



Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Fact Sheet



USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service offers voluntary Farm Bill programs that benefit both agricultural producers and the environment.

What Is EQIP?

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides technical and financial assistance to help producers address natural resource concerns like soil quality, rangeland health, irrigation efficiency, nutrient management, and forest quality on working lands, including cropland, rangeland, pasture, and non-industrial private forest land.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) delivers the largest long-term investment in NRCS conservation programs in decades, delivering over \$34 billion through fiscal year 2031, including more than \$18.3 billion for EQIP. This increase in funding ensures conservation remains rooted in agriculture, with benefits to producers, communities and natural resources.

Through EQIP, NRCS provides agricultural producers with one-on-one help and financial assistance to plan and implement improvements through conservation practices. Together, NRCS and producers invest in solutions that conserve natural resources for the future while improving agricultural operations.

NRCS will help producers develop a conservation plan that meets their goals and vision. This plan becomes their roadmap for selecting the right conservation practices for their land.

NRCS offers about 200 practices designed for working farms, ranches, and forests. This also includes practices used in the Regenerative Pilot Program, an outcomes-based approach to conservation, addressing whole farm resource concerns through regenerative agriculture conservation plans.

NRCS financial assistance can cover part of the costs of implementing conservation practices.

Who Is Eligible?

Farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners who own or rent agricultural land are eligible. EQIP assistance can be used on all types of agricultural operations, including:

- Conventional and organic
- Specialty crops and commodity crops
- Forestry and wildlife
- Livestock operations

How Do I Apply?

Apply at your local [USDA Service Center](#).

Applications for EQIP financial assistance are accepted throughout the year. Specific state deadlines are set for ranking and funding.

If your application is ranked and selected, you will enter into a contract with NRCS to receive financial assistance for the cost of implementing conservation practices.

Payment rates for conservation practices are reviewed and set each fiscal year.

More Information

For more information or to find your local USDA Service Center, visit nrcs.usda.gov or scan the QR code.



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