

United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service

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# EQIP FACT SHEET

## **Environmental Quality Incentives Program**

#### EQIP Overview

The EQIP program provides technical and financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and forest landowners to address natural resource concerns on their property. NRCS works one-on-one with landowners to develop a Conservation Plan that outlines conservation practices that will address the resource issues identified during field visits with the landowner. The plan will then be ranked according to the environmental benefits expected to be achieved. Highest ranked applications will be awarded a contract that includes a cost-share payment for each practice. High priority resource concerns in Mendocino County include soil health, water conservation, reducing threat of catastrophic wildfire, sediment reduction and improving range and pastureland conditions.

#### **Eligibility**

Farmers, ranchers and forest landowners who own or lease land are eligible if they provide proof of land control and comply with adjusted gross income limitation provisions.

#### How to Apply

Applications are accepted throughout the year, however, interested landowners should contact the local NRCS Field Office to find out if application deadlines have been announced for current funding cycles. To receive an application or for more information, contact the NRCS Ukiah Field Office at (707)485-3236 or visit the office at 1252 Airport Park Blvd., Suite B1, Ukiah. More information is available at www.nrcs.usda.gov

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- Compost
- Nutrient Management
- Irrigation System Improvements
- Road Improvements
- Forest Thinning/Fuelbreaks
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