich wastewater and prevent contamination of surface and ground water resources.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2,485.45	$3,521.06

Practice: 635 - Vegetated Treatment Area

Scenario #2 - Concrete Curb with major shaping

Scenario Description:

This is a permanent herbaceous vegetative area or channel installed down slope from a livestock production area. Wastewater (runoff or milking parlor wastewater) is properly collected and released with a controlled gravity outflow into the VTA. The VTA vegetation is harvested to removed nutrients on a regular basis. This practice addresses water quality degradation due to uncontrolled nutrient rich wastewater that can flow into surface waters or leach into ground water. Associated practices: Waste Storage Facility (313), Fence (382), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Manure Transfer (634), Roof runoff Management (558), Pumping Plant (533), Subsurface Drain (606), Critical Area Planting (342), Terrace (600), Nutrient Management (590), Diversion (362), Pipeline (516), Land Smoothing (466), Precision Land Forming (462), Waste Treatment (629)

Before Situation:

Nutrient rich wastewater is running off from an animal operation that has the potential to pollute surface waters or ponding and leaching into groundwater.

After Situation:

Typical VTA is 2.0 ac in size, includes a concrete curb for distribution flow (sheet flow) into the VTA. Typically requires considerable grading and shaping on a small area to maintain sheet flow throughout the VTA (at least 3000 cy/ac). A settling basin for wastewater collection is contracted using Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632). For milkhouse waste, Waste Treatment (629) could be contracted to provide pre-treatment prior to being released into the VTA. The VTA practice will provide a controlled release of nutrient rich wastewater into a designed vegetative area for nutrient uptake. This system will improve water quality by treating nutrient rich wastewater and prevent contamination of surface and ground water resources.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7,109.07	$10,071.18

Practice: 635 - Vegetated Treatment Area

Scenario #3 - Gated Pipe, with or without flow spreaders

Scenario Description:

This is a permanent herbaceous vegetative area or channel installed down slope from a livestock production area. Wastewater (runoff or milking parlor wastewater) is properly collected and released with a controlled outflow into the VTA. The VTA vegetation is harvested to removed nutrients on a regular basis. This practice addresses water quality degradation due to uncontrolled nutrient rich wastewater that can flow into surface waters or leach into ground water. Associated practices: Waste Storage Facility (313), Fence (382), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Manure Transfer (634), Roof runoff Management (558), Pumping Plant (533), Subsurface Drain (606), Critical Area Planting (342), Terrace (600), Nutrient Management (590), Diversion (362), Pipeline (516), Land Smoothing (466), Precision Land Forming (462), Waste Treatment (629)

Before Situation:

Nutrient rich wastewater is running off from an animal operation that has the potential to pollute surface waters or ponding and leaching into groundwater.

After Situation:

Typical VTA is 10.0 ac in size, includes a gated irrigation pipe to promote sheet flow through the VTA. Usually requires grading and shaping, gravel spreader trenches to maintain sheet flow throughout the VTA. A settling basin for wastewater collection is contracted using Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632). For milkhouse waste, Waste Treatment (629) could be contracted to provide pre-treatment prior to being released into the VTA. The establishment of the permanent vegetation within the VTA will be completed under the Critical Area Planting (342) Standard. The VTA practice will provide a controlled release of nutrient rich wastewater into a designed vegetative area for nutrient uptake. This system will improve water quality by treating nutrient rich wastewater and prevent contamination of surface and ground water resources.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1,395.12	$1,976.43

Practice: 635 - Vegetated Treatment Area

Scenario #4 - Gated Pipe with major shaping

Scenario Description:

This is a permanent herbaceous vegetative area or channel installed down slope from a livestock production area. Wastewater (runoff or milking parlor wastewater) is properly collected and released with a controlled outflow into the VTA. The VTA vegetation is harvested to removed nutrients on a regular basis. This practice addresses water quality degradation due to uncontrolled nutrient rich wastewater that can flow into surface waters or leach into ground water. Associated practices: Waste Storage Facility (313), Fence (382), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Manure Transfer (634), Roof runoff Management (558), Pumping Plant (533), Subsurface Drain (606), Critical Area Planting (342), Terrace (600), Nutrient Management (590), Diversion (362), Pipeline (516), Land Smoothing (466), Precision Land Forming (462), Waste Treatment (629)

Before Situation:

Nutrient rich wastewater is running off from an animal operation that has the potential to pollute surface waters or ponding and leaching into groundwater.

After Situation:

Typical VTA is 2 ac in size, includes a gated irrigation pipe to promote sheet flow through the VTA. Typically requires considerable grading and shaping on a small area to maintain sheet flow throughout the VTA (at least 3000 cy/ac). A settling basin for wastewater collection is contracted using Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632). For milkhouse waste, Waste Treatment (629) could be contracted to provide pre-treatment prior to being released into the VTA. The establishment of the permanent vegetation within the VTA will be completed under the Critical Area Planting (342) Standard. The VTA practice will provide a controlled release of nutrient rich wastewater into a designed vegetative area for nutrient uptake. This system will improve water quality by treating nutrient rich wastewater and prevent contamination of surface and ground water resources.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7,012.78	$9,934.77

Practice: 635 - Vegetated Treatment Area

Scenario #5 - Sprinkler, Solid Set Distribution

Scenario Description:

This is a permanent herbaceous vegetative area located adjacent to a livestock production area. Wastewater (runoff or milking parlor wastewater) is properly collected at the production area and pumped to mechanically distribute wastewater onto the VTA. The VTA vegetation is harvested to removed nutrients on a regular basis. This practice addresses water quality degradation due to uncontrolled nutrient rich wastewater that can flow into surface waters or leach into ground water. Associated practices: Waste Storage Facility (313), Fence (382), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Manure Transfer (634), Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442), Roof runoff Management (558), Pumping Plant (533), Subsurface Drain (606), Critical Area Planting (342), Terrace (600), Nutrient Management (590), Diversion (362), Pipeline (516), Land Smoothing (466), Precision Land Forming (462), Waste Treatment (629)

Before Situation:

Nutrient rich wastewater is running off from an animal operation that has the potential to pollute surface waters or ponding and leaching into groundwater.

After Situation:

Typical VTA is 8.0 ac in size. Typically does not require grading and shaping to maintain as uniform application onto the VTA is made through a solid set type sprinkler system. A settling basin for wastewater collection is contracted using Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632) and Pumping Plant (533) to get the wastewater to the VTA. For milkhouse waste, Waste Treatment (629) could be contracted to provide pretreatment prior to being pumped and distributed onto the VTA. The VTA practice will provide a controlled release of nutrient rich wastewater onto a designed vegetative area for nutrient uptake. This system will improve water quality by treating nutrient rich wastewater and prevent contamination of surface and ground water resources.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3,987.65	$5,649.17

Practice: 635 - Vegetated Treatment Area

Scenario #6 - Sprinkler, Mobile Pods

Scenario Description:

This is a permanent herbaceous vegetative area located adjacent to a livestock production area. Wastewater (runoff or milking parlor wastewater) is properly collected at the production area and pumped to mechanically distribute wastewater onto the VTA. The VTA vegetation is harvested to removed nutrients on a regular basis. This practice addresses water quality degradation due to uncontrolled nutrient rich wastewater that can flow into surface waters or leach into ground water. Associated practices: Waste Storage Facility (313), Fence (382), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Manure Transfer (634), Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442), Roof runoff Management (558), Pumping Plant (533), Subsurface Drain (606), Critical Area Planting (342), Terrace (600), Nutrient Management (590), Diversion (362), Pipeline (516), Land Smoothing (466), Precision Land Forming (462), Waste Treatment (629)

Before Situation:

Nutrient rich wastewater is running off from an animal operation that has the potential to pollute surface waters or ponding and leaching into groundwater.

