

Missouri 2013 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Policy for the 2010 CCPI Project with Newton SWCD

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This FY13 EQIP Policy is based on the Interim Final Rule (IFR) for EQIP, published 1/15/09 in Vol. 74, No. 10 of the Federal Register, under 7 CFR Part 1466, and the CCPI Request-for-Proposal, published 4/12/10 in Vol. 75, No. 69 of the Federal Register, pages 18472 thru 18481, and Partnership Agreement # 65-6424-10-115PA with NRCS.

Planned conservation practices must be maintained for the lifespan of the practice, as indicated on the NRCS-CPA-1155 or -1156. All practices must also meet the minimum criteria in the Conservation Practice Standard (see the Missouri eFOTG) and the criteria listed below. Extents above the minimum necessary to meet practice criteria are not eligible for EQIP payment. Note: Payment for some practices is only authorized when used in conjunction with another practice, as detailed in the Conservation Plan of Operation (CPO), with or without payment.

Payment Rates are the rate of compensation (by payment unit) for the practice scenario/activity. A payment rate is the sum of all eligible cost data categories for the practice scenario/activity, multiplied by the allowable program payment percentage. The program payment percentage is established, within specific program limits as detailed in the program regulation and policy, by the State Conservationist (STC) with input from the State Technical Committee. Additional information on Payment Schedules is available on the eFOTG Section I, Economic Data, 3 Practice Payment Schedules, FY2013. Selection of the Payment Scenario is based on the activity (as described in this Policy and the Scenario Description) that most closely will address the targeted resource concern.

Maximum Amounts for the life of the contract are established on certain conservation practices or options, as noted in this Policy. EQIP funds provide financial assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers to help these producers enhance agricultural and forested lands in a cost-effective and environmentally beneficial manner. Establishing Maximum Amounts for the contract allows Missouri NRCS to make EQIP funding assistance available to a larger number of eligible farmers, ranchers and forest producers here in Missouri, and also as a method to make funding available to eligible producers regardless of size of operation (i.e., by not obligating large amounts of funds on operations with more acres, Missouri EQIP funds will be available to a larger number of separate operations). The specified "Maximum Amounts" for identified practices within this policy does not allow applicants to exceed the maximums through multiple offers/contracts on different acres when those acres are controlled by the same applicant(s), where 'control' means possession of the land by ownership, written lease, or other legal agreement (as generally indicated on FSA's EZ156 &/or Producer Farm Data Report forms). Historically Underserved Maximum Amounts refers to the maximum contract payment for Historically Underserved Farmers (Limited Resource Farmers, Beginning Farmers, and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers as defined in the 2009 EQIP Interim Final Rule). NOTE: While there is no restriction on the number of applications (or contracts, if funded) that may be submitted by an applicant for FY13 EQIP, all FY13 EQIP applications (and contracted amounts) will count towards the FY13 Maximum Amount as listed in FY13 EQIP Policy for any and all FY13 EQIP applications (and FY13 EQIP contracts, if funded) where acres are controlled by the same applicant(s), where 'control' means possession of the land by ownership, written lease, or other legal agreement (as generally indicated on FSA's EZ156 &/or Producer Farm Data Report forms).

HU Payment Rate refers to the payment rate for Historically Underserved Farmers (Limited Resource Farmers, Beginning Farmers, and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers as defined in the 2009 EQIP Interim Final Rule). It is the applicant's responsibility to provide adequate documentation AT THE TIME THEY SIGN THE CPA-1200 that supports their BF/LRF request before the applicant can apply for these HU funds; applicants who do not meet BF/LRF requirements, or who do not provide the requested documents in a timely manner (generally within 30 days of signing their CPA1200 application), will NOT be eligible for BF/LRF funds.

