

# Environmental Quality Incentives Program

## Indiana 2010 State Guidelines

These are Indiana's Guidelines developed from the Conservation Programs Manual (CPM) 440 part 515 and are intended to provide Indiana specific information for implementation of the 2010 EQIP program. These Guidelines are not all inclusive for EQIP program management. Additional details on producer eligibility, land eligibility, appeals, evidence of control, and payment limitations can be found in CPM-440 part 515. Contracting specific information can be found in CPM-440 part 512.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that promotes agricultural production, forest management, and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants to install or implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural and forest land.

### General EQIP Provisions

- **CONSERVATION PLAN:** All EQIP applicants will have an on-site visit completed and a conservation plan will be developed in Toolkit on the acres being offered for application **before** the application is ranked. Required documentation will include a resource checklist (CPA-52) and list of conservation practices that the client has agreed to install if funded.
- **APPLICATIONS:** All applications will be entered in ProTracts and ranked using the [Application Evaluation and Ranking Tool](#) in ProTracts. Ranking will be done in the county in which the producer signs up for the program and that county will manage the EQIP contract. Payment limitations, adjusted gross income (AGI), and producer eligibility **must be** verified before the application status is changed to eligible.
- **APPLICANTS:** Applicants **must** have control of the land for the contract period to meet basic eligibility requirements. The proof can be a Deed or other evidence of ownership, a lease, or documented historical use of the land. Where an applicant is importing or exporting manure, they **must** provide a contract/agreement that shows the terms of receiving or exporting for the life of the EQIP contract. When an applicant is not the owner of the land the landowner **must** sign the contract **or** provide **written permission** to install any structural or vegetative practices on their land.
- **CONTRACTS:** EQIP contracts are written with a minimum term that **ends one year after** the implementation of the last scheduled practice, and a maximum term of ten years (2010 to 2019). Contracts record the details of payments for implementing conservation practices and are legally binding documents. Only practices being implemented with EQIP financial assistance are listed in the contract. Practices must be implemented according to the contract schedule and NRCS technical standards.
- **PAYMENT LIMITATIONS:** An individual or entity may not receive, directly or indirectly payments that, in the aggregate, exceed \$300,000 for **all** EQIP contracts entered into after October 1, 2009. The \$300,000 payment limitation will automatically be confirmed during the ProTracts eligibility update. Producers cannot receive a contract for more than the remaining balance of the payment limitation. The payment limitation can be reviewed

in Fund Manager. Additional information on combined payment limitations with 2002 and 2008 Farm Bill contracts can be found in CPM-440-515.92 C

- **HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED PRODUCERS:** Limited Resource Farmers, Beginning Farmers, and Socially Disadvantaged producers as defined in the EQIP rule at 7 CFR 1466.3, are eligible for higher practice payment rates. Payment rates for these producers are 15% greater than the payment rate for other producers. Practice payment caps for producers in these groups will also be 15% greater, except for the management practices (329, 633, 590, 595, and 340). Ten (10) percent of the states' allocated EQIP funds will be available for historically underserved producers.
- **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** Participants may elect to use a certified Technical Service Provider for EQIP technical assistance. In order to be reimbursed the **Technical Service Provider must be in TechReg**, and the technical assistance practice code must be in the contract prior to service being provided. Technical assistance can be paid on all 2010 EQIP funded practices.

### Ranking Highlights:

- The Application Evaluation and Ranking Tool (AERT) in ProTracts will be used to rank all applications. AERT includes National, State and local priorities.
- The states' specific resource concerns are: soil erosion, soil condition, water quality, air quality, plant condition, domestic animals and fish and wildlife concerns specific to Indiana.
- The Local Work Group will identify the local resource priorities.
- A portion of the EQIP ranking is based on the applications efficiency score. This score takes into account the degree of cost effectiveness, the treatment of multiple resource concerns, and the use of practices that provide environmental enhancements for a longer period of time.

Ranking points are only available for practices that will address existing resource concerns (as defined in the Quality Criteria in Section III, Indiana Electronic Field Office Technical Guide). Practices that a producer wishes to implement on lands that currently meet the Quality Criteria, but will result in greater environmental benefit are eligible for funding but will be ranked accordingly.

**EQIP livestock practices** such as, but not limited to 313, 359, 561, and 382 will have to meet the following requirements:

- **Animal Units:**
  - Animal units are calculated as the average weight times the number of animals divided by 1000.
  - Payment rates using Animal Units (AU) for the 'Unit Type' for payment purposes will be based on or up to the existing facility capacity at the time of application.
- **Confined Livestock Operations:**
  - **New facilities:** Are eligible for payments **only** where **existing** confined facilities will be closed, for environmental benefits, and moved to a new location. The new facility may include up to a 20% increase in animal units compared to the facility that is closing. **New facilities** with herd increases over 20% are not eligible for funding. The closure (Closure of Waste Impoundments – 360) and the new facility must both be included in the EQIP contract.

