

**FY02 MICHIGAN
EQIP STATEWIDE and AMERICAN INDIAN ELIGIBLE PRACTICE LIST
Land Management Practices (Incentive Payments)**

General principles that will be followed for all EQIP financial assistance:

- Incentive payment will be available for the development of a certified Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) if a producer uses a certified third party technical assistance provider. This will be a one-time payment. Refer to Guidance Document For CNMP for criteria and available rates for reimbursement.
- Incentive payments for land management practices may not exceed 3 years with the requirement to maintain the practice for the life of the contract
- Incentive payments may only be made where it is needed to change existing management; a producer already implementing a land management practice is not eligible for incentive payments to adopt the practice
- EQIP financial assistance is only for practices in a conservation plan which address a resource to the Standard and Specification in Section IV of the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide

Payment (\$/ac.)

\$25.00	Conservation Cover (Ac.) 327
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\$5.00	Cover Crop (Ac.) 340 [This practice is only eligible for financial assistance when it is a required practice in the planned conservation system to reduce soil erosion to "T".] Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan Development [See attached guidance document]
\$5.00	Cross Wind Stripcropping (Ac.) 589B
\$5.00	Cross Wind Trap Strip – Field (Ac.) 589C
\$5.00	Cross Wind Trap Strip – Filter (Ac.) 589C
\$45.00	Filter Strip (Ac.) 393
\$5.00	Forest Site Preparation (Ac.) 490
\$3.00	Irrigation Water Management (Ac.) 449
\$4.00	Nutrient Management (Ac.) 590 [Field Crops] [Any combination of this practice with the Waste Utilization practice for the same land area will not exceed a total of \$15.00 per acre per year for managing commercial or animal manure nutrients addressed by these practices.]
\$10.00	Nutrient Management (Ac.) 590 [High Value Specialty Crops requiring leaf tissue analysis, petiole nutrient testing, foliar nutrient application, banding and/or split nutrient application.]
\$5.00	Pasture and Hayland Planting (Ac.) 512 [Introduced Species] [This practice is only eligible for financial assistance when it is used to permanently convert cropland and the cropland is either HEL or adjacent to surface water.]
\$10.00	Pasture and Hayland Planting (Ac.) [512 Native Species] [This practice is only eligible for financial assistance when it is used to permanently convert cropland and the cropland is either HEL or adjacent to surface water.]
\$2.50	Pest Management (Ac.) 595 [Short Term Crop, scouted for less than 4 months a year]
\$5.00	Pest Management (Ac.) 595 [Long Term Crop, scouted for 4 or more months a year]
\$15.00	Prescribed Grazing (Ac.) 528A [Financial assistance is only available for cropland eroding above "T" or land adjacent to surface water.]
\$8.00	Residue Management, No-Till and Strip-Till (Ac.) 329A
\$3.00	Residue Management, Mulch-Till (Ac.) 329B
\$3.00	Residue Management, Ridge Till (Ac.) 329C
\$3.00	Residue Management, Seasonal (Ac.) 344

- \$5.00 Stripcropping, Field (Ac.) 586
- \$5.00 Stripcropping, Contour (Ac.) 585
- \$125.00 Use Exclusion (Ac.) 472
[This practice is only eligible for financial assistance when it is used to correct an existing resource concern resulting from uncontrolled livestock access. do not use in conjunction with fence.]
- \$15.00 Waste Utilization (Ac& No.) 633
[Any combination of this practice with the Nutrient Management practice for the same land area will not exceed a total of \$15.00 per acre per year for managing commercial or animal manure nutrients addressed by these practices. Waste Utilization is also only for waste associated with Animal Production Systems.]
- \$45.00 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (Ac.) 645
- \$20.00 Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (Ac.) 644

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Structural Practices (Cost-share Rates)

Rate (%)