After Situation:

Typical VTA is 3.0 ac in size. Typically does not require grading and shaping to maintain as uniform application onto the VTA is made through a mobile pod type sprinkler system. A settling basin for wastewater collection is contracted using Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632) and Pumping Plant (533) to get the wastewater to the VTA. For milkhouse waste, Waste Treatment (629) could be contracted to provide pretreatment prior to being pumped and distributed onto the VTA. The VTA practice will provide a controlled release of nutrient rich wastewater onto a designed vegetative area for nutrient uptake. This system will improve water quality by treating nutrient rich wastewater and prevent contamination of surface and ground water resources. The system is sized such that the total number of Pods will distribute wastewater to about a quarter of 3 acre VTA. The pods will be relocated to distribute wastewater throughout the VTA. The VTA is 440 ft x 300 ft. Each Pod Line is 150 ft long with 5 pods spaced evenly. The total number of Pods is 20 (4 lines x 5 pods/line = 20 pods).

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2,158.92	$3,058.48

Practice: 635 - Vegetated Treatment Area

Scenario #7 - Sprinkler, Center Pivot

Scenario Description:

This is a permanent herbaceous vegetative area located adjacent to a livestock production area. Wastewater (runoff or milking parlor wastewater) is properly collected at the production area and pumped to mechanically distribute wastewater onto the VTA. The VTA vegetation is harvested to removed nutrients on a regular basis. This practice addresses water quality degradation due to uncontrolled nutrient rich wastewater that can flow into surface waters or leach into ground water. Associated practices: Waste Storage Facility (313), Fence (382), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Manure Transfer (634), Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442), Roof runoff Management (558), Pumping Plant (533), Subsurface Drain (606), Critical Area Planting (342), Terrace (600), Nutrient Management (590), Diversion (362), Pipeline (516), Land Smoothing (466), Precision Land Forming (462), Waste Treatment (629)

Before Situation:

Nutrient rich wastewater is running off from an animal operation that has the potential to pollute surface waters or ponding and leaching into groundwater.

After Situation:

Typical VTA is 8.0 ac in size. Typically does not require grading and shaping to maintain as uniform application onto the VTA is made through a center pivot type sprinkler system. A settling basin for wastewater collection is contracted using Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632) and Pumping Plant (533) to get the wastewater to the VTA. For milkhouse waste, Waste Treatment (629) could be contracted to provide pretreatment prior to being pumped and distributed onto the VTA. The VTA practice will provide a controlled release of nutrient rich wastewater onto a designed vegetative area for nutrient uptake. This system will improve water quality by treating nutrient rich wastewater and prevent contamination of surface and ground water resources.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2,675.33	$3,790.05

Practice: 635 - Vegetated Treatment Area

Scenario #8 - Minor Shaping

Scenario Description:

This is a permanent herbaceous vegetative area or channel installed down slope from a livestock production area or diversion. Wastewater (runoff or milking parlor wastewater) is properly collected and released with a controlled outflow into the VTA. The VTA vegetation is harvested to removed nutrients on a regular basis. This practice addresses water quality degradation due to uncontrolled nutrient rich wastewater that can flow into surface waters or leach into ground water. Associated practices: Waste Storage Facility (313), Fence (382), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Manure Transfer (634), Roof runoff Management (558), Pumping Plant (533), Subsurface Drain (606), Critical Area Planting (342), Terrace (600), Nutrient Management (590), Diversion (362), Pipeline (516), Land Smoothing (466), Precision Land Forming (462), Waste Treatment (629)

Before Situation:

Nutrient rich wastewater is running off from an animal operation that has the potential to pollute surface waters or ponding and leaching into groundwater.

After Situation:

Typical VTA is 2.0 ac in size, includes a shaped vegetated area to promote sheet flow through the VTA. Typically requires grading and shaping to maintain sheet flow throughout the VTA. A settling basin for wastewater collection is contracted using Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632). For milkhouse waste, Waste Treatment (629) could be contracted to provide pre-treatment prior to being released into the VTA. The establishment of the permanent vegetation within the VTA will be completed under the Critical Area Planting (342) Standard. The VTA practice will provide a controlled release of nutrient rich wastewater into a designed vegetative area for nutrient uptake. This system will improve water quality by treating nutrient rich wastewater and prevent contamination of surface and ground water resources.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$231.20	$327.53

Practice: 635 - Vegetated Treatment Area

Scenario #8 - Minor Shaping

Scenario Description:

This is a permanent herbaceous vegetative area or channel installed down slope from a livestock production area or diversion. Wastewater (runoff or milking parlor wastewater) is properly collected and released with a controlled outflow into the VTA. The VTA vegetation is harvested to removed nutrients on a regular basis. This practice addresses water quality degradation due to uncontrolled nutrient rich wastewater that can flow into surface waters or leach into ground water. Associated practices: Waste Storage Facility (313), Fence (382), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Manure Transfer (634), Roof runoff Management (558), Pumping Plant (533), Subsurface Drain (606), Critical Area Planting (342), Terrace (600), Nutrient Management (590), Diversion (362), Pipeline (516), Land Smoothing (466), Precision Land Forming (462), Waste Treatment (629)

Before Situation:

Nutrient rich wastewater is running off from an animal operation that has the potential to pollute surface waters or ponding and leaching into groundwater.

After Situation:

Typical VTA is 2.0 ac in size, includes a shaped vegetated area to promote sheet flow through the VTA. Typically requires grading and shaping to maintain sheet flow throughout the VTA. A settling basin for wastewater collection is contracted using Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632). For milkhouse waste, Waste Treatment (629) could be contracted to provide pre-treatment prior to being released into the VTA. The establishment of the permanent vegetation within the VTA will be completed under the Critical Area Planting (342) Standard. The VTA practice will provide a controlled release of nutrient rich wastewater into a designed vegetative area for nutrient uptake. This system will improve water quality by treating nutrient rich wastewater and prevent contamination of surface and ground water resources.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$231.20	$1,253.70

Practice: 635 - Vegetated Treatment Area

Scenario #8 - Minor Shaping

Scenario Description:

This is a permanent herbaceous vegetative area or channel installed down slope from a livestock production area or diversion. Wastewater (runoff or milking parlor wastewater) is properly collected and released with a controlled outflow into the VTA. The VTA vegetation is harvested to removed nutrients on a regular basis. This practice addresses water quality degradation due to uncontrolled nutrient rich wastewater that can flow into surface waters or leach into ground water. Associated practices: Waste Storage Facility (313), Fence (382), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Manure Transfer (634), Roof runoff Management (558), Pumping Plant (533), Subsurface Drain (606), Critical Area Planting (342), Terrace (600), Nutrient Management (590), Diversion (362), Pipeline (516), Land Smoothing (466), Precision Land Forming (462), Waste Treatment (629)

Before Situation:

Nutrient rich wastewater is running off from an animal operation that has the potential to pollute surface waters or ponding and leaching into groundwater.

