



United States
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Agriculture

ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

APPLICATION SUMMARY:

THE ORGANIC INITIATIVE is a continuous sign up, and applications may be submitted at any time. Applications will be evaluated periodically as funding becomes available.

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THE USDA **NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)** IS A LOCAL RESOURCE FOR INNOVATIVE CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE THE LAND AND PROTECT YOUR WAY OF LIFE.

Financial and technical assistance is available for organic producers and those transitioning to organic production through the Organic Initiative under the **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**. NRCS may be able to help you implement the following conservation activities:

- » Pollinator Habitats
- » Cover Crops
- » Crop Rotation
- » Drip Irrigation
- » Pest Management
- » Nutrient Management
- » Windbreaks, and more!

Contact your local NRCS field office to learn more about how NRCS may benefit you and your land.

TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

NRCS FIELD OFFICE CONTACTS:

Team Name	District Conservationist	Conservation Districts	Contact
North East Team	Karla Ware	Stevens, Pend Oreille, Ferry	(509) 659-1761 Ext. 106
West Palouse Team	Ann Swannack	Lincoln, Adams	(509) 725-4501 Ext. 110
Palouse Team	Rich Edlund	Whitman, Pine Creek, Palouse, Spokane County, Palouse-Rock Lake	(509) 924-7350 Ext. 123
Snake River Team	Ed Teel	Asotin County, Columbia, Franklin, Pomeroy, Walla Walla	(509) 522-6347 Ext. 106
North Central Team	Sara Troutman-Zahn	Okanogan, Foster Creek, South Douglas, Cascadia	(509) 422-2750 Ext. 102
Big Bend Team	Erin Kaczmarczyk	Grant, Kittitas County, Moses Lake, Warden	(509) 754-2463 Ext. 1111
South Central Team	Amanda Ettestad	Central and Eastern Klickitat, Benton, North & South Yakima	(509) 829-3003 Ext. 108
Northwest Team	Tony Sunseri	Snohomish, Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan Islands, Whidbey Island, Clallam, Jefferson	(360) 428-7684 Ext. 131
Puget Sound Team	Nick Vira	Thurston, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, King	(360) 748-0083 Ext. 101
Southwest Team	Nick Vira	Clark, Underwood, Lewis, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Grays Harbor, Pacific	(360) 748-0083 Ext. 101

PAYMENTS MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING ORGANIC PRACTICES:

**2014 practice costs may vary from those listed. Contact your local NRCS office to inquire on actual practice costs.*

Practice	Approximate Payment*
Fencing	\$4-\$10/ft
Field Border/Seeding	\$107-487/ac
Irrigation Water Management	\$33-43/ac
High Tunnel Implementation	\$3/sq ft
Conservation Cover	\$114-5991/acre
Cover Crops	\$51-\$151/ac
Hedgerow Tree and Shrub Planting	\$1.85-6.11/ft
Nutrient Management	\$3.26-50.85/ac or \$441-925/ea
Crop Rotation	\$6.19-237/ac
Micro-irrigation	\$657-5603/ac
Mulching	\$235-1156/ac

Payments made either directly or indirectly to a producer or legal entity enrolled in the Organic Initiative are subject to an annual payment limitation of \$20,000 per fiscal year with a maximum program payment limit of \$80,000 during a six-year period between 2009 and 2014.

To learn more about the EQIP Organic Initiative, find us online at:

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**2014 practice payment*