

Natural Resources Conservation Service



Environmental Quality Incentives
Program (EQIP)

What is EQIP?

- ❖ EQIP is a federal program managed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), under the US Department of Agriculture.
- ❖ EQIP is funded through the Farm Bill.
- ❖ The purpose of EQIP is to promote agricultural production, forest management & environmental quality by conserving natural resources.

What does this mean to private landowners?

- ❖ We help people manage forest, crop, range & pasture lands.
- ❖ Our focus is on caring for the natural resources (soil, water, air, plants, animals...).
- ❖ We provide technical advice & conservation planning assistance.
- ❖ We may provide funding for projects to care for the resources.



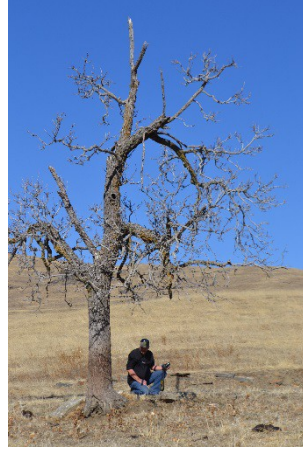


- ❖ We work with forest landowners to plan & implement projects to reduce fire risk & improve forest health & productivity (thinning, brushing, removing slash, planting and more...)

❖ We work with livestock producers to design projects to distribute animals better across the land to improve rangeland health & productivity (Cross Fencing, Water Developments, Brushing, etc.)



Other Common EQIP Assistance



- ❖ Development of Forest or Range Management Plans.
- ❖ Assistance to Crop Producers (Seasonal High Tunnels, Micro-Irrigation Systems, Pollinator Hedgerows, etc.).
- ❖ General Assistance to Producers (Wildlife Habitat Enhancement, Erosion Control, Stream Restoration, Restoration after Fire, etc.).

How Do you apply?

- ❖ Call, schedule an appointment. We will help you with the process.
- ❖ Bring a copy of your deed.
- ❖ We help you establish eligibility for our programs.
- ❖ We meet with you, look at the property, discuss concerns, provide recommendations, & plan the project with you.
- ❖ Your application & project plan, compete with others for funding.
- ❖ If funded, we prepare the contract & necessary documentation (including Practice Requirements).
- ❖ You find a contractor or do the work yourself.
- ❖ When work is completed, we inspect, process payment requests & reimburse at the scheduled rate for work done to NRCS

Other Important Information



- ❖ NRCS is a non-regulatory agency; however, we require that the landowner follow all local, state & federal rules and regulations, & get any permits that are needed related to the work we are doing. Just follow the rules... 😊



Any Questions?



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