Payments for some practices (identified by "Adoption Period Required" in the title or option line), are intended to encourage the adoption via application of certain types of practices &/or practice options. These types of payments are only available on acres where the practice option has not been previously applied &/or utilized, AND where there will be a higher level of management required for the requested practice option. These types of payments are NOT authorized if the conservation practice option has previously been implemented on the acres applying for EQIP, with or without financial assistance. "Adoption Period Required" practices must be adopted/applied two years within the length of the contract period. No more than three separate "Adoption Period Required" practice options may be combined per acre.

Structural practices involve the establishment, construction, or installation of site-specific measures. Vegetative practices involve the establishment or planting of site-specific vegetative measures.

Practices that are structural or vegetative are indicated by an "(S)" in the conservation practice heading. Payments are established as a one-time only payment, not multi-year payments (with exceptions as noted). Missouri policy requires the owner be a signatory to a contract which has EQIP funds used for any structural or vegetative practice, due to the long-term lifespan on these practices and in accordance with CPM515.71(B)(2)(ii).

Conservation activities that generally require site-specific management techniques and/or methods with a practice lifespan of one year are indicated by an "(M)" in the title or option heading. In some cases, as indicated by "Adoption Period Required" in the title or option line, the practice or option must be adopted/applied two years within the length of the contract period. These are only available for payment on acres where the practice option has not been previously applied &/or utilized, and where there will be a higher level of management.

The EQIP applicant is responsible for the installation, use, and maintenance of all components required in the conservation management system.

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Practice Code	Practice Unit	Conservation Practice	Payment Unit	Payment Rate	Maximum Amount 1/	HU Payment Rate 2/	HU Maximum Amount	Lifespan
472	Acre	Access Control (S)	Acre		\$ 5,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	10 Years
		Animal Exclusion from Sensitive Areas		\$ 29.82		\$ 35.78		

1. Payment is authorized when a major physical barrier is constructed using EQIP funds (where none exists) and maintained to exclude livestock, thereby protecting sensitive areas &/or woodlands, ONLY IF livestock currently have access to the area to be excluded at the time of EQIP application.
2. Payment is based on the number of acres protected from livestock.
3. See the "Access Control" conservation practice standard.

314	Acre	Brush Management (S)	Acre		\$ 5,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	10 Years
		Light Brush Mgt (<10% undesirable woody cover)		\$ 36.12		\$ 43.34		
		Medium Brush Mgt (10%-39% undesirable woody cover)		\$ 60.49		\$ 72.59		
		High Brush Mgt (40% - 60% undesirable woody cover)		\$ 142.68		\$ 171.22		
		Very High Brush Mgt (>60% undesirable woody cover)		\$ 231.35		\$ 277.62		
		Biological Control with Grazing Animals		\$ 218.63		\$ 327.95		

Payment for Biological Control is only authorized on areas with >40% undesirable cover

1. This practice is authorized for the treatment of woody plants, including those that are invasive, exotic and noxious on all non-cropland areas.
2. When addressing pasture or hayland resource concerns, this practice is only authorized when used in conjunction with Prescribed Grazing and/or Forage and Biomass Harvest Management.
3. When addressing forest or wildlife resource concerns, grazing is not allowed on those acres during the practice lifespan.
4. This practice is not to be used for conversion of woodlands or forests to grassland; such as the removal of woody vegetation to establish or re-establish grass cover.
5. Clipping/mowing as a "stand alone" treatment is not authorized for payment
6. See the "Brush Management" conservation practice standard.

