



Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops



OVERVIEW

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Nevada is providing financial assistance for high tunnels through the EQIP and AMA programs.

There is a \$50,000 payment cap for the practice per contract. Participants can use that money to build as many high tunnels as they can, in whatever size they would prefer, within that cap. The participant may also plan and schedule other practices within the contract to address resource concerns.

REQUIREMENTS

All tunnels must be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions. All designs must be approved by NRCS using the criteria listed on NV 798 Job Sheet.

Landowners are required to meet all state and local building and zoning codes for installation of these types of structures.

Water requirements for agricultural production that exceed State of Nevada allowances for domestic use wells require verification of available quantities for irrigation purposes. Program applicants must provide documentation on the availability of water rights to service the project.



Seasonal high tunnels help farmers increase the availability of locally grown produce by extending the growing season

Vegetables and fruits should be grown in the natural soil profile or in raised beds. Container crops are not permitted.

Tunnels shall be installed on cropland with suitable soils. Tunnels shall not be installed on steep slopes (>8%) or when shallow soil depth to ledge/bedrock or other extreme soil conditions do not allow posts to be embedded to the appropriate depth.

Soil may be amended with artificial media (<10%), but shall not consist entirely of an artificial medium.

Tunnel must be maintained according to NRCS specifications for a period of 4 years.

Contract participants are responsible for repairing all damages to the practice within the practice lifespan.

Electricity, mechanical ventilation and heating is allowed, but NRCS will not provide financial assistance for these items.

The tunnel shall not be used to house livestock or farm equipment (e.g. tractors, field equipment).

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ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible, growers must:

- Be an agricultural producer and have records established with the USDA's Farm Service Agency identifying you as the owner or operator.
- Be in control of the land (i.e. own the land or have a lease or rental agreement)
- Have cropland or existing gardens for the high tunnel (includes hayland, pasture, vineyards and orchards). High tunnels shall not be installed on lawns, gravel pits, wetland, parking lots, brushy areas, forested or recently-cleared areas.



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APPLYING

To apply for high tunnel assistance, contact your local NRCS field office.

- NRCS-CPA-1200 applications can be filled out anytime throughout the year.
- Funding is competitive. If you are not selected for funding during a particular funding cycle, your application can be deferred to the next funding cycle.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM & AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The EQIP and AMA programs are voluntary conservation programs for farmers that promote agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP and AMA offer financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management practices on eligible land.

For assistance with USDA NRCS Farm Bill Programs, please visit one of our offices around the state:

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