

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is an NRCS cost-share program which provides federal funding to landowners to complete soil and water conservation practices on their farm.

EQIP provides technical assistance and cost-share payments to producers for practices such as terraces, grade stabilization structures, ponds, waterways, pasture and hayland plantings, basins, nutrient and pesticide management incentives, to name a few. Funds are directed towards projects that offer the greatest environmental benefit, each applicant is run through a district ranking system and approved according to the highest ranking points. EQIP contracts can be spread over a multi-year plan for up to 10 years at 50% cost-share, unless the landowner is a beginning farmer or limited resource producer, then they can receive 65% cost-share.

If you have natural resource concerns on your land and are interested in making a commitment to conservation, EQIP could be the answer and could provide you with the funds to make it happen. Contact the NRCS office for more details.