

## HIGH PRIORITY PRACTICES – FY 2021

Georgia State Conservationist Terrance O. Rudolph in consultation with the Georgia State Technical Committee selected **9 high priority practices**, which will receive increased payment rates for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in FY 2021. A high priority practice must meet one of the following criteria:

- Addresses specific causes of impairment relating to excessive nutrients in ground or surface water;
- Addresses the conservation of water, to advance drought mitigation and declining aquifers;
- Meets other environmental priorities and other priority resource concerns identified in habitat or other area restoration plans; or
- Is geographically targeted to address a natural resource concern in a specific watershed.

These practices were selected because they have a high potential for conservation benefits, meet one or more of the criteria above, but have been historically underutilized which is another requirement.

The 9 practices are listed below:

Conservation Crop Rotation - 328  
Residue and Tillage Management, No Till - 329  
Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till - 345  
Field Border - 386  
Riparian Herbaceous Cover - 390  
Riparian Forest Buffer - 391  
Irrigation Water Management - 449  
Prescribed Grazing - 528  
Nutrient Management - 590