

High Tunnel System

Environmental Quality Incentives Program



Extend Your Growing Season

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) can help pay for the construction of a high tunnel system, which allows you to extend the growing season for fresh market vegetables and other crops.

Requirements:

Virginia NRCS does not place a size limit on seasonal high tunnels. However, financial assistance (FA) is provided on a square foot basis with a maximum of \$10,000 per year.

- Plantings must be put directly into the soil or in raised beds of on-site soils up to a maximum of 12 inches in depth.
- NO planting in pots, on racks or growing media or using hydroponics.
- The tunnel frame needs to be at least 6 feet in height at the structure's peak.



- UV resistant cover - at a minimum, a 6 mil greenhouse grade polyethylene.
- Electricity is allowed. Irrigation systems are allowed where needed.
- The producer repairs damages to maintain structure for the lifespan of the practice (5 years).

Applications are accepted continuously. For more information, contact your local NRCS office or visit our website at www.va.nrcs.usda.gov.



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