

EQIP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ANIMAL MORTALITY FACILITIES

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)

- **HELPS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS IN A MANNER THAT PROMOTES AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AS COMPATIBLE GOALS.**
- **VOLUNTARY PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES**

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

- **EQIP APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS.**
- **NRCS ESTABLISHES APPLICATION "CUT-OFF" OR SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATES FOR EVALUATION, RANKING AND APPROVAL OF ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS.**
 - **OCTOBER 16, 2015 CUT OFF FOR FY2016**
- **EQIP IS OPEN TO ALL ELIGIBLE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS AND SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS MAY BE CONSIDERED OR EVALUATED IN MULTIPLE FUNDING POOL OPPORTUNITIES.**

EQIP ELIGIBILITY

- **AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS AND OWNERS OF NON-INDUSTRIAL PRIVATE FORESTLAND AND TRIBES ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR EQIP.**
- **ELIGIBLE LAND INCLUDES CROPLAND, RANGELAND, PASTURELAND, NON-INDUSTRIAL PRIVATE FORESTLAND AND OTHER FARM OR RANCH LANDS.**
- **APPLICANTS MUST:**
 - **CONTROL OR OWN ELIGIBLE LAND**
 - **COMPLY WITH ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME LIMITATION (AGI) PROVISIONS**
 - **BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND AND WETLAND CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS**
 - **DEVELOP AN NRCS EQIP PLAN OF OPERATIONS**

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

- **APPLICANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETING AND FILING ALL APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY PAPERWORK AS REQUIRED.**
- **IF FUNDED, PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A CONTRACT AND AGREE TO IMPLEMENT THE PLANNED CONSERVATION PRACTICES TO NRCS STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS AS SCHEDULED.**

PAYMENT AND BENEFIT LIMITATIONS

- **MAY NOT, IN THE AGGREGATE, EXCEED \$300,000 ANY SIX-YEAR PERIOD.**
- **SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE MAY PETITION THE NRCS CHIEF FOR THE PAYMENT LIMITATION TO BE WAIVED TO A MAXIMUM OF \$450,000.**
- **ADDITIONAL PAYMENT LIMITATIONS APPLY TO PRODUCERS ENROLLED IN THE EQIP ORGANIC INITIATIVE.**

ANIMAL MORTALITY FACILITY (316) COMPOSTING

FY2016 Rates

Code	Scenario	Unit	EQIP – General	EQIP-General HU
316	#4 – Invesel Rotary Drum, < 700 CF (250-600 lb. of mortality per day)	Cubic Feet	\$50.57	\$75.85
316	#5 – Invesel Rotary Drum, ≥ 700 CF (600-1000 lb. Of mortality per day)	Cubic Feet	\$27.34	\$41.02
316	#6 – Static Pile, Earthen Pad	Square Foot	\$0.22	\$0.33
316	#7 – Static Pile, Earthen Pad with Hydrant	Square Foot	\$0.28	\$0.42
316	#8 – Static Pile, Concrete Pad	Square Foot	\$2.28	\$3.42
316	#9 – Static Pile, Concrete Pad with Hydrant	Square Foot	\$2.36	\$3.55
316	#10 – Static Pile, Wood Bin(s)	Square Foot	\$7.47	\$11.20
316	#11 – Static Pile, Wood Bin(s) with Hydrant	Square Foot	\$8.15	\$12.22
316	#12 – Static Pile, Concrete Bin(s)	Square Foot	\$10.40	\$15.61
316	#13 – Static Pile, Concrete Bin(s) with Hydrant	Square Foot	\$10.92	\$16.37

CATASTROPHIC MORTALITY EVENTS??

NATURAL DISASTERS

Tornadoes,
Blizzard,
Floods, etc.

- NRCS IS LEAD AGENCY
- NRCS - FA & TA FOR DISPOSAL
- NRCS CAN PROVIDE SOILS INFORMATION FOR BURIAL & COMPOSTING
- EQIP \$\$ FOR DISPOSAL – RENDERING, BURIAL, COMPOSTING MORTALITIES

DISEASE

HPAI,
PEDV, etc.

- NDA-STATE VETERINARIAN IS LEAD (WITH APHIS)
- “INDEMNITY FUND” FOR AFFECTED LIVESTOCK
- NRCS CAN PROVIDE TA FOR SOILS INFO FOR COMPOSTING/BURIAL SITES AND FOR MANAGEMENT OF COMPOSTING PROCESS

EARLY START WAVERS

SPECIAL CASES AND MEET ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

(I) THE PRACTICE WAS NOT STARTED WHEN THE WAIVER APPLICATION IS MADE.

(II) THEY HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE CONSERVATION PLAN AND COMPLETED ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION WORKSHEET (FORM NRCS-CPA-52).

(iii) Meritorious reasons are documented, which include any of the following:

- Alleviation of imminent and significant environmental problems
- Prevention of endangerment to life or property
- Unusual or extreme weather constraints

**QUESTIONS
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