

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Report To
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board
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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to plan and implement conservation practices that improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related natural resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland. EQIP may also help producers meet Federal, State, Tribal, and local environmental regulations.

Owners of land in agricultural or forest production or persons who are engaged in livestock, agricultural or forest production on eligible land and that have a natural resource concern on that land may apply to participate in EQIP. Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, pastureland, non-industrial private forestland and other farm or ranch lands.

Eligible applicants must:

- Be agricultural producer (person, legal entity, or joint operation who has an interest in the agricultural operation, or who is engaged in agricultural production or forestry management).
- Control or own eligible land.
- Comply with adjusted gross income (AGI) for less than \$900,000. Note: Federally recognized Native American Indian Tribes or Alaska Native corporations are exempt from the AGI payment limitations.
- Be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements.

Develop an NRCS EQIP plan of operations that addresses at least one natural resource concern.

Historically underserved producers (limited resource farmers/ranchers, beginning farmers/ranchers, socially disadvantaged producers, Indian Tribes and veteran farmer or ranchers) who self-certify on Form NRCS-CPA-1200, Conservation Program Application are eligible for a higher practice payment rate to support implementation of contracted conservation practices and activities.



EQIP CONTRACTS FOR 2016

EQIP Obligated Practices 2016 Contracts

NRD	Contract Numbers	Practice Extent	Units	Total Obligations
Papio-Missouri River	29	2384	ac	\$471,547
High Tunnel System	5	10,800	sq ft	\$21,752
Cover Crop	3	838	ac	\$53,940
Critical Area Planting	17	80	ac	\$11,714
Fence	3	17,299	ft	\$16,094
Grassed Waterway	2	4	ac	\$5,581
Livestock Pipeline	2	12,500	ft	\$27,084
Range Planting	1	16	ac	\$2,975
Heavy Use Area Protection	2	848	sq ft	\$767
Terrace	17	135,306	ft	\$153,939
Tree/Shrub Establishment	1	1	ac	\$309
Watering Facility	2	9	no	\$17,940
Underground Outlet	17	38,197	ft	\$139,464
Water Well	1	1	no	\$6,344
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation	1	1,450	ft	\$1,943
Forest Stand Improvement	2	41	ac	\$11,702



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