After Situation:

Typical VTA is 2.0 ac in size, includes a shaped vegetated area to promote sheet flow through the VTA. Typically requires grading and shaping to maintain sheet flow throughout the VTA. A settling basin for wastewater collection is contracted using Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632). For milkhouse waste, Waste Treatment (629) could be contracted to provide pre-treatment prior to being released into the VTA. The establishment of the permanent vegetation within the VTA will be completed under the Critical Area Planting (342) Standard. The VTA practice will provide a controlled release of nutrient rich wastewater into a designed vegetative area for nutrient uptake. This system will improve water quality by treating nutrient rich wastewater and prevent contamination of surface and ground water resources.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$884.96	$327.53

Practice: 635 - Vegetated Treatment Area

Scenario #8 - Minor Shaping

Scenario Description:

This is a permanent herbaceous vegetative area or channel installed down slope from a livestock production area or diversion. Wastewater (runoff or milking parlor wastewater) is properly collected and released with a controlled outflow into the VTA. The VTA vegetation is harvested to removed nutrients on a regular basis. This practice addresses water quality degradation due to uncontrolled nutrient rich wastewater that can flow into surface waters or leach into ground water. Associated practices: Waste Storage Facility (313), Fence (382), Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632), Manure Transfer (634), Roof runoff Management (558), Pumping Plant (533), Subsurface Drain (606), Critical Area Planting (342), Terrace (600), Nutrient Management (590), Diversion (362), Pipeline (516), Land Smoothing (466), Precision Land Forming (462), Waste Treatment (629)

Before Situation:

Nutrient rich wastewater is running off from an animal operation that has the potential to pollute surface waters or ponding and leaching into groundwater.

After Situation:

Typical VTA is 2.0 ac in size, includes a shaped vegetated area to promote sheet flow through the VTA. Typically requires grading and shaping to maintain sheet flow throughout the VTA. A settling basin for wastewater collection is contracted using Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632). For milkhouse waste, Waste Treatment (629) could be contracted to provide pre-treatment prior to being released into the VTA. The establishment of the permanent vegetation within the VTA will be completed under the Critical Area Planting (342) Standard. The VTA practice will provide a controlled release of nutrient rich wastewater into a designed vegetative area for nutrient uptake. This system will improve water quality by treating nutrient rich wastewater and prevent contamination of surface and ground water resources.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$884.96	$1,253.70

Practice: 638 - Water and Sediment Control Basin

Scenario #2 - WASCOB topsoil

Scenario Description:

Typical scenario for the construction of 700 CY earthen embankment. Prior to building the embankment, 6 inches of topsoil is removed and stockpiled. Outlet is typically an underground outlet. An earthen embankment or combination ridge and channel generally constructed across the slope and minor watercourses to form a sediment trap and water detention basin. Topsoil is replaced following construction of the embankment. Costs include all equipment necessary to strip and stock pile topsoil, excavate, shape, grade and compact the Water and Sediment Control Basin, spread and replace topsoil after construction and mobilization of equipment. Seeding not included. This practice is utilized to reduce watercourse and gully erosion, trap sediment, reduce and manage onsite and downstream runoff. Sheet and rill erosion will be controlled by other conservation practices. Work is done with dozer, scraper, or road grader.

Before Situation:

Site has shallow topsoil which if removed by earthwork for construction of embankment will significantly impact yields. Farming fields with excessive slope length has resulted in multiple rills and/or ephemeral gullies that will continue to worsen over time. The excessive erosion may lead to deterioration of receiving waters due to excessive sedimentation and nutrient transport. Resource concern addressed includes soil erosion and water quality by trapping sediment and/or reduce erosion in a field to protect riparian areas and water bodies from sediment deposition. Surface water causes erosion and the sediment (and potentially pesticides) is being transported into the riparian areas and water bodies downstream.

After Situation:

Water and Sediment Control Basis is constructed with 700 CY of excavation/earthfill with dozer, scraper and/or road grader. Rill and/or gully erosion is reduced. If riser and underground outlet are needed, then include Underground Outlet (620). Include Critical Area Planting (342) where necessary to prevent erosion following construction activities.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.67	$3.78

Practice: 640 - Waterspreading

Scenario #1 - Dikes

Scenario Description:

A waterspreading system of dikes installed to uniformly distribute surface water to the field. Dikes are commonly installed on 2% slopes. Dikes are installed with gates to manage the release of the water.

Before Situation:

A field managed for forage with uncontrolled surface water that is not uniformly applied to the field for crop use.

After Situation:

A waterspreading system of dikes are installed to uniformly distribute surface water to the field. The dikes are typically built with a height of 3 feet and have a 4 foot top with 5:1 sideslopes to allow the dike to mowed or cut. The dikes are seeded with a sod forming grass. Each dike will retain water on the field and allow the water to be drained through a 18" CMP pipe with a slide gate (typically a Waterman C8E gate). The typical field size would be 20 acres and would have three dikes approximatley 1000' long installed with 200-300 feet between dikes. The system would address the resource concern of Water Quantity - Inefficient water use on nonirrigated land. Associated practices with the system are 342 Critical Area Planting, 412 - Grassed Waterway, 587 - Structure for Water Control, 511 - Forage Harvest Management.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1,200.56	$1,700.79

Practice: 640 - Waterspreading

Scenario #2 - Ditches

Scenario Description:

A waterspreading system of level lip ditches installed to uniformly distribute surface water to the field.

Before Situation:

A field managed for forage with uncontrolled surface water that is not uniformly applied to the field for crop use.

After Situation:

A waterspreading system of level lip ditches are installed to uniformly distribute surface water to the field. The ditches are typically built with a depth of 2.5 feet and have a 6 foot top with a V shape. Each ditch with spill water on the field and allow the water to be spread uniformly. The typical field size would be 20 acres and would have four ditches approximatley 1000' long installed with 200-300 feet between ditches. The system would address the resource concern of Water Quantity - Inefficient water use on nonirrigated land. Associated practices with the system are 342 Critical Area Planting, 412 - Grassed Waterway, 587 - Structure for Water Control, 511 - Forage Harvest Management, 362 - Diversion.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$88.77	$125.76

Practice: 642 - Water Well

Scenario #1 - Well Point

Scenario Description:

Typical construction is for a 2" diameter well screen, 36' long, with 2"diameter pipe and couplings are driven or water jetted to a typical depth depth of 20 feet into a shallow water bearing formation. The purpose of the practice is to provide water for livestock. The area near the well point is sloped to direct surface water away from entering the well.

Before Situation:

Livestock have insufficient water or are fenced from their water source.

After Situation:

Sufficient water is available for livestock. Utilize Pumping Plant (533) and Pipeline (516) as associated practices. Use Critical Area Seeding (342) where necessary to prevent erosion following construciton activities.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$64.71	$83.20

Practice: 642 - Water Well

Scenario #2 - Dug (Excavated) Well

Scenario Description:

Typical construction is for the excavation of a shallow dug well. The purpose of the practice is to provide water for livestock. A typical dug well is 4 foot in diameter and 15 feet in depth. The well is excavated using a backhoe. Excavate to a depth where the water recharge is greater than the equipment can remove. Washed gravel is placed in the base of the dug opening. Concrete manhole risers are installed to hold the water. Pea gravel is placed above the washed gravel to transition to the earth backfill. The hole is backfilled and sloped to direct surface water away from entering the manhole cover.

Before Situation:

Livestock have insufficient water or are fenced from their water source.

After Situation:

Sufficient water is available for livestock. Utilize Pumping Plant (533) and Pipeline (516) as associated practices. Use Critical Area Seeding (342) where necessary to prevent erosion following construciton activities.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$464.41	$597.10

Practice: 642 - Water Well

Scenario #4 - Shallow Well, 100 ft. deep or less, ND

Scenario Description:

Typical construction is for the installation of a well with a pitless unit, in areas where sufficient water is known to occur within 100 feet of the ground surface. The well shall be drilled, dug, driven, bored, jetted or otherwise constructed to an aquifer for water supply. The purpose of the practice is to provide water for livestock or irrigation. An average well depth is 75 feet. Well casings are 4-6" in diameter. Plastic casing is installed to a depth of 55 feet.

Before Situation:

Livestock have insufficient water or are fenced from their water source. There is insufficient water for use in micro-irrigation.

