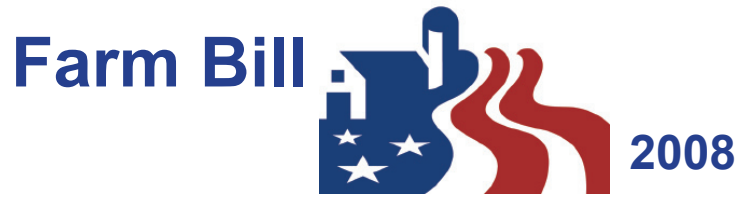




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At a Glance

Beginning and Limited Resource Farmers/Ranchers

INTRODUCTION

The 2008 Farm Bill recognizes the unique challenges of farmers and ranchers who are just beginning their agricultural operations or who have limited financial resources.

Producers applying for assistance under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) may qualify as either a Beginning Farmer/Rancher *or* as a Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher, not both. The NRCS in Nevada allows Beginning Farmers/Ranchers and Limited Resource Farmers/Ranchers to receive up to 90 percent of the estimated cost of installing the practice if he/she meets the criteria listed below. Contract participants must meet all requirements to receive the additional incentives. Applicants must provide documentation of their beginning farmer status during the application process.

Review the criteria below to determine if you may qualify as a beginning farmer/rancher *or* as a limited resource farmer/rancher. If you feel you are eligible, you must select one of the options on your application.

DEFINITION OF BEGINNING FARMER/RANCHER

A Beginning Farmer or Rancher means an individual or entity who:

- a. Has not operated a farm or ranch, or who has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 consecutive years. This requirement applies to all members of an entity,
- b. Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm or ranch.
 - 1. In the case of a contract with an individual, individually or with the immediate family, material and substantial participation requires that the individual provide substantial day-to-day labor and management of the farm or ranch, consistent with the practices in the county or State where the farm is located.
 - 2. In the case of a contract with an entity, all members must materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm or ranch. Material and

substantial participation requires that each of the members provide some amount of the management, or labor and management necessary for day-to-day activities, such that if each of the members did not provide these inputs, operation of the farm or ranch would be seriously impaired.

DEFINITION OF LIMITED RESOURCE FARMER/RANCHER

A Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher is:

- 1. A person with direct or indirect gross farm sales not more than \$155,200 in each of the previous two years¹,
- AND**
- 2. A person with a total household income at or below the national poverty level for a family of four or less than 50 percent of county median household income in each of the previous two years².

A tool to help you determine your eligibility is located on the Web at <http://www.lrfctool.sc.egov.usda.gov/tool.asp>.

NOTE: ALL INDIVIDUALS WITHIN AN ENTITY, SUCH AS A PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION, MUST MEET THE CRITERIA FOR LIMITED RESOURCE OR BEGINNING FARMER/RANCHER.

MORE INFORMATION

For more assistance, contact your local USDA Service Center or NRCS office. Nevada NRCS offices can be found online at www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov.

¹ This value will be increased from \$100,000 beginning in fiscal year 2004 to adjust for inflation using the "Prices Paid by Farmer Index" compiled by NASS.

² Total household income will be determined annually and indexed for inflation using Commerce Department Data.

USDA maintains this definition for the 2008 Farm Bill.