



Improve quality, sustainability and profitability of ag lands with NRCS technical and financial assistance.

What is EQIP?

Voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that provides:

- ☼ Financial assistance
- ☼ Technical assistance

Benefits of EQIP practices include

- ☼ Improved soil health
- ☼ Improved infrastructure
- ☼ Clean and abundant water
- ☼ Healthy plant and animal communities
- ☼ Clean air
- ☼ Adequate energy supply

Examples of Conservation Practices

Water Quantity

- ☼ Convert inefficient irrigation systems
- ☼ Retrofit inefficient spray jet systems (i.e. replace PE tubing and emitters)
- ☼ Establish tail-water recovery systems
- ☼ Incentive for Irrigation Water Management

Water Quality

- ☼ Nutrient management plan
- ☼ Integrated pest management plan with recordkeeping

Animal & Plant Health

- ☼ Installation of cross fence, water troughs, pumping plants, and pipeline to facilitate rotational grazing
- ☼ Control of invasive species (e.g. TSA, cogongrass)

Soil Erosion

- ☼ Install grade-stabilization structures
- ☼ Structures for water control (e.g. pipes with flashboard risers)

Wildlife Habitat

- ☼ Prescribed burning
- ☼ Brush management

Others

- ☼ Conservation Technical Assistance

Find EQIP on the web.

www.fl.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/



Now accepting applications.

Can EQIP help you?

1. Is your land currently being used to produce an agricultural commodity or livestock?
2. Do you own or have proof that you have control of the land for the length of the proposed contract?
3. Have you updated, or will you establish, your farm records with the Farm Service Agency?
4. Are you willing to install or implement conservation practices according to NRCS standards and specifications to address your resource concerns?
5. Do you have an average adjusted gross income of \$900,000 or less for the preceding 3 years? (If your AGI is > \$900,000 you may still be eligible, contact your local FSA office for information.)
6. Are you able to finance the cost of the practice (s) until the EQIP cost-share reimbursement payment is authorized?
7. If funded, will you allow the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to be informed about the location and practices to be installed to determine possible effects on threatened or endangered plant or animal species?
8. If planning to install an animal waste storage or treatment facility, are you willing to develop and implement a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?
9. If planning to install an irrigation practice, have you irrigated 2 out of the last 5 years?

If the answers are all "yes", you may be eligible for EQIP financial assistance.

Submit Your Application Today!

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