After Situation:

Sufficient water is available for livestock or irrigation. Utilize Pumping Plant (533) and Pipeline (516) as associated practices. Use Critical Area Seeding (342) where necessary to prevent erosion following construciton activities.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3,890.88	$5,002.56

Practice: 642 - Water Well

Scenario #6 - Single PVC Casing with pitless unit, greater than 100 ft. deep

Scenario Description:

Typical construction is for the installation of a well with a pitless unit, in areas where sufficient water is known to occur 100 - 300 feet of the ground surface. The well shall be drilled, dug, driven, bored, jetted or otherwise constructed to an aquifer for water supply. The purpose of the practice is to provide water for livestock or micro-irrigation. An average well depth is 200 feet. Well casings are 4-6" in diameter. Plastic casing and screen is installed to a depth of 200 feet.

Before Situation:

Livestock have insufficient water or are fenced from their water source. There is insufficient water for use in micro-irrigation.

After Situation:

Sufficient water is available for livestock or micro-irrigation. Utilize Pumping Plant (533) and Pipeline (516) as associated practices. Use Critical Area Seeding (342) where necessary to prevent erosion following construciton activities.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$35.44	$45.57

Practice: 643 - Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats

Scenario #1 - Monitoring & Management, Low Intensity and Complexity - No Foregone Income

Scenario Description:

Setting is any land use with the potential to provide habitat for species of plants and animals identified as Rare and Declining and the habitat potential is not currently being captured. The identified habitat limiting factors can be restored, enhanced or created, with the application of this practice alone, or in combination with other supporting and facilitating practices. Monitoring will be used to determine if the conservation system meets or exceeds the minimum planning criteria for the targeted wildlife. Management will be implemented based on the findings of the habitat assessment and monitoring. Habitat management and monitoring needed to treat the resource concerns requires no training, no qualitative data assessment, no water quality monitoring and is low in complexity and intensity. Examples of prescribed monitoring, include but are not limited to: photo points taken, documentation of livestock utilization, regeneration/breeding success, completing an annual management records log, documenting wildlife sightings, documenting location and species of invasive plants and condition of vegetative and structural treatments. No decision or treatment associated with this practice or facilitating practices will require foregone income. The planner will specify locations and identify the methods to the customer who will implement the monitoring and management plan.

Before Situation:

Existing degraded plant conditions and resulting inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife have resulted in low use of the area by target species identified as Rare and Declining and other associated species.

After Situation:

Based on the results of a State approved upland wildlife habitat assessment process, the application of habitat management efforts and prescribed monitoring have been implemented. With the application of this practice alone, or in combination with other supporting and facilitating practices, the inadequate habitat conditions have been addressed. Monitoring and resulting management has maximized the benefits of the needed habitat treatment efforts.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.71	$2.42

Practice: 643 - Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats

Scenario #2 - Monitoring & Management, with Foregone Income

Scenario Description:

Setting is any land use with the potential to provide habitat for species of plants and animals identified as Rare and Declining and the habitat potential is not currently being captured. The identified habitat limiting factors can be restored, enhanced or created with the application of this practice alone, or in combination with other supporting and facilitating practices. Monitoring will be used to determine if the conservation system meets or exceeds the minimum planning criteria for the targeted wildlife. Management will be implemented based on the findings of the habitat assessment and monitoring. Habitat management and monitoring needed to treat the resource concerns requires no training, no qualitative data assessment, no water quality monitoring and is low in complexity and intensity. Examples of prescribed monitoring, include but are not limited to: photo points taken, documentation of livestock utilization, regeneration/breeding success, completing an annual management records log, documenting wildlife sightings, documenting location and species of invasive plants and condition of vegetative and structural treatments. Treatment associated with this practice or facilitating practices will require foregone income. The planner will specify locations and identify the methods to the customer who will implement the monitoring and management plan. Includes foregone income.

Before Situation:

Existing degraded plant conditions and resulting inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife have resulted in low use of the area by target species identified as Rare and Declining and associated species.

After Situation:

Based on the results of a State-approved upland wildlife habitat assessment process, the application of habitat management efforts and prescribed monitoring have been implemented. With the application of this practice alone, or in combination with other supporting and facilitating practices, the inadequate habitat conditions have been addressed. Monitoring and resulting management has maximized the benefits of the needed habitat treatment efforts.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$20.63	$21.06

Practice: 643 - Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats

Scenario #3 - Wildlife Enhancement, Livestock exclusion (FI)

Scenario Description:

Lifestock excluded from wildlife areas for habitat development/enhancement. The area is monitored and adaptive management is implemented as needed based on the findings of the monitoring effort. A typical monitoring effort is to visit the area to assure that the fence is turning cattle and gates are closed. Typical size is 640 acres.

Before Situation:

Wildlife habitat is grazed during the primary nesting and development seasons of targeted wildlife species.

After Situation:

Livestock excluded for wildlife habitat enhancement of targeted wildlife species. Implementation includes exclusion of livestock to allow for sufficient regrowth of the habitat (vegetation) resulting in the loss of income. The montoring and management assures that the area is excluded from grazing during critical nexting periods for ground nesting birds.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$18.60	$18.62

Practice: 644 - Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management

Scenario #3 - Management and monitoring only, foregone income (FI)

Scenario Description:

Site management will include managing/monitoring the site to provide food and cover for wetland wildlife species on cropland. Annual vegetation (crops or other annual vegetation) will be allowed to establish and persist during critical nesting and brood rearing seasons and will remain standing (not harvested) until migratory species have left the site. The setting is on lands used for the production of crops where the slope gradient is less than two percent and soils are not excessivly drained. The State-approved habitat evaluation or appraisal found that a limiting factor for wetland wildlife is the absence of sufficient cover and food in the area. The manipulation of existing cover will be accomplished through mechanical methods to provide a diverse vegetation mosaic, within and adjacent to the existing wetland, addressing inadequate habitat for wetland wildlife. Where this occurs on cropped fields, annual crops will be lost for one growing season (foregone income is included).

Before Situation:

The site lacks sufficient and diverse cover and food needed for optimal wetland wildlife habitat or target species. Typically the site has been previously manipulated and utilized for agricultural. With the loss of abundant and diverse cover and food throughout the site, both plant and animal species that are dependent on these elements are no longer present, or are in decline, within the planning unit.

After Situation:

Agricultural crop or annual vegetation has been allowed to persist providing needed food and cover for identified species. Crops and annual vegetation will not be harvested during the critical seasons as identified by the habitat evaluation. As a result of the installation, habitat needs have been adequately met.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$157.39	$222.97

Practice: 644 - Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management

Scenario #12 - Wetland Widlife Habitat Monitoring and Management, Low Intensity and Complexity

Scenario Description:

This scenario is applied to wetlands on landuse types including those with wildlife as a modifier, where any resource concern is identified for wildlife, and where low intensity and complexity of monitoring or management will treat the identified resource concern. Only 1-2 monitoring efforts are needed and each requiring less than 2 people and 4 hours per effort. The adaptive management actions such as cutting of limbs that are impeding access of birds into nest boxs, replacing damaged fence markers, cleaning of nest structures and debris around other structures requires only hand labor and less than 8 hours labor per year.

Before Situation:

Wetland wildlife habitat is deficient due to the absence of annual monitoring and adaptive management actions of low intensity and complexity.

After Situation:

Widlife habitat is improved by implementation of annual adaptive management actions of low intensity and complexity.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.98	$2.80

Practice: 644 - Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management

Scenario #13 - Habitat Monitoring and Management, Medium Intensity and Complexity

Scenario Description:

This scenario is applied to wetland areas located on all landuse types including those with wildlife as a modifier, where any resource concern is identified for wildlife, and where medium intensity and complexity of monitoring or management will treat the identified resource concern. Two or three monitoring efforts are needed and each requiring less than 2 people and less than 8 hours per effort. Two or three adaptive management efforts are required (such as cutting of limbs that are impeding access of birds into nest boxes, replacing damaged fence markers, cleaning of nest structures and debris around other structures). The adaptive mgmt requires hand labor and the occasional use of light equipment. A crew of 2 is needed for the hand labor efforts and the crew will require less than 16 total hours of labor per mgmt effort. Mowing of roads and trail is required to provide access for monitoring and management.

