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### **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Sign-up and Scoring Period**

**St. Paul, MN-** Agricultural producers wanting to solve natural resource problems on their farms should apply now for assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) administered by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The Minnesota NRCS announced that a scoring period to determine priority for funding applications is now in progress.

Completed applications must be received at local NRCS Field Offices throughout Minnesota by June 30.

EQIP continues to be the heart of the NRCS's working lands conservation program. EQIP is the primary tool for landowners who want to apply soil and water conservation practices and provides both technical assistance and financial assistance for agricultural producers. "EQIP covers a significant portion of the cost to establish conservation" said William Hunt, State Conservationist, MN NRCS.

If you have natural resource concerns on your land and are interested in making a commitment to conservation, EQIP could be the answer you have been looking for.

To find out more about EQIP in Minnesota, contact your local NRCS field office or please visit the MN NRCS website: [www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov)

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