



Soil & Water Conservation Update

Dickinson SWCD ~ Spirit Lake, IA

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Environmental Quality Incentive Program

Are you interested in getting cost share assistance to build an animal waste system, terrace or a watering unit for animals in a planned grazing system? If so, the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) offers cost-share or incentive payments for these and many more practices.

In fact, EQIP offers up to 10 year contracts for technical and financial assistance to producers.

Producers in the **Iowa Great Lakes Watershed**, **Silver Lake Watershed** and those whose farms are located within one mile of the **Little Sioux River and/or West Fork of the Little Sioux River** are in an EQIP priority area for Dickinson County. Producers outside of these three priority areas are also eligible for EQIP, by being including in the State Resource Concerns EQIP sign-up.

If you have any questions, please call us at the USDA Service Center in Spirit Lake at 712-336-3782.

Water and Sediment Control Basins

Water and sediment control basins are a conservation practice that allows farmers to prevent gully erosion and still farm parallel to their rows. These basins function similar to a small dam because they are earthen embankments built across areas where runoff water is concentrated. Water and sediment basins trap runoff water temporarily and deliver the water to a tile line through surface intakes.

Water and sediment control basins can reduce the need for grassed waterways in many fields.

Cost sharing is available to farmers through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) for constructing water and sediment control basins.

If you would like more information on water and sediment control basins, please call the USDA Service Center in Spirit Lake at 712-336-3782.

Ferguson's 15th Annual Fall Bird Seminar



Ferguson's will be hosting their annual fall bird seminar on Saturday, October 9, 1999, with Weir Nelson from the Wildlife Habitat in Cedar Rapids. Call Ferguson's at 712-336-2085 for more information.

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