Before Situation:

Wetland wildlife habitat is deficient due to the absence of annual monitoring and adaptive management actions of medium intensity and complexity.

After Situation:

wetland wildlife habitat is improved by implementation of annual adaptive management actions of medium intensity and complexity.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$7.40	$10.48

Practice: 645 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

Scenario #1 - Monitoring, Management, Foregone Income

Scenario Description:

Setting is grazingland with the potential to provide habitat for species of plants and animals identified as Rare and Declining and the habitat potential is not currently being captured. The identified habitat limiting factors can be restored, enhanced or created, with the application of this practice alone, or in combination with other supporting and facilitating practices. Monitoring will be used to determine if the conservation system meets or exceeds the minimum planning criteria for the targeted wildlife species. Management will be implemented based on the findings of the habitat assessment and monitoring. Habitat management and monitoring needed to treat the resource concerns requires no training, no qualitative data assessment, no water quality monitoring and is low in complexity and intensity. Examples of prescribed monitoring, include but are not limited to: photo points taken, use documentation by livestock, regeneration/breeding success, completing an annual management records log, documenting wildlife sightings, documenting location and species of invasive plants and condition of vegetative and structural treatments. No decision or treatment associated with this practice or facilitating practices will require income foregone. The planner will specify locations and identify the methods to the customer who will implement the monitoring and management plan.

Before Situation:

Existing degraded plant conditions and resulting inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife have resulted in low use of the area by target species identified as Rare and Declining and associated species.

After Situation:

Based on the results of a State-approved upland wildlife habitat assessment process, the application of habitat management efforts and prescribed monitoring have been implemented. With the application of this practice alone, or in combination with other supporting and facilitating practices, the inadequate habitat conditions have been addressed. Monitoring has maximized the benefits of the needed habitat treatment efforts.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$12.68	$17.97

Practice: 645 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

Scenario #3 - Wildlife Habitat Enhancement (FI)

Scenario Description:
Exclusion of livestock on 640 acres of rangeland for the enhancement of habitat for wildlife.

Before Situation:
Wildlife habitat is grazed during the primary nesting and development periods of targeted wildlife species.

After Situation:
Livestock are excluded for wildlife habitat enhancement for the targeted wildlife species. Implementation includes the exclusion of livestock to allow for adequate regrowth and development of the habitat.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$11.18	$15.84

Practice: 645 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

Scenario #4 - Wildlife Habitat Enhancement - Former Cropland (FI)

Scenario Description:

Setting is cropland with the potential to provide habitat for species of plants and animals identified as Rare and Declining and the habitat potential is not currently being captured. The identified habitat limiting factors can be restored, enhanced or created, with the application of this practice alone, or in combination with other supporting and facilitating practices. Monitoring will be used to determine if the conservation system meets or exceeds the minimum planning criteria for the targeted wildlife. Management will be implemented based on the findings of the habitat assessment and monitoring. Habitat management and monitoring needed to treat the resource concerns requires no training, no qualitative data assessment, no water quality monitoring and is low in complexity and intensity. Examples of prescribed monitoring, include but are not limited to: photo points taken, livestock utlization records, regeneration/breeding success, completing an annual management records log, documenting wildlife sightings, documenting location and species of invasive plants and condition of vegetative and structural treatments. The planner will specify locations and identify the methods to the customer who will implement the monitoring and management plan. Includes foregone income. Setting is cropland that will be managed to benefit rare and declining habitats through deferral or seeding to permanent or annual vegetation.

Before Situation:

Existing cropland production of a soybean, corn, and wheat rotation on cropped fields. This creates a degraded plant condition which results in inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife resulting in low use of the area by target species identified as Rare and Declining and associated species.

After Situation:

Based on the results of a State-approved upland wildlife habitat assessment process, the application of habitat management efforts and prescribed monitoring have been implemented. With the application of this practice alone, or in combination with other supporting and facilitating practices, the inadequate habitat conditions have been addressed. Monitoring will highlight the benefits of the habitat treatment efforts.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$148.63	$210.55

Practice: 645 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

Scenario #288 - Establishment of seasonal wildlife forage or cover on cropland, no FI

Scenario Description:

This typical scenario occurs on cropland. The habitat assessment identifed the need to provide seasonal forage or cover for target wildlife species or guild. This habitat need will be met through the establishment of annual food plants or cover plants by planting of seed. The typical scenario for seasonal forage or cover will be established outside of crop season, thus FI is not needed. Seedbed preparation (light tilliage) will be furthered by firming the seed bed by cultipacking the site. The only fertilizer need is N as this is cropland and P and K levels are sufficient. Cropland, so mobilization of equipment not needed.

Before Situation:

Cropland that fails to provided food or cover for target species at the proper location and season to meet the needs of wildlife.

After Situation:

The availability of high-quality seasonal forage or seasonal cover for the target wildlife species is provided. Target wildlife health is improved and populations are increased.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$65.84	$93.28

Practice: 645 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

Scenario #289 - Establishment of seasonal forage or cover for wildlife on cropland, with FI

Scenario Description:

The habitat assessment identified the need to provide seasonal forage or cover for target wildlife species or guild. This habitat needs will be met through the establishment of annuals by planting of seed. The typical scenario is for cropland. Seed bed preparation is limited to one light disking, furthered by firming the seed bed by cultipacking the site. The only fertilizer need is N as this is cropland and P and K levels are sufficient. These wildlife forages or seasonal cover will be be available for wildlife during the cropping seasion, and are in lieu of the cash crops typically planted on the field. Thus, income from the cash crop will be foregone for a year.

Before Situation:

Cropland does not provide forage or cover needed for wildlife during the season on dearth.

After Situation:

Annual wildlife forages are planted in lieu of a cash crop. Target wildlife health is improved and populations are increased.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$235.08	$333.03

Practice: 649 - Structures for Wildlife

Scenario #5 - Escape Ramp

Scenario Description:

Retrofit an existing watering trough/tank with an appropriately designed and installed wildlife escape ramp to reduce wildlife mortality and maintain water quality within the watering facility. The typical size range for this scenario is 4 watering facilities retrofitted to include an escape ramp (2 ramps per tank).

Before Situation:

Existing watering facilities lack escape potential for wildlife. This results in death of the small wildlife accessing the facility for water, and resulting poor water quality as the animal decays.

After Situation:

Watering facilities provide wildlife safe access. Water quality is improved within the watering facility and wildlife mortality is reduced.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$23.53	$33.34

Practice: 649 - Structures for Wildlife

Scenario #6 - Fence Markers, Vinyl Undersill

Scenario Description:

Existing fences are retrofitted with vinyl markers that increase wire visibility and reduce mortality due to collision for wildlife species of concern. Markers are installed on the top and third wires according to state standards. Scenario is typically implemented along fences in potential high risk areas (red areas in SGI Fence Collision Risk Model) or where a known problem exists. The typical size range for this scenario is 1 mile of fence.

Before Situation:

Wire fences located in high risk areas pose a collision threat to wildlife of special concern.