75	Agrichemical Containment Facility (No.) 702 [Not to exceed \$20,000]
75	Composting Facility (No.) 317
75	Critical Area Planting (Ac.) 342
75	Diversion (Ft.) 362
75	Fence (Ft.) 382
	[This practice is not to be used in conjunction with use exclusion].
75	Field Border (Ft.) 386
75	Filter Strip - Animal Waste Management (Ac.) 780
75	Grade Stabilization Structure (No.) 410
75	Grassed Waterway or Outlet (Ac.) 412
75	Heavy Use Area Protection (Ac.) 561
75	Hedgerow Planting (Ft.) 422
75	Pipeline (Ft.) 516
	[This practice is only eligible for financial assistance when it is a component of a prescribed grazing plan].
75	Riparian Forest Buffer ((Ac.) 391
75	Riparian Herbaceous Cover (Ac.) 390
75	Roof Runoff Management (No.) 558
75-	Sediment Basin (No.) 350
75	Spring Development (No.) 574
	[This practice is only eligible for financial assistance when it is a component of prescribed grazing plan].
75	Stream Crossing and Livestock Access (Ft.) 728
75	Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (Ac.) 395
75	Streambank and Shoreline Protection (Ft.) 580
75	Structure for Water Control (No.) 587
75	Tree/Shrub Establishment (Ac.) 612
75	Watering Facility (No.) 614
	[This practice is only available for financial assistance when it is a component of a prescribed grazing plan].
75	Waste Storage Facility (No.) 313
	[This practice is only eligible for financial assistance when it is used in association with Waste Utilization.]
75	Water and Sediment Control Basin (No.) 638
75	Well Decommissioning (No.) 351
75	Wetland Creation (Ac.) 658
75	Wetland Enhancement (Ac.) 659
75	Wetland Restoration (Ac) 657
75	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (Ft.) 380
75	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (Ft.) 650

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Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) FY 2002 STEP-BY-STEP APPLICATION PROCESS

1) Producer inquires about EQIP:

- a) The **NRCS District Conservationist**, or designee, in consultation with the **Producer**, fills out the **Sign-Up/Pre-Application Tool** for EQIP FY02 and explains program requirements. If land is eligible and the producer is interested, the producer signs and dates the form documenting a sign-up for EQIP.
- b) **FSA County Office** does the person determination.
- c) The **Producer** will need to be in compliance and have an **AD-1026** on file (Certification of Compliance with the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985). If an AD-1026 is not on file, the producer should consult with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) for the necessary steps.

2) The **NRCS District Conservationist**, or designee, makes a field visit:

- a) Based on the identified resource concern and landowner decisions being compatible with EQIP priorities in Michigan, determine which conservation practices are needed that the producer is willing to implement.
- b) For applications within the boundaries of a **Special Emphasis Area**, determine whether the planned practices will address the priority resource concerns. If the answer is yes, this application will be considered a high priority.
- c) For **Statewide** and **American Indian** applications, use the **Selection Process Worksheets** to determine whether an application meets the criteria to be a high priority.
- d) If the application is a high priority, continue with the development of **Conservation plan/contract support document** and follow the application process as listed below.
- e) **FSA County Office** provides information to fill out lines 1, through 7c of **CCC-1200**.
- f) The **NRCS Designated Conservationist**, at the field level, fills in **Blocks 9a, 9b, 9c** on **CCC-1200** with information relating to planned practices scheduled for financial assistance through EQIP.
- g) Following detailed explanation by the **NRCS Designated Conservationist**, at the field level, of all program rules and regulations, the **Producer** completes block 10 of **CCC-1200, Conservation Program Contract**, and the signature page of the **CCC-1200 Appendix**. At this time the **Producer** has applied for EQIP. Continue application process at 2-h.
 - i) If an application is not considered a high priority, do not continue with the development of the conservation plan/contract support document at this time. Simply put the planned practices on the **CCC-1200**, date stamp it and send the **Selection Process Worksheets** and the **CCC-1200** to the **EQIP Coordinator** at the **State Office**.
 - ii) At a later date, following selection of all the high priority applications, if time and funding permits, we will go back to the low priority applications and address them on a first come first serve approach based on the application date following the process beginning at step 2-d.

a) If livestock issues are involved, the **NRCS District Conservationist**, or designee, in consultation with the **Producer**, will complete the **Planning Summary for Animal Waste Management**.

If nutrient management issues are involved, the **NRCS District Conservationist**, or designee, in consultation with the **Producer**, will complete the **Planners Checklist for Nutrient Management**.

