

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM

(EQIP)



What Incentives Does EQIP Offer?

- Landowners enter into personalized EQIP contracts with NRCS, which set annual payment rates.
- Agricultural producers are paid upon completion of practices or activities in the EQIP contract.
- EQIP contracts are limited to \$20,000/fiscal year.

-How Does EQIP Work?-

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program, administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to plan and implement conservation practices that improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland. EQIP can help achieve the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Strategy's goals by incentivizing the reduction of greenhouse gases, increasing carbon sequestration, and improving water quality.

Who Is Eligible?

Landowner must:

- Be an agricultural producer
- Control or own eligible land
- Be in compliance with the Adjusted Gross Income requirements: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/payment-eligibility/adjusted-gross-income/index>

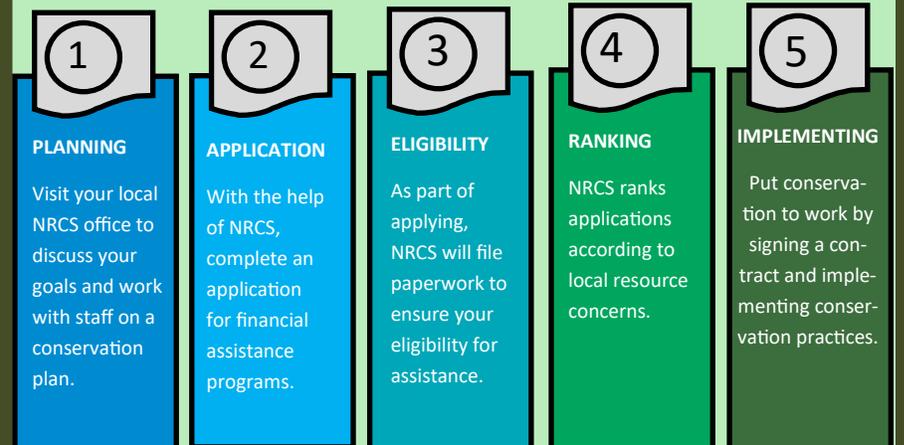
Land must:

- Be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements: https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ny/technical/?cid=nrcs144p2_027057

See here to learn more about **eligibility**: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/>

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Steps to NRCS Assistance



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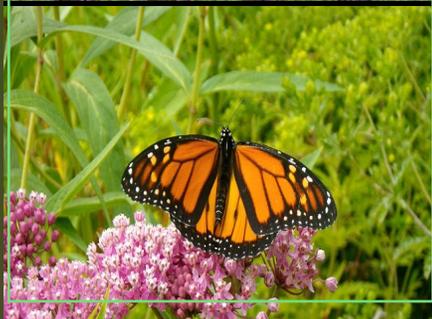
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-How to Apply for EQIP-



To apply for the EQIP program, visit your local NRCS office, in your local USDA Service Center.

Oroville Service Center
150 Chuck Yeager Way
Oroville, CA 95965-9215
Phone: (530) 534-0112



Email: Daniel.taverner@ca.usda.gov

Website: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/contact/local/>

-Resources and Information-

-Learn more about the **EQIP** program

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/>

-Learn how to **get started with the NRCS**

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/home/?cid=stelprdb1193811>

-The SALC Strategy is a set of tools and information intended to assist farmers, ranchers, and other members of the public in voluntarily conserving agricultural lands, and in implementing farming and ranching practices that will help achieve the key sustainability goals of carbon sequestration, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, water conservation, and groundwater recharge.

-Learn more about the **Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC)**

Strategy: <https://www.buttecounty.net/dds/planning/grants/SALC>

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