After Situation:

Fence related mortality of species of special concern is reduced.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.08	$0.12

Practice: 650 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation

Scenario #3 - Removal <8 inches DBH with Skidsteer

Scenario Description:

Windbreak renovation requires the removal of degraded or inappropriate trees or shrubs within a windbreak. This may include removal of entire rows, including stumps or roots, or selected trees/shrubs in order to prepare for the planting of a replacement row within the windbreak, improve the health of the remaining rows, and/or allow for supplemental planting to expand the windbreak. Resource concerns include Degraded plant condition- undesirable plant productivity and health, Livestock Production-Inadequate livestock shelter, Soil erosion-wind.

Before Situation:

Reduce wind impacts by renovating 1,000 foot windbreaks or shelterbelts using heavy equipment to remove selected trees with average DBH < 8 Inches. Typically trees and shrubs are cleared by a Skidsteer using a tree shear or saw. All slash material from cutting and pruning is either scattered and crushed, piled and crushed, chipped, or removed from the treatment area.

After Situation:

Integrity and function of windbreak restored.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.63	$0.88

Practice: 650 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation

Scenario #4 - Removal > 8 inches DBH with Dozer

Scenario Description:

Windbreak renovation requires the removal of degraded or inappropriate trees or shrubs within a windbreak. This may include removal of entire rows, including stumps or roots, or selected trees/shrubs in order to prepare for the planting of a replacement row within the windbreak, improve the health of the remaining rows, and/or allow for supplemental planting to expand the windbreak. Resource concerns include Degraded plant condition- undesirable plant productivity and health, Livestock Production- Inadequate livestock shelter, Soil erosion-wind.

Before Situation:

Reduce wind impacts by renovating 1,000 foot windbreaks or shelterbelts using heavy equipment to remove selected trees with average DBH > 8 inches. Typically trees and shrubs are cleared by dozer (D-6 or equivalent) using a brush rake or blade. All slash material from cutting and pruning is either scattered and crushed, piled and crushed, chipped, or removed from the treatment area.

After Situation:

Integrity and function of windbreak restored.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.81	$2.51

Practice: 650 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation

Scenario #11 - Supplemental Plantings-Machine

Scenario Description:

Parts of the windbreak being renovated have died. Supplemental plantings of bare root trees/shrubs will improve the effectiveness and longevity of the windbreak. Trees and shrubs planted with a tree planting machine. Shrubs will be planted with a spacing of 4 to 6 feet and hardwoods/conifers 8 to 12 feet apart in the row with rows 16 feet apart. The scenario will include 1/3 shrubs, 1/3 hardwoods, and 1/3 conifers. Resource concerns include Soil erosion - Wind erosion, Degraded plant condition - Inadequate structure and composition, and Livestock production limitation - Inadequate livestock shelter.

Before Situation:

Dead trees/shrubs are inhibiting windbreak effectiveness. A one (1.0) acre windbreak/shelterbelt is expanded through the machine planting of bare root tree and shrub seedlings at a average spacing of 8' (shrubs 4'-6', deciduous/conifer trees 8'-12') within row and 15'-20' between rows.

After Situation:

The integrity and function of the windbreak is restored.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.18	$0.25

Practice: 650 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation

Scenario #22 - Supplemental Plantings-Machine, Weed Barrier

Scenario Description:

Parts of the windbreak being renovated have died. Supplemental plantings of bare root trees/shrubs will improve the effectiveness and longevity of the windbreak. Trees and shrubs planted with a tree planting machine. Shrubs will be planted with a spacing of 4 to 6 feet and hardwoods/conifers 8 to 12 feet apart in the row with rows 16 feet apart. The scenario will include 1/3 shrubs, 1/3 hardwoods, and 1/3 conifers. Fabric will be installed to prevent competition from grass and weeds. Resource concerns include Soil erosion - Wind erosion, Degraded plant condition - Inadequate structure and composition, and Livestock production limitation - Inadequate livestock shelter.

Before Situation:

Dead trees/shrubs are inhibiting windbreak effectiveness. A one (1.0) acre windbreak/shelterbelt is expanded through the machine planting of bare root tree and shrub seedlings at a average spacing of 8' (shrubs 4'-6', deciduous/conifer trees 8'-12') within row and 15'-20' between rows.

After Situation:

The integrity and function of the windbreak is restored.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.51	$0.71

Practice: 656 - Constructed Wetland

Scenario #1 - Medium, 0.5 ac or less

Scenario Description:

This practice scenario includes the basic earthwork and native and/or organic wetland vegetation needed to create a constructed wetland to treat contaminated agricultural runoff for a medium site (i.e. 0.5 ac or less). All other components, such as water control structures, dikes or upstream sediment basins, must be paid for under facilitating practices. Soil, water and tissue sampling are required. The purpose of the practice is to address resource concerns related to water quality degradation due to excess nutrients and pathogens. Associated practices: Structure for Water Control (587); Sediment Basin (350); Dike (356); Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (521D); Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (521A); Fence (382); Grade Stabilization Structure (410); Pumping Plant (533); Waste Transfer (634)

Before Situation:

Contaminated agricultural runoff causes excess ponding and/or water quality degradation.

After Situation:

A 0.25 acre constructed wetland (i.e. 45' x 240') will be constructed with an average 18" depth. Only the earthwork and wetland vegetation are considered in this scenario. Any structures or sediment basins will be designed under a separate practice. The constructed wetland site is near the property boundary, but still takes cropland out of production (1/2 wetland acreage). The constructed wetland treats the influent by reducing excess nutrients and adding oxygen through wetland plants and functions before the effluent is transported to a waste storage facility or discharged off site, if permitted by regulation.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$9,597.30	$13,596.17

Practice: 656 - Constructed Wetland

Scenario #2 - Large, 0.5 to 1.0 ac.

Scenario Description:

This practice scenario includes the basic earthwork and native and/or organic wetland vegetation needed to create a constructed wetland to treat contaminated agricultural runoff for a large site (i.e. >0.5 ac). All other components, such as water control structures, dikes or upstream sediment basins, must be paid for under facilitating practices. Soil, water and tissue sampling are required. The purpose of the practice is to address resource concerns related to water quality degradation due to excess nutrients and pathogens. Associated practices: Structure for Water Control (587); Sediment Basin (350); Dike (356); Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (521D); Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (521A); Fence (382); Grade Stabilization Structure (410); Pumping Plant (533); Waste Transfer (634).

Before Situation:

Contaminated agricultural runoff causes excess ponding and/or water quality degradation.

After Situation:

A 1.0 acre wetland (i.e. 95' x 460') will be constructed with an average 18" depth. Only the earthwork and wetland vegetation are considered in this scenario. Any structures or sediment basins will be designed under a separate practice. The constructed wetland site is near the property boundary, but still takes cropland out of production (1/2 wetland acreage). The constructed wetland treats the influent by reducing excess nutrients and adding oxygen through wetland plants and functions before the effluent is transported to a waste storage facility or discharged off site, if permitted by regulation.

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$6,767.44	$9,587.20

Practice: 656 - Constructed Wetland

Scenario #3 - Large, more than 1.0 ac.

Scenario Description:

This practice scenario includes the basic earthwork needed to create a constructed wetland to improve water quality for a large site (i.e. >1.0ac). All other components, such as water control structures, dikes or upstream sediment basins, must be paid for under facilitating practices. The purpose of the practice is to address resource concerns related to water quality degradation due to excess nutrients. Associated practices: Structure for Water Control (587); Sediment Basin (350); Dike (356); Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (521D); Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (521A); Fence (382); Grade Stabilization Structure (410); Pumping Plant (533); Waste Transfer (634).

Before Situation:

Contaminated agricultural runoff causes excess ponding and/or water quality degradation.

