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Cost-share Opportunities To Reduce Water Use In Agriculture

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NRCS conservationists provide technical expertise and conservation planning for farmers, ranchers and forest landowners wanting to make conservation improvements to their land.



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CSP 

Conservation Stewardship Program



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Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

Wetland Reserve Easements



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What is EQIP?

- **Voluntary Farm Bill program that offers financial and technical assistance to agriculture producers.**
- **Payment made after implementing the practice meeting NRCS standards and specifications.**



Environmental Quality Incentive Program

Eligibility

- ❖ **Agricultural producer**
- ❖ **Own or control eligible land**
- ❖ **Comply with adjusted income limitation (AGI)**
- ❖ **Compliance with highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements**
- ❖ **Develop an NRCS-EQIP plan of operations**

**** Additional restrictions and program requirements may apply****

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- ❖ **Local NRCS staff will assist producers with developing a conservation plan.**
- ❖ **The conservation plan will identify possible areas for technical or financial assistance.**
- ❖ **Competing applications will be ranked based on environmental benefits and cost effectiveness of the proposal.**

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Some practices include

❖ Irrigation System





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- ❖ Land Leveling
- ❖ Structure for water control (Culverts)
- ❖ Nutrient Management
- ❖ Watering Facilities for Farm Animals
- ❖ Irrigation Water Management
- ❖ Wildlife practices
- ❖ High Tunnels

Outside view





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Inside view





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Different Types of Funding: Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Limited Resources

Veteran Farmer and Rancher Socially Disadvantage



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