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382	Feet	Fence (S)	Feet					20 Years
		Temporary/Portable Fence		\$ 0.38		\$ 0.45		
		Permanent High Tensile Electric Single Strand		\$ 0.75		\$ 0.90		
		Permanent High Tensile Electric 2-3 Strand		\$ 1.17		\$ 1.40		
		Permanent High Tensile, Minimum 4 Strand		\$ 1.38		\$ 1.65		
		Permanent Barbed Wire Multi Strand		\$ 1.63		\$ 1.96		
		Permanent Woven Wire		\$ 1.85		\$ 2.22		
<p>1. This practice is only authorized as a component of a "Prescribed Grazing", "Access Control", "Anaerobic Digester", "Waste Storage Facility" and/or "Waste Treatment Lagoon" to exclude livestock from areas that need protection, confine livestock to an area, control domestic livestock while permitting wildlife movement, and/or subdivide grazing acres to facilitate the use of a "Prescribed Grazing" system.</p> <p>2. Only one Fence payment can be earned for each length/reach of fence (i.e., multiple options can not be stacked on the same running length/reach of fence; example: a 6-strand Permanent Hi-Tensile Electric Fence is required to meet the 382 CPS, is only eligible for the 'Permanent Hi-Tensile, Minimum 4-strand (electric/non-electric)' option for payment, [NOT a combination of the '2-3 strand' and '4-strand' options]).</p> <p>3. See the "Fence" conservation practice standard.</p>								
315	Acre	Herbaceous Weed Control (S)			\$ 5,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	5 Years
		Light Spot Treatments (≤ 10% undesirable herbaceous cover)	Acre	\$ 24.25		\$ 29.09		
		Medium Spot Treatments (>10% undesirable herbaceous cover)	Acre	\$ 70.28		\$ 84.34		
		Blanket Treatment One Pass	Acre	\$ 67.51		\$ 81.01		
		Blanket Treatment Multi Pass	Acre	\$ 132.30		\$ 158.76		
		Tree and Shrub Post-Planting Weed Control	Acre	\$ 116.51		\$ 139.81		
		Biological Control with Grazing Animals	Acre	\$ 193.63		\$ 290.45		
<p>Payment for Biological Control is only authorized on areas with >40% undesirable cover</p> <p>1. This practice is authorized for the treatment of herbaceous plants, including those that are invasive, exotic and noxious on all non-cropland areas.</p> <p>2. When addressing pasture or hayland resource concerns, this practice is only authorized when used in conjunction with Prescribed Grazing and/or Forage and Biomass Harvest Management.</p> <p>3. Payment is NOT for site preparation activities for a new seeding or re-seeding, or maintenance/management of a new seeding or re-seeding. An exception may be made where normal methods of site preparation are not adequate to address the undesirable species. These situations must be approved by the AC prior to inclusion in the application.</p> <p>4. See the "Herbaceous Weed Control" conservation practice standard.</p>								
516	Feet	Livestock Pipeline (S)						20 Years
		Above Ground Pipeline	Foot	\$ 0.91		\$ 1.09		
		Buried Nonbedded <2"	Foot	\$ 1.74		\$ 2.09		
		Buried Bedded <2"	Foot	\$ 2.43		\$ 2.91		
		Buried Nonbedded 2"- 3"	Foot	\$ 2.36		\$ 2.83		
		Buried Large Diameter >3"	Foot	\$ 4.32		\$ 5.18		
Cased Pipeline with Boring	Foot	\$ 56.07		\$ 67.28				
<p>1. Payment for this practice is only available as a component of "Prescribed Grazing" and/or "Access Control" to provide livestock water on grazing lands where existing water supplies are inadequate for proper grazing management and site conditions warrant the practice.</p> <p>2. See the "Livestock Pipeline" conservation practice standard.</p>								