After Situation:

A 1.25 acre wetland (i.e. 110' x 500') will be constructed with an average 12" depth. Only the earthwork is considered in this scenario. Any structures or sediment basins will be designed under a separate practice. The constructed wetland site iz near the property boundary, but still takes cropland out of production (1/2 wetland acreage). The constructed wetland treats the influent by reducing excess nutrients and adding oxygen through wetland plants and functions before the effluent is discharged off

Scenario Unit: Acre

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$5,368.77	$7,605.76

Practice: 657 - Wetland Restoration

Scenario #1 - Fill in dugout

Scenario Description:

Restoring a wetland to its original condition by filling a dugout. Typical size is approximately 1,000 cu. yd. and 1 1/2 acres of land restored. Resource Concerns are: 4-SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION - Organic matter depletion, 11- WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters, 12 - WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Pesticides transported to surface and ground waters, 16 - WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excessive sediment in surface waters, 18 - DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Undesirable plant productivity and health, 19 - DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION, Inadequate structure and composition, 22- INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE - Habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

The site has a constructed dugout with spoil. A suitable seed bank exists for natural regeneration to re-establish hydrophytic vegetation. The site is grazed.

After Situation:

The dugout has been filled, allowing the wetland to function in its original state. Restoration of hydrology and plant community functions will improve the WATER QUALITY and DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION concerns listed above. The hydrologic and vegetative practices will address the SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION and INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE concerns. Associated practices are 342-Critical Area Planting, 550-Range Planting, 644-Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management, and 587-Structure for Water Control.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.29	$3.25

Practice: 657 - Wetland Restoration

Scenario #2 - Depression Sediment Removal

Scenario Description:

A Depressional HGM (Hydrogeomorphic approach to classifying the seven types of wetlands as defined by Brinson, 1993) class wetland is to be restored by removing sediment. The typical size of sediment removal is 1 acre. The site is a recharge depression, fed only from surface runoff. Resource Concerns are: 4-SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION - Organic matter depletion, 11- WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters, 12 - WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Pesticides transported to surface and ground waters, 16 - WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excessive sediment in surface waters, 18 - DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Undesirable plant productivity and health, 19 - DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION, Inadequate structure and composition, 22- INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE - Habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

The wetland has been converted to agricultural production, and the tract may or may not be drained with a surface ditch. The watershed has been converted from a native to an agricultural landuse, and the resultant soil erosion has deposited an average of 9 inches of sediment in the bottom of the depression.

After Situation:

The deposition has been removed down to the original topsoil layer. A herbaceous plant community has been seeded. Facilitative practices include 327-Conservation Cover. Restoration of hydrology and plant community functions will improve the WATER QUALITY and DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION concerns listed above. The hydrologic and vegetative practices will address the SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION and INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE concerns. Associated practices are 342-Critical Area Planting, 550-Range Planting, 644-Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management, and 587-Structure for Water Control.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.51	$3.56

Practice: 657 - Wetland Restoration

Scenario #4 - Ditchplug - Lateral Restoration

Scenario Description:

A Depressional HGM class wetland (Hydrogeomorphic approach to classifying the seven types of wetlands as defined by Brinson, 1993) is to be restored by filling in the drainage ditch. The site is a recharge depression, fed only from surface runoff. Resource Concerns are: 4-SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION - Organic matter depletion, 11-WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters, 12 - WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Pesticides transported to surface and ground waters, 16 - WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excessive sediment in surface waters, 18 - DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Undesirable plant productivity and health, 19 - DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION, Inadequate structure and composition, 22- INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE - Habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

The wetland has been converted to agricultural production, and the tract has been drained with a surface ditch. The watershed has been converted from a native to an agricultural landuse.

After Situation:

The drain has been closed by lateral restoration. The ditch has been filled for a distance determined by the permeability of the soil. The earthfill is done with compactive effort. Facilitative practices include 327-Conservation Cover. Restoration of hydrology and plant community functions will improve the WATER QUALITY and DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION concerns listed above. The hydrologic and vegetative practices will address the SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION and INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE concerns. Associated practices are 342-Critical Area Planting, 550-Range Planting, 644-Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management, and 587-Structure for Water Control.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$5.03	$7.12

Practice: 657 - Wetland Restoration

Scenario #5 - Embankment - Fill Height <= 4 feet

Scenario Description:

A Depressional HGM class wetland (Hydrogeomorphic approach to classifying the seven types of wetlands as defined by Brinson, 1993) is to be restored by filling across the drainage ditch to block drainage. The site is a recharge depression, fed only from surface runoff. Resource Concerns are: 4-SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION - Organic matter depletion, 11- WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters, 12 - WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Pesticides transported to surface and ground waters, 16 - WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION - Excessive sediment in surface waters, 18 - DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION - Undesirable plant productivity and health, 19 - DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION, Inadequate strucuture and composition, 22- INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE - Habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

The wetland has been converted to agricultural production, and the tract has been drained with a surface ditch. The watershed has been converted from a native to an agricultural landuse.

After Situation:

The drain has been closed by blocking the flow with an embankment. The embankment has typical dimentions of 10' topwidth with a fill height of 3', the sideslopes are 3:1 and the length of the fill is 100'. The earthfill is done with compactive effort. Facilitative practices include 327-Conservation Cover. Restoration of hydrology and plant community functions will improve the WATER QUALITY and DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION concerns listed above. The hydrologic and vegetative practices will address the SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION and INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE concerns. Associated practices are 342-Critical Area Planting, 550-Range Planting, 644-Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management, and 587-Structure for Water Control.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$3.80	$5.39

Practice: 658 - Wetland Creation

Scenario #1 - Wetland Creation, Excavation

Scenario Description:

A wetland is created on a flat mineral upland at a location where surface runoff may be intercepted and ponded by excavation. The wetland is created by excavating a depression. Resource concern is 22 - INDEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE - Habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

The site is in cropland on an upland, non floodplain site (interfluve).

After Situation:

An excavation with an average depth of 24" has created a shallow depression in a broad swale which intercepts surface runoff. The excavated material has been spread on adjacent areas. The INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE resource concern has been addressed with the provision of seasonal open water for terrestrial, aquatic, and waterfowl species. Associated practices are 342-Critical Area Planting, 550-Range Planting, 644-Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management, and 587-Structure for Water Control.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.47	$2.08

Practice: 658 - Wetland Creation

Scenario #3 - Excavation and Embankment

Scenario Description:

A wetland is created on a flat mineral upland at a location where surface runoff may be intercepted and ponded by excavation. The wetland is created by excavating a depression and building a dike to intercept runoff. Resource concern is 22 - INDEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE - Habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

The site is in cropland on an upland, non floodplain site (interfluve).

After Situation:

An excavation with an average depth of 24" has created a shallow depression in a broad swale which intercepts surface runoff. The excavated material has been spread on adjacent areas. A dike is also constructed at the site with a 8' topwidth, 3:1 sideslopes, 2' fill height for 200'. The INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE resource concern has been addressed with the provision of seasonal open water for terrestrial, aquatic, and waterfowl species. Associated practices are 342-Critical Area Planting, 550-Range Planting, 644-Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management, and 587-Structure for Water Control.

Scenario Unit: Cubic Yard

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$2.60	$3.69

Practice: 670 - Lighting System Improvement

Scenario #2 - Lighting - Replace Existing Lamp with LED Lamp

Scenario Description:

To install dimmable LEDs to replace incandescent lamps on a one-for-one basis. Light fixtures do not have to be replaced. A typical poultry house has 48 fixtures. LED requirements: minimum 6 Watt, 3700 Kelvin, dimmable, grow-out bulb; industrial grade; suitably protected from dirt accumulation. In high humidity environments or areas subject to wash down, gasketted or weatherproof housings are required to prevent corrosion and premature failure.