- **Existing facilities or expansion of existing facilities:**
  - Eligible when implemented to solve an existing resource concern on an existing facility site with less than 20% expansion of the Animal Units within the same species.
  - Where expansion of the Animal Units is 20% or more on an existing facility, payment will be based on the EXPANSION scenario up to the capped amount.
- **Grazing Livestock Operations:**
  - As of the date of the application, sites that do not have the species and animal units that the practices are planned for adjacent to an existing livestock operation under ownership of the applicant, do not have resource concerns addressed by those planned practices, and will be ranked accordingly unless the livestock will go from a confined or overstocked situation to a Prescribed Grazing system, with no more than a 20% increase in animal units.
  - This requirement is not intended to prevent using Pasture and Hayland Seeding (512) to convert cropland to pasture or hay. In this case, the cropland could have existing resource concerns like air quality, energy, excessive nutrients, organic matter depletion, or soil erosion that would be addressed by the conversion to pasture or hay and should be ranked accordingly.

### **Funding Highlights:**

- EQIP funds will be distributed to funding pools that currently include Cropland, Forestland, Pastureland, Air Quality, Organic Transition, Organic Certified, Conservation Activity Plans, Individual Mississippi River Basin Initiative (CCPI) projects, and Individual Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) projects. Additional pools may be added.
- **EQIP Environmental Emergencies and Conservation Activity Plans:** Conservation Activity Plans and Livestock Environmental Emergencies (leaking lagoon, failed waste storage facility, etc.), will be funded as they come in and are certified as eligible, without regard to ranking. Conservation Activity Plan applications will contain only the Conservation Activity Plan. Livestock Environmental Emergencies shall only contain the practices and TA necessary to adequately address the immediate emergency which is being funded. The State Conservation Engineer must concur that an emergency exists before any application is eligible under the Livestock environmental emergency provision.
- All applications will compete for funds based on ranking scores within the same pool, within a geographic area.
- Applications not funded in previous rounds will compete for funding in the next available round.

### **TSP TA**

- Technical assistance funding (TSP TA) will be available for immediate use on 2010 applications. The TA must only be used for a FY10 scheduled and installed practice.

### **Payment Indexing**

- Payment indexing that automatically increases the payment rate on the "on schedule" practices from prior year contracts will be implemented for 2010.

# Indiana 2010 EQIP Practice List

## Payment Schedule, Special Provisions, Restrictions, and Requirements

### Practices Eligible for Payments

Payment schedule rates for conservation practices were developed to promote positive conservation outcomes tailored to the environmental needs of Indiana. Practice schedule payments are payments for the installation of a specific practice. Payments are based on the statewide documented cost of installation and offered as a payment per unit of the practice installed. Example: 500 feet of Access Road is installed, 500 ft (Unit) X \$7.5 (Unit Payment Rate) = \$3750.00 (EQIP payment). Payment schedule amounts will not exceed dollar caps placed on specific practices. 2010 EQIP practices, payment rates, caps and special provisions are in the table below.

Practice Code	Practice Name	Scenario	Unit Type	Unit Payment Rate	Payment type	Rate	Payment Cap	Livestock Practice
472	Access Control	Access Control - From Stream or Wetland or Woodland	AC	75	PR	100	750	√
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payment is to be used for livestock exclusion only, <b>livestock must currently be present in the area intended to be protected</b> to qualify for this Payment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Area protected must have a minimum of 30 ft distance to water in the case of streams, measured from barrier to waters edge.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> In the case of wetlands, the area protected is the portion of wetland present on the contract acres that is protected by the exclusion.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>							
560	Access Road	Access Road - One Way Traffic	FT	7.50	PR	100		
365 or 366	Anaerobic Digester, Ambient Temperature or Controlled Temperature	Anaerobic Digester	AU	225.00	PR	100	220,000	√
		Anaerobic Digester - EXPANSION	AU	60.00	PR	100	88,000	√
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payment is eligible for the digester vessel, cover, internal equipment, controls, gas piping and flare portions of the digester only.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Digesters must address an existing resource concern.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Producers are required to acquire their own Technical Assistance (no NRCS or TSP design available).</li> </ul>								
316	Animal Mortality Facility	Animal Mortality Facility-animal units composted	AU	760.00	PR	100	22,000	√
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Animal Units (AU) are defined as 1000 lbs. of animals being composted. Refer to the CIT for the appropriate determination of AU for payment.</li> </ul>							
575	Animal Trails and Walkways	Animal Trails and Walkway	FT	4.97	PR	100		√
360	Closure of Waste Impoundments	Closure of Waste Impoundments	CU FT	0.23	PR	100	8,000	√
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Waste Utilization is a required action of Closure and is included in the payment rate for Closure. It is not eligible as a one time payment when doing a Closure.</li> </ul>							

