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## **NRCS announces conservation program deadlines**

*Fiscal Year 2020 applications accepted until Aug. 16, 2019*

**BANGOR, Maine (June 14, 2019)** – The USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced the application deadlines for two of its conservation programs – the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA). **The Fiscal Year 2020 application deadline for both programs is Aug. 16, 2019.**

Agricultural producers and foresters are encouraged to sign up now for EQIP, which provides financial and technical assistance to address varying natural resource priorities, and AMA, which assists agricultural producers to manage risk and voluntarily address issues such as water management, water quality, and extension of the growing season by incorporating conservation practices into their farming operations. There is a continuous, year-round sign-up for these two programs, but applications submitted by the deadline mentioned above will be considered for funding in Fiscal Year 2020. Proposals submitted after that date will be held for Fiscal Year 2021 funding consideration.

For more information on EQIP and AMA, please contact your local NRCS Service Center. Service Center locations and contact information can be found on the Maine NRCS website: <http://www.me.nrcs.usda.gov>, along with more information about the programs and services NRCS provides.

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