

## Conservation Choices for Wisconsin Livestock Operations

The USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program helps pay the costs of eligible farm conservation practices. EQIP contracts offer flat-rate payments, and may last from one year to 10 years. Through EQIP, NRCS professional staff work with you to plan, design and layout many conservation practices.

Check the **List of Practices** for details on over 100 eligible practices and payment rates for each. [www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip.html](http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip.html)

### Payment Limits

Payment limits are established including a maximum for all practices through EQIP. For example:

- Waste Storage: Up to \$150,000
- Waste Treatment: Up to \$100,000
- Roofs and Covers: Up to \$50,000

Contact NRCS at the [USDA Service Center](#) for your county for application information.

### What are Conservation

**Practices?** See photos and descriptions [www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/solutions](http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/solutions)

### Check Out These Options for Livestock Operations

**Animal Trails and Walkways** – safe travel lanes for livestock

**Stream Crossing** – fords or culvert crossing for livestock or equipment

**Watering Facility** – Trough or Tank for pastured livestock

**Pipeline** – for livestock on pasture

**Well** – for livestock on pasture

**Spring Development** – to provide drinking water for livestock in areas with springs or seepage.

**Fence** – to confine or exclude livestock as needed; or to control access for people or animals

**Prescribed Grazing** – to convert cropland to quality forage

**Pasture and Hayland Planting** – better forage on existing pasture, reduce erosion

**Heavy Use Area Protection** – to reduce erosion in heavily traveled areas or barnyards

**Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan** – to develop a plan for manure and wastewater handling and storage, land treatment to control erosion, feed management, nutrient management, record keeping, and possible alternative solutions. ***A CNMP helps producers meet local, state, and federal regulations.***

**Nutrient Management** – reduce fertilizer costs with more efficient fertilizer application, as part of CNMP or separately

**Solid Liquid Waste Separation Facility** – as part of a waste management system or CNMP

**Closure of Waste Impoundment** – to close or upgrade sub-standard structures

**Sediment Basin** – to collect and manage barnyard runoff

**Manure Transfer** – as part of a waste management system or CNMP

**Roofs and Covers** – for better water or air quality, or to capture biogas

**Waste Storage Facility** – for temporary storage of solid or liquid wastes

**Waste Treatment** – digester, incinerator or other treatment facility for manure, milkhouse waste or silage leachate

See complete list of Eligible Practices at [www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip.html](http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip.html)