

#### Who Should I Contact?

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Norwich Service Center 238 West Town St. Norwich, CT 06360 (860) 887-3604

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Windsor Service Center 100 Northfield St. Windsor, CT 06095 (860) 688-7725

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## What is the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)?

EQIP is a voluntary program of the Natural Resources Conservation Service that promotes production agriculture and environmental quality. Through EQIP, qualified horse owners may receive financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices on eligible land.

### How and When Do I Apply?

- Contact your local USDA Service Center.
- Request a farm assessment and develop a conservation plan.
- Complete an application for one of the incentive programs.
- Contracts are awarded based on environmental benefits until funding is gone.

#### What Practices Should I Consider?

Producers may apply for cost-sharing for many types of conservation practices where there is a resource concern to be solved, including:

- Pasture Fencing for rotational grazing
- Watering System for rotational grazing
- · Pasture and Hayland Planting
- Composting Facility

- Waste Storage Facility for manure and bedding
- Roof Runoff Management for mud control
- Water Diversion
- Stream Crossing

Practices are cost-shared in accordance with the EQIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE. These payments are made to encourage producers to adopt sound land management practices.

## Am I Eligible to Apply for EQIP?

Producers who only board horses or have horses for pleasure are **not** eligible.

- Do you produce livestock or hay on your farming operation?
- Have you had more than \$1,000 in production costs per year for two of the last five years?
- Do you have proof of production (receipts, IRS

Schedule F form, or letter from an accountant)?

- Do you have control of the land for the duration of a 2-10 year contract?
- Is your Adjusted Gross Income less than \$1 million?



