# **EQIP**

Environmental Quality Incentives Program



#### What is EQIP?

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program that helps agricultural producers in a manner that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. Through EQIP, agricultural producers receive financial and technical assistance to implement structural and management conservation practices that optimize environmental benefits on working agricultural land.

In FY17, the application deadline is set for November 18, 2016. EQIP is open to all eligible agricultural producers and submitted applications may be considered or evaluated in multiple funding pool opportunities.

Owners of land in agricultural or forest production, or persons who are engaged in livestock, agricultural or forest production on eligible land that have a natural resource concern on the land may participate in EQIP. Additionally, owners of private agricultural land or non-industrial private forestland that are interested in developing or improving wildlife may participate in EQIP.

NRCS Missouri offers a diverse set of options for landowners to address resource concerns related to crop, pasture, livestock, wildlife and forestry land uses.

### How can EQIP Help You?

EQIP provides opportunities for applicant's to meet conservation objectives on their agricultural operation. EQIP delivers avenues for an applicant's conservation decisions to be put into action. The program capitalizes on the conservation planning process being engaged in by NRCS and the producer in order to get conservation practices installed.

# Missouri NRCS EQIP Opportunities

- General EQIP for crop, pasture, livestock, wildlife and forestry
- Soil Health Initiative
- · Mississippi River Basin Initiative
- National Water Quality Initiative
- · On-Farm Enery Initiative
- Organic Initiative
- · Monarch Butterfly Habitat Development
- Ozark Highlands Restoration Partnership
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program

### For More Information

For more information contact your <u>local NRCS</u> <u>office</u> at the USDA Service Center in your county.





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