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378	Number	Pond (S)			\$ 10,000.00		\$ 12,000.00	15 Years
		Embankment, 4" - 6" Pipe	Cu Yd Fill	\$ 2.75		\$ 3.31		
		Embankment, 8" - 12" Pipe	Cu Yd Fill	\$ 2.89		\$ 3.46		
		Embankment, >12" Pipe	Cu Yd Fill	\$ 3.12		\$ 3.75		
<p>1. Payment is only authorized for this practice when it is the least cost method for a water source in conjunction with "Prescribed Grazing"</p> <p>2. The plan for the installation of the pond MUST be provided to the Area Engineer for evaluation and concurrence, and receive written approval from the Area Conservationist PRIOR to CPO development.</p> <p>3. See the "Pond" conservation practice standard.</p>								
528	Acre	Prescribed Grazing (Adoption Period Required) (M)			\$ 25,000.00		\$ 35,000.00	1 Year
		Low Intensity (> 7 Day Rotation Frequency)	Acre	\$ 14.30		\$ 21.44		
		Medium Intensity (7 - 3 Days Rotation Frequency)	Acre	\$ 35.51		\$ 42.61		
		High Intensity (< 3 Day Rotation Frequency)	Acre	\$ 52.54		\$ 63.05		
		Enhanced (High Intensity Plus Stockpiling/Stripgrazing)	Acre	\$ 59.86		\$ 71.83		
		High Density Grazing	Acre	\$ 65.83		\$ 78.99		
		<p>Payment for the High Density Grazing option is for an improved grazing management system where livestock are grazed on pasture for at least 300 days per calendar year AND managed at a stock density of at least 50,000 lbs for 75% of the grazing days AND pastures will be managed for a livestock utilization rate of 60% or less per grazing event.</p>						
Deferrment (90 days minimum)	Acre	\$ 41.87		\$ 50.24				
<p>Deferrment for invasive weed control, improve health of forage plants, or cover for wildlife species. Not to be used as deferrment for forage establishment. If utilized for wildlife species cover, grazing must be deferred for 90 days prior to May 1 and through the nesting season of May 1 - July 15.</p>								
<p>1. No more than three separate 'Adoption Period Required' options may be combined per acre.</p> <p>2. See the "Prescribed Grazing" conservation practice standard.</p>								
533	Number	Pumping Plant (S)						15 Years
		Livestock Water, Shallow Well Pump (≤25 ft deep)	Each	\$ 502.00		\$ 602.40		
		Livestock Water, Shallow Well Pump (≤25 ft deep) with Pump House	Each	\$ 1,250.54		\$ 1,500.65		
		Livestock Water, Deep Well Pump (>25 ft deep)	Each	\$ 1,034.40		\$ 1,241.28		
		Livestock Water, Deep Well Pump (>25 ft deep) with Pump House	Each	\$ 1,782.94		\$ 2,139.53		
Solar	Each	\$ 2,490.20		\$ 2,988.25				
<p>1. Payment for the above options is only authorized when needed as a component of "Prescribed Grazing", "Access Control" &/or a CNMP (CNMP must have been developed, or updated, and reference the need to replace an existing wellhead on the acres in this application). Payment is not eligible on systems that currently meet the 528 Standard.</p> <p>2. Payment is authorized on grazing lands where the current water supply is inadequate for livestock, and an underground or surface water supply is adequate in quantity and quality for the purpose to be served and can be developed at an economical cost.</p> <p>3. Payment is NOT authorized under the 'Deep Well Pump' options for use with surface water sources.</p>								
<p>1. Payment is NOT authorized for electricity or a power unit or for PTO-driven pumps.</p> <p>2. See the "Pumping Plant" conservation practice standard.</p>								