3) The **NRCS Designated Conservationist**, at the field level, completes the following Application Materials and forwards the application packet on to the **ASTC-FO** for review:

- a) Cost-Estimate Work Sheets for Eligible Practices
- b) Program Application Information Worksheet
- c) Planning Summary for Animal Waste (if applicable)
- d) Planners Checklist for Nutrient Management (if applicable)
- e) Long Term Contract Checklist
- f) Selection Process Worksheets (if applicable, only for Statewide and American Indian Programs)
- g) A copy of the **Certified Conservation Plan/Contract Support** document, approved by a **Director of the Conservation District** (include plan map of planning unit).
- h) Completed **CCC-1200** and **Signature page of CCC-Appendix**.

4) The **ASTC-FO** will approve applications (by filling out **Block 11 of the CCC-1200** as a representative of Commodity Credit Corporation) on a weekly basis beginning on **Thursday, August 8, 2002**. To be eligible for a Thursday approval date, the **ASTC-FO**, must receive the application from the **Designated Conservationist**, at the field level, for review on the Friday proceeding the Thursday approval date.

5) The **ASTC-FO** will forward a copy of the approved contract (**CCC-1200**) to the **ASTC-Programs** at the **NRCS State Office**. (The original Conservation plan/contract support document will be filed at the Field Office).

The **ASTC-Programs** will obligate dollars to the approved contract.

- a) Following obligation of the dollars to an approved EQIP contract, the **ASTC-Programs** will forward the information to the **FSA State Office**.
- b) The **FSA State Office** will allocate the appropriate amount of funding to the administrating **FSA County Office** of an approved EQIP contract.
- c) The **ASTC-Programs** will inform in writing, the **Designated Conservationist** at the field level and the **ASTC-FO** that dollars have been obligated to the approved EQIP contract.
- d) The **Designated Conservationist** at the field level will inform the **Producer** in writing, that they have an approved EQIP contract and may begin scheduling technical assistance.

7) The **Producer** makes arrangements to complete the contracted practices on the **CCC-1200**.

8) Once the practices are installed:

- a) The **NRCS Designated Conservationist** at the field level will verify within 30 days after installation that the completed practices meet **NRCS Standards and Specifications**. This is determined by a field visit and completion of appropriate support documentation of practice implementation and provides certification in **Block 16 on CCC-1245, Practice Approval and Payment Application**.
- b) The **Producer** submits all necessary receipts to the **FSA County Office** for review. The **FSA County Office** fills out **Blocks 20 through 24** on the **CCC-1245**.
- c) The **NRCS Designated Conservationist**, at the field level, signs **Block 25** of the **CCC-1245**, approving payment.
- d) The **FSA County Office** makes payments based on certification and approval on the **CCC-1245**.

9) Contract status will be documented in the **Producers** case file. Non-compliance of contract provisions will be documented on the **LTP-13**.

**MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)
SIGN-UP/PRE-APPLICATION TOOL FOR FY 02**

APPLICANT NAME: _____
 DATE: _____ COUNTY: _____
 WORKSHEET COMPLETED BY: _____
 PRODUCER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

DIRECTIONS: ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS PRIOR TO FILLING OUT THE CCC-1200, "CONSERVATION PROGRAM CONTRACT" FOR THE EQIP PROGRAM. IF THE ANSWER IS "YES" TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS THE APPLICATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR EQIP.

1. Is the area to be covered by the EQIP contract actively involved in agricultural production, including: cropland, grassland, rangeland, pasture land and private nonindustrial forest land?	YES NO
2. Is this land privately owned or Tribal land, <u>not</u> owned by the State, County, a local government, or the Federal Government?	YES NO
3. Is the land to be enrolled free from encumbrance of a current EQIP contract, the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Wetland Reserve Program (WRP), or Emergency Watershed Program floodplain easement (EWP)?	YES NO
Will the land under EQIP contract be under the control of the contract holder during the entire contract period?	YES NO
5. Is the land to be enrolled free from the encumbrance of a documented violation of Federal, State, or local law in which this contract would be used as a tool to mitigate or remedy?	YES NO
6. Will the proposed planned practices scheduled for EQIP financial assistance address an identified resource concern within a Special Emphasis Area or one of the following Michigan EQIP Statewide or American Indian priorities? (Check one or more) <input type="checkbox"/> Special Emphasis Area <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Wildlife Management Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Corridor Management Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater Resources Protection Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Conservation Cropping Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Production Management Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry Systems	YES NO
IF THE ANSWER TO ALL OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS "YES" THE LAND IS ELIGIBLE FOR EQIP IN MICHIGAN IN FY 2002	

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