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EQIP program information

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Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program that provides financial assistance to growers and landowners who want to install measures to protect the soil, water, air, and other natural resources on their working land.

EQIP provides funding and professional expertise for measures that protect natural resources while ensuring sustainable production on farms, ranches and working forest land.

Contracted payment rates per unit are made to participants after conservation practices identified in an EQIP plan of operations are implemented.



EQIP

- FB 2018 Payment limitations:
 - Aggregate payments cannot exceed \$450K
- Contract limitations:
 - \$450K contract limit with a person or legal entity



FSA Eligibility Requirement

For all USDA programs, Farm Service Agency (FSA) eligibility requirements must be met for individuals and entities by eligibility cut off date:

- AD1026
- CCC902
- Farm and Tract eligibility (FTE)
- Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)



EQIP funding for Forestry projects

NRCS has over 100 Practice Standards (PS) that are available through the EQIP program to solve resource concerns.

Typical Forest type of conservation practices that can be funded through EQIP:

- Forest Stand Improvement –PS666
- Forest Management Plan—PS106
- Tree and Shrub Establishment—PS612
- Aquatic Organism Passage—PS396
- Fuel Break—PS383
- Fire Break –PS394
- Tree and Shrub Pruning –PS660



Funding of Forestry applications FY2021

In FY2021 WA NRCS obligated 106 EQIP Forestry related contracts worth \$6.7 million out of the total budget allocation of \$17.4 million.

In FY2021 WA NRCS obligated 10 CSP Forestry contracts worth \$391,000 out of the total budget allocation of \$9.2 million. We funded all eligible CSP applicants in the Statewide Forestry Zone fund pool.





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