

**Organic Initiative
 Fund Account Fact Sheet
 Fiscal Year 2021**

Eligibility

Applicants whose operations are certified organic or who are transitioning to a certified organic operation or who are exempt from certification are eligible in the Certified Organic and Transitioning to Organic Fund Accounts. Applicants will be required to submit an EQIP Organic Initiative Self Certification Worksheet concerning their organic status (Certified, Exempt or Transitioning) at the time of application. The 2018 Farm Bill sets the following contract payment cap for organic contracts: During the period of FY2019 through FY2023, organic contract payments to a person or legal entity, directly or indirectly, may not exceed in the aggregate of \$140,000.

Ranking Questions
1. Soil Quality Degradation
1a. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations includes implementation of one or more soil quality or enhancing practice(s) that addresses soil tilth, crusting, water infiltration, organic matter, compaction, etc.?
2. Soil Erosion
2a. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include practices that will result in reduction of erosion?
3. Water Quality Degradation
3a. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include practices that will result in creation of buffer zones that will mitigate offsite contaminates from entering the farm?
3b. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include implementation of Nutrient management for management of soil fertility, plant nutrients, and soil amendments?
4. Degraded Habitat
4a. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include implementation of practices for the management of noxious and invasive species ONLY on noncropland acreage?
4b. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include practices with the intent of increasing habitat for pollinators and/or beneficial insects?
4c. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include practices that will improve wildlife habitat?
5. Insufficient Water
5a. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include practices that will improve the efficiency of an existing irrigation system and/or conserve soil moisture?
6. Livestock Production Limitation
6a. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include implementation of practices to improve the management of plant species, livestock, residues, feed, and other identified resource needs?

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6b. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include implementation of practices that limit and manage domestic livestock access to streams, creeks, and other natural water bodies?

6c. Does the EQIP Schedule of Operations include implementation of practices to assure adequate domestic livestock drinking water sources (not including streams) are available in the treatment unit?

EQIP Conservation Practices for Organic Fund Accounts

Conservation Practice	Practice Code	Unit	Practice Lifespan (years) ¹	Payment Cap ²	Payment Limits
Access Control	472	Ac.	10		
Access Road	560	Ft.	10		
Animal Mortality Facility	316	No.	15	Yes	See Guidance Doc
Brush Management	314	Ac.	10		
Composting Facility	317	No.	15		
Conservation Cover	327	Ac.	5		
Cover Crop	340	Ac.	1		
Critical Area Planting	342	Ac.	10		
Diversion	362	Ft.	10		
Fence	382	Ft.	20		
Field Border	386	Ac.	10		
Firebreak	394	Ft.	5		
Forage and Biomass Planting	512	Ac.	5		
Grade Stabilization Structure	410	No.	15		
Grassed Waterway	412	Ac.	15		
Heavy Use Area Protection	561	SqFt.	10		
Hedgerow Planting	422	Ft.	15		
Herbaceous Weed Treatment	315	Ac.	5		
High Tunnel System	325	SqFt.	5		
Integrated Pest Management	595	Ac.	1		
Irrigation Pipeline	430	Ft.	20		
Irrigation System, Microirrigation	441	Ac.	15		
Irrigation Water Management	449	Ac.	1		
Lined Waterway or Outlet	468	Ft.	15		
Livestock Pipeline	516	Ft.	20		
Mulching	484	Ac.	1		
Nutrient Management	590	Ac.	1		
Pond	378	No.	20		
Prescribed Burning	338	Ac.	1		

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Prescribed Grazing	528	Ac.	1		
Pumping Plant	533	No.	15		
Residue Management, No-Till	329	Ac.	1		
Riparian Forest Buffer	391	Ac.	15		
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	390	Ac.	5		
Roof Runoff Structure	558	No.	15		
Roofs and Covers	367	No.	10	\$150,000	Per Contract
Spring Development	574	No.	20		
Sprinkler System	442	Ac.	15		
Stream Crossing	578	No.	10		
Stripcropping	585	Ac.	5		
Subsurface Drain	606	Ft.	20		
Terrace	600	Ft.	10		
Trails and Walkways	575	Ft.	10		
Tree/Shrub Establishment	612	Ac.	15		
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	490	Ac.	1		
Underground Outlet	620	Ft.	20		
Water and Sediment Control Basin	638	No.	10		
Water Well	642	No.	20		
Watering Facility	614	No.	10		

¹ The conservation practice in the EQIP contract must be maintained and used for the intended purpose and the practice lifespan.