

- **Integrated Pest Management Plan** – designed as an ecosystem-based strategy to sustainably manage pests using a combination of techniques such as chemical tools, biological control, habitat manipulation, and modification of cultural practices. Methods are selected to minimize the risks to human health, benefits and non-target organisms, and the environment.
- **Irrigation Water Management Plan** – designed as a guide for proper management and application of irrigation water resources. The potential benefits are determined through an interview with the producer to identify fields, soils, crops, climate, and available water supply; measuring the volumes of water withdrawn or applied; determining irrigation system uniformity, selecting a method to schedule irrigations, and then combining these components to produce a plan for the farm.
- **Nutrient Management Plan** – designed to help producers address the use and management of all nutrients applied for plant production on cropland, hayland or pastureland.



CAP Contracts

EQIP-CAP contracts are written with a minimum term that ends one year after the payment is certified for the contracted plan. Contracts are legally binding documents. **The plan must be completed within 12 months of contract signing** or the contract will be in a non-compliance status subject to termination.

Visit the NRCS New Jersey website for the current list of eligible practices and payment rates:

<http://www.nj.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip>

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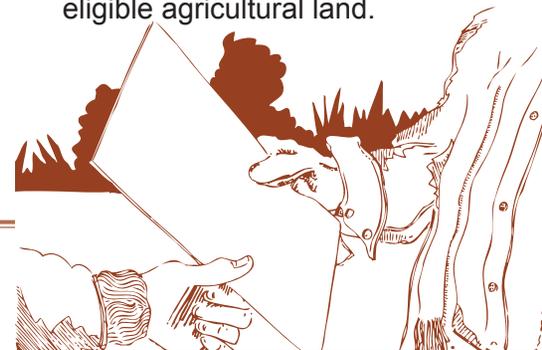


Natural Resources Conservation Service



The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program for persons who are engaged in livestock, forestry or agricultural production, including organic production.

Under a new provision of the 2008 Farm Bill, EQIP offers financial assistance for producers interested in obtaining the services of certified technical service providers who can develop resource specific Conservation Activity Plans for their eligible agricultural land.



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Environmental Quality Incentives Program
Conservation Activity Plans

New Jersey offers eight Conservation Activity Plan options:

- **Agricultural Energy Management Plan (headquarters)** – designed to explore and address on-farm energy problems and opportunities on headquarters including, but not limited to, irrigation pumping, heating and cooling of livestock production facilities, manure collection and transfer, and grain drying.
- **Agricultural Energy Management Plan (Landscape)** – designed to explore and address on-farm energy problems and opportunities on the landscape including, but not limited to, tillage, planting, and harvesting operations (including imported sources of energy such as fertilizer).
- **Conservation Nutrient Management Plan** – designed to assist producers with livestock operations in taking voluntary actions to minimize potential pollutants from animal confinement facilities and land application of manure and organic by-products
- **Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition** – designed to recommend conservation practices to implement which would assist the producer in transitioning from conventional farming to organic production leading to a USDA-approved Organic System Plan.
- **Forest Management Plan** – a NJ-approved forest stewardship plan is designed to motivate landowners to become active in planning and managing their forests so that the social, economic, and environmental benefits of the land will be sustained for future generations. Forest stewardship plans are applicable for woodlots and non-industrial private forestry operations that are 10 acres or greater in size.

Who is Eligible?

Applicants must have an interest in an agricultural operation, and be compliant with the conservation provisions of the 2008 farm bill with current crop and producer records on file with USDA's Farm Service Agency. They must own or control the land, and agree to implement conservation practices according to the contract schedule.

Land is not eligible for a CAP if it is currently enrolled in another USDA Farm Bill conservation program such as the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) or the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Land is also ineligible if it is publically owned, unless the publically owned land is part of an eligible landowner's operation and is not the only land offered for enrollment in EQIP.

What are the Payment Rates and Terms?

Program payment rates in New Jersey are up to 75% of the typical cost of plan preparation by an approved Technical Service Provider. If the applicant is historically underserved, such as a beginning farmer, socially disadvantaged or limited resource producer, the rates are up to 90%. Payments are made after the plan is submitted to NRCS for review.

Contracts are subject to payment limitations. No applicant may receive more than \$300,000 during any six-year period. Organic farms have a limitation of \$80,000 during any six year period with an annual limit of \$20,000.

CAP Applications

CAP applications can be submitted anytime during the year. CAP requests will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis (depending on funding availability) as the applications are received and are certified as eligible, without regard to ranking. You must notify NRCS of the Technical Service Provider that you contacted before your contract will be funded.

- Any reserved funds remaining by the final selection period that are not used for these applications will be used for regular EQIP applications.
- No more than 1 Conservation Activity Plan will be scheduled per FSA tract; however, different types may be scheduled per tract if on separate land units within the tract.
- Payment limitations, adjusted gross income (AGI), and producer eligibility must be verified before the application status is changed to eligible.
- Practices related to the CAP may be eligible for EQIP funding once the CAP is completed. Unrelated practices can be applied for in a separate EQIP application.

