

So, you're considering applying for EQIP...

When should you apply?

EQIP applications are accepted on a continuous basis, but only those received by the application ranking cut-off (usually the third Friday of November in Nebraska) will be considered for the initial selections each fiscal year.

EQIP Eligibility Requirements:

- Control or own eligible land,
- Comply with adjusted gross income limitation (AGI) provisions, and
- Be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements

What are your options?

| Conservation Practice & Code | Purpose |
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| Waste Storage Facility (313) | Establish an effective storage area for manure |
| Pond Sealing & Lining, Flexible membrane (520) or Compacted Clay (521) | Construction of liners to prevent seepage losses from water conservation, using geosynthetic clay liner |
| Roofs and Covers (367) | Construction of effective roofs and covers for manure storages |
| Waste Separation Facility (632) | Construction of systems that separate solids or nutrients from a liquid manure |
| Vegetative Treatment Area (635) | Establish permanent vegetation used for manure treatment |
| Clean Water Diversion (362) | Construction of diversions that move clean water away from farmsteads |
| Filter Strip (393) | Establish a strip of vegetation that removes contaminants from overland flow |
| Animal Mortality (316) | Construction of facilities for treating, storing, and disposing of animal carcasses due to routine mortality |
| Composting Facility (317) | Construction of facilities to facilitate the decomposition of manure and other organic materials |
| Nutrient Management (590) | Implementation of a management plan regarding nutrients and soil amendments |
| Soil and Source Testing (CEMA 217) | Sample and analyze nutrients in soil and from a nutrient source |
| Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CPA 102) and CNMP Design and Implementation Activity (DIA 101) | EQIP funding for a participant to hire a certified Technical Service Provider (TSP) for development of a NRCS Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) |

Find More Information:

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- Contact your local NRCS Field Office
- Nebraska EQIP - <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/eqip-environmental-quality-incentives/nebraska/nebraska-environmental-quality>

Pro Tip: Start the Process Early!

If considering expanding or you need technical assistance, NRCS staff will discuss resource concerns at your livestock operation and cropland, and your information is kept private. It may take 1-2 years to meet the requirements to be eligible for funding (of the waste storage structure), so start early in the process; construction cannot begin until a NRCS contract is awarded.