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574	Number	Spring Development (S)						20 Years
		Collection Structure	Each	\$ 1,006.50		\$ 1,207.80		
		Horizontal Collection Pipe	Foot	\$ 15.58		\$ 18.70		
		Horizontal Pipe with Collection Box	Each	\$ 2,687.64		\$ 3,225.17		
		Vertical Collection and Storage Pipe	Each	\$ 1,488.48		\$ 1,786.18		
1. Payment is authorized for this practice only as a component of "Prescribed Grazing" and/or "Access Control" to improve the distribution of water or to increase the quantity and quality of water for livestock. 2. See the "Spring Development" conservation practice standard.								
578	Number	Stream Crossing (S)						10 Years
		Rip Rap Crossing	Sq Ft	\$ 2.22		\$ 2.67		
		Concrete Crossing	Sq Ft	\$ 5.22		\$ 6.27		
1. Payment is only authorized as a component of the "Prescribed Grazing" or "Access Control" conservation practices, or if planned on forest land, payment for this practice is only authorized when included as a planned practice in an approved Forest Management Plan (see FMP definition in footnote 3/). The FMP must be developed before technical or financial assistance is provided for installation of this practice. 2. Financial assistance is not available for bridges or culverts. 3. Stream crossings will be constructed at the same elevation as the channel bed. 4. Applicant will acquire all US Army Core of Engineers permits and wetland determinations before practice commencement. 5. See the "Stream Crossing" conservation practice standard.								
642	Number	Water Well (S)			See NOTE		See NOTE	20 Years
		Large Diameter Drilled Well	Foot	\$ 88.01		\$ 121.86		
		Shallow Drilled Well ≤ 100 Ft	Foot	\$ 31.92		\$ 44.20		
		Deep Drilled Well > 100 Ft	Foot	\$ 13.73		\$ 19.01		
1. Payment is only authorized for this practice as a component of "Prescribed Grazing", "Access Control" and/or a CNMP (CNMP must identify that a new water well is necessary to comply with wellhead protection requirements BEFORE technical or financial assistance is provided). 2. Payment is authorized for this practice on grazing lands where the current water supply is inadequate, and the underground water supply is adequate in quantity and quality for the purpose to be served and can be developed at an economical cost. 3. Payment is not authorized for electricity or a power unit. 4. See the "Water Well" conservation practice standard. NOTE: Payment is limited to \$100 per acre served per contract (\$125 per acre served by contract for HU participants)								
614	Number	Watering Facility (S)			\$10,000.00		\$12,000.00	20 Years
614		Portable Tank	Each	\$ 203.44		\$ 244.13		
		Tire Tank or Permanent Tank (<500 gallons)	Each	\$ 475.82		\$ 570.99		
		Fountain or Large Permanent Tank (500 - 1,000 gallons)	Each	\$ 1,294.41		\$ 1,553.29		
		Above Ground Storage (1,000 - 3,000 gallons)	Each	\$ 1,988.18		\$ 2,385.82		
		Above Ground Storage (>3,000 gallons)	Each	\$ 3,215.78		\$ 3,858.94		
Underground Storage Tank (>1,000 gallons)	Each	\$ 3,304.77		\$ 3,965.73				
1. Payment is only authorized as a component of "Prescribed Grazing" and/or "Access Control" 2. See the "Watering Facility" conservation practice standard.								

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3/		<p>FMP = Forest Management Plan. Approved FMP's are: (a) Forest Management Plan (developed by NRCS or a [106] Plan developed by a TSP) OR (b) Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) OR (c) [409] Conservation Plan on Forest Land OR (d) a site-specific plan prepared by a professional forester if this site-specific plan has been approved by either an NRCS forester or the Missouri State Forester at the time the EQIP applicant signs the CPA1200.</p>						
M		<p>Conservation activities that generally require site-specific management techniques and/or methods, and have a practice lifespan of one year. In <i>some cases</i>, as indicated by "Adoption Period Required" in the title or option line, the practice or option must be adopted/applied two years within the length of the contract period. These are only available for payment on acres where the practice option has not been previously applied &/or utilized, and where there will be a higher level of management.</p>						
S		<p>Conservation practices that are either structural or vegetative, and have a multi-year lifespan. Structural practices involve the establishment, construction, or installation of site-specific measures. Vegetative practices involve the establishment or planting of site-specific vegetative measures. Payments are established as a one-time only payment, not multi-year payments. Missouri policy requires the owner be a signatory to a contract which has EQIP funds used for any structural or vegetative practice, in accordance with CPM515.71(B)(2)(ii).</p>						
<p>This Program Policy is approved for use for the implementation of FY13 EQIP for the Newton SWCD 2010 Project.</p>								
<p>J. R. Flores _____ JR Flores, Missouri State Conservationist</p>			<p>12/18/2012 _____ Date</p>					