Before Situation:

An inefficient lighting system such as one using incandescent lamps has been identified by an on-farm energy audit.

After Situation:

More efficient lighting is provided by Light-Emitting Diode (LED) lamps in order to reduce energy use as evidenced by the energy audit.Associated practices/activities: 122-AgEMP - HQ and 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$14.74	$20.89

Practice: 670 - Lighting System Improvement

Scenario #3 - Lighting - Linear Fluorescent

Scenario Description:

The lighting system consists of a four-foot, three-lamp fixture with a single electronic ballast. The high-efficiency lighting system uses high-efficiency T8 or T5 fluorescent lamps. Associated materials for installation of replacement fixtures are included. Appropriate disposal of existing lamps, ballasts and other materials is required.

Before Situation:

Inefficient lighting (such as incandescent or T12 fluorescent tubes driven by magnetic ballasts) as evidenced by an on-farm energy audit.

After Situation:

High-efficiency lighting system which reduces energy use. The new lighting equipment will provide suitable light levels and reduce overall power requirements (kW) compared to the existing lighting system as evidenced by the energy audit. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ and 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$214.87	$304.40

Practice: 670 - Lighting System Improvement

Scenario #5 - Automatic Controller System

Scenario Description:

The typical scenario consists of an automatic control system installed on an existing manually controlled agricultural system. Typical components may include any of the following: wiring, sensors, data logger, logic controller, communication link, software, switches, and relay.

Before Situation:

A manually controlled system is existing in an agricultural facility that causes the inefficient use of energy, as evidenced by an on-farm energy audit.

After Situation:

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of an automatic controller that helps regulates the energy consumption of the existing system. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$176.28	$249.74

Practice: 670 - Lighting System Improvement

Scenario #5 - Automatic Controller System

Scenario Description:

The typical scenario consists of an automatic control system installed on an existing manually controlled agricultural system. Typical components may include any of the following: wiring, sensors, data logger, logic controller, communication link, software, switches, and relay.

Before Situation:

A manually controlled system is existing in an agricultural facility that causes the inefficient use of energy, as evidenced by an on-farm energy audit.

After Situation:

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of an automatic controller that helps regulates the energy consumption of the existing system. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$176.28	$1,296.61

Practice: 670 - Lighting System Improvement

Scenario #5 - Automatic Controller System

Scenario Description:

The typical scenario consists of an automatic control system installed on an existing manually controlled agricultural system. Typical components may include any of the following: wiring, sensors, data logger, logic controller, communication link, software, switches, and relay.

Before Situation:

A manually controlled system is existing in an agricultural facility that causes the inefficient use of energy, as evidenced by an on-farm energy audit.

After Situation:

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of an automatic controller that helps regulates the energy consumption of the existing system. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$915.26	$249.74

Practice: 670 - Lighting System Improvement

Scenario #5 - Automatic Controller System

Scenario Description:

The typical scenario consists of an automatic control system installed on an existing manually controlled agricultural system. Typical components may include any of the following: wiring, sensors, data logger, logic controller, communication link, software, switches, and relay.

Before Situation:

A manually controlled system is existing in an agricultural facility that causes the inefficient use of energy, as evidenced by an on-farm energy audit.

After Situation:

An on-farm energy audit has determined that energy use can be reduced through use of an automatic controller that helps regulates the energy consumption of the existing system. Associated practices/activities may include: 122-AgEMP - HQ, and other activities within 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$915.26	$1,296.61

Practice: 670 - Lighting System Improvement

Scenario #15 - Lighting - Replace Existing Lighting Fixture with Linear LED

Scenario Description:

To install low energy linear LED lighting system to replace existing less efficient lighting fixtures on a one-for-one basis. Associated materials for installation of replacement fixtures are included. Appropriate disposal of existing lamps, ballasts and other materials is required.

Before Situation:

An inefficient lighting system such as one using incandescent lamps has been identified by an on-farm energy audit.

After Situation:

More efficient lighting is provided by a linear Light-Emitting Diode (LED) fixture in order to reduce energy use as evidenced by the energy audit. The typical fixture installed is a low energy linear LED system which includes lamps and a fixture designed to withstand the environmental conditions where the system is installed. Associated practices/activities: 122-AgEMP - HQ and 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a CAP 122-Ag EMP - HQ or a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Each

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$57.78	$81.85

Practice: 672 - Building Envelope Improvement

Scenario #1 - Building Envelope - Attic Insulation

Scenario Description:

Install a minimum R-7 insulation in addition to existing attic or ceiling to reduce heat transfer. Increased insulation reduces seasonal heat loss and heat gain which reduces the respective need for heating and cooling equipment to operate.

Before Situation:

A poultry house with an inefficient building envelope with limited attic insulation.

After Situation:

A more effective and efficient building envelope can be created through addition of, or increased, attic insulation. Associated practices/activities: 122-AgEMP - HQ and 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.42	$0.60

Practice: 672 - Building Envelope Improvement

Scenario #2 - Building Envelope - Wall Insulation

Scenario Description:

Enclose both sidewalls and endwalls from ceiling to floor in one of two manners: 1) metal exterior, 3.5" fiberglass batts (R-11), vapor barrier, & interior plywood or OSB sheathing, or 2) closed-cell polyurethane foam application (minimum 1" thickness (R-7) of 2.5 lbs/cu.ft. or higher density, (3.0 or higher density preferred) with a form of physical protective barrier on lower 2" (may be 6 lbs/cu.ft. or higher density 1/8" thick foam, or treated lumber). Based on a 40' x 400' poultry house.

Before Situation:

A poultry house with an inefficient building envelope with limited wall insulation.

After Situation:

A more effective and efficient building envelope can be created through addition of, or increased, insulation. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ and 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$1.03	$1.45

Practice: 672 - Building Envelope Improvement

Scenario #3 - Building Envelope - Sealant

Scenario Description:

A typical scenario is sealing the gaps between walls, gables, ceiling, etc. in a poultry house or greenhouse. Sealing is performed by a professional contractor, not merely use of spray foam from a can. The unit basis of payment in this scenario is each house based on 60' x 500' poultry house with an assumed need of sealant to seal 2400 linear feet of gap.

Before Situation:

An agricultural facility with an inefficient building envelope with gaps between walls, ceiling, etc. for a total of 2400 linear feet.

After Situation:

A more effective and efficient building envelope can be created through interior sealing of the exterior walls at the footer plate, eaves, ridge cap, and gable ends. The sealant reduces seasonal heat loss and heat gain due to infiltration which reduces the respective need for heating and cooling equipment to operate. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ and 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.89	$1.26

Practice: 672 - Building Envelope Improvement

Scenario #5 - Greenhouse - Insulate Unglazed Walls

Scenario Description:

A typical scenario is the installation insulation in green house to address energy loss. The insulation can be either of the cellouse or bubble type (or equivalent). The increased insulation reduces seasonal heat loss and heat gain which reduces the respective need for heating and cooling equipment to operate.

Before Situation:

Green house with standard glazing, plastic or polycarbonate walls and no insulation. Heating and cooling of an existing greenhouse is inefficient due to excessive heat loss.

After Situation:

The greenhouse is fitted with insulation installed truss-to-truss or gutter-to-gutter and/or non glazed endwalls and/or sidewalls, reducing heat loss and gain in the greenhouse. Associated practices/activities: may include 122-AgEMP - HQ and 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement. The resource concern is inefficient use of energy in the farm operation which increases dependence on non-renewable energy sources and can be addressed through improved energy efficiency. Any improvements are based on a Type 2 energy audit meeting the requirements of ASABE S612.

Scenario Unit: Square Foot

	Traditional	Historically Underserved
EQIP Payment Rate	$0.19	$0.27