

USDA NRCS Assistance for Equine Operations

What Assistance is Available?

- Short-term contracts to assist producers and/or landowners with applying conservation practices and activities, such as: prescribed grazing, stream buffers, nutrient management, and watering systems, where there is a resource concern to be solved.
- Technical assistance to help producers carry out the conservation practices.
- Practice payments to reduce the cost to the farm operation.

- New and beginning producers may receive a higher payment rate and may receive advanced practice payments of up to 50% for materials for construction when work can begin immediately in EQIP. New and beginning producers are those who have not had a farming enterprise continuously for the past 10 years. If a farmer has filed a Schedule F with their federal income tax return for the past 10 consecutive years, the farmer is not considered new or beginning. All partners in the operation must meet the new and beginning farmer criteria.

How Do I Know if I Qualify as a Producer?

- The applicant or the operator must be an agricultural producer engaged in the production of livestock or other agricultural products.
- Owners of farms who are not the operator may qualify for Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program

How and When Does a Producer Apply?

- Contact a local USDA NRCS office at www.nrcs.usda.gov, under Find a Service Center.
- Request a conservation plan.
- Complete an application for one of the cost share or incentive programs, such as: Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).
- The programs have a continuous signup.
- Applications are ranked to determine funding priority.
- Contracts are awarded until funding is gone.



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