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317	Composting Facility	Composting Facility	SQ FT	0.74	PR	100		√
327	Conservation Cover	Muck Soils	AC	476.00	PR	100		
		Introduced Cool Season Grasses	AC	268.00	PR	100		
		Native Grasses	AC	321.00	PR	100		
340	Cover Crop	Cover Crop	AC	31.00	PR	100	23,250	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The cover crop can <b>not</b> be mechanically harvested for grain, seed or forage. This includes dry hay, straw, baleage, silage, haylage, green chop or etc. (unless waived via Indiana bulletin 300-9-1).</li> <li>❑ Grazing of cover crops is allowed if used to address an existing resource concern caused by existing livestock, and the cover crops will be grazed according to a grazing plan.</li> <li>❑ Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>							
342	Critical Area Planting	Critical Area Planting	AC	862.00	PR	100		
362	Diversion	Diversion	FT	2.50	PR	100		
554	Drainage Water Management	Drainage Water Management	AC	38.00	PR	100	2,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Payment for this practice is for the acres being managed under this practice.</li> <li>❑ Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>							
647	Early Successional Habitat Development/ Management	Strip Disking	AC	21.00	PR	100		
		Strip Spraying	AC	23.00	PR	100		
		Prescribed Burning or Inter-seeding Forbs	AC	75.00	PR	100		
		Woodland Edge Feathering or Forest Regeneration Openings	AC	454.00	PR	100		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <u>Strip disking, strip spraying and prescribed burning</u> are eligible for up to three payments to encourage adoption. <b>Maximum of 100 acres of any combination.</b></li> <li>❑ <u>Woodland edge feathering</u> is a one time \$303/acre per tract payment.</li> </ul>								
592	Feed Management	Feed Management	AU	1.50	PR	100	1,500	√
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ This payment applies only to confined livestock facilities.</li> <li>❑ Producers must have a Feed Management plan, developed by a qualified individual, which meets the 592 standard to reduce Nitrogen and/or Phosphorus loads, reduce feed and water wastage and use, reduce overall manure production and/or improve air quality.</li> <li>❑ Animal units for the payment will be determined by the Animal Units (AU) present at any one time at the location or facility.</li> <li>❑ NRCS will not provide Technical Assistance (neither directly nor through TSPs).</li> <li>❑ Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>							
382	Fence	Permanent Fence	FT	0.83	PR	100		√
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Fence is only eligible if used to exclude livestock under 472-Access Control, for Waste Storage Ponds/Lagoons (313; 359) or for pasture management that meets FOTG Prescribed Grazing (528) standard.</li> <li>❑ Fence is not eligible around crop fields for the purpose of grazing crop residues.</li> </ul>							

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386	Field Border	Field Border	AC	297.00	PR	100		
393	Filter Strip	Muck Soils	AC	506.00	PR	100		
		Filter Strip	AC	312.00	PR	100		
666	Forest Stand Improvement	Forest Stand Improvement	AC	51.00	PR	100		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The offered forestland acreage under control of the applicant must be at least 10 acres.</li> <li>❑ A minimum of 10 acres of 666 must be scheduled in the contract.</li> <li>❑ Payment is not authorized where the amount of work is less than 200 diameter inches or less than 10 sq. ft. of basal area/acre or at least 30 grapevines per acre.</li> <li>❑ A Forestry Plan meeting Forest Management Plan – Written (106) standard must be developed prior to receiving payment. NOTE: a plan developed outside of EQIP Financial Assistance for 106 meets this requirement as long as the plan meets the 106 standard, Forest stewardship plans qualify.</li> </ul>							
655	Forest Trails and Landings	Erosion control on forest trails and landings	AC	476.00	PR	100		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Payment is for areas with existing trails with existing resource concerns and only for the actual acres needing treatment.</li> <li>❑ A Forestry Plan meeting Forest Management Plan – Written (106) standard must be developed prior to receiving payment. NOTE: a plan developed outside of EQIP Financial Assistance for 106 meets this requirement as long as the plan meets the 106 standard, Forest stewardship plans qualify.</li> </ul>							
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Rock Chute/Pipe Drop or Other	NO	3308.00	PR	100		
		Grouted Rock Chute	NO	4455.00	PR	100		
		Straight Pipe Structure	NO	1665.00	PR	100		
		Concrete, Aluminum, Steel Toewall or Weir	NO	5231.00	PR	100		
		Large Structure (Drainage Areas > 300 acres, or > 300 cfs)	NO	8498.00	PR	100		
412	Grassed Waterway	Grassed Waterway	AC	3273.00	PR	100		
561	Heavy Use Area Protection	Heavy Use Area Protection	SQ FT	0.74	PR	100	16,000	√
422	Hedgerow Planting	Hedgerow Planting - Herbaceous	FT	0.27	PR	100		
		Hedgerow Planting – Shrub Corridor	FT	1.24	PR	100		

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449	Irrigation Water Management	Irrigation Water Management - Implementation	AC	12.00	PR	100		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Management must decrease non-point source pollution of surface or ground water resources or result in increased efficiency of water use or increased energy efficiency.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A Uniformity Test and flow monitoring is required the first year payment is received.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payment is for detailed record keeping and data collection, and irrigating according to an approved irrigation scheduling program (such as Purdue's Michiana Irrigation Scheduler or equivalent).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payment provided only for existing irrigation systems. Participant must have irrigated 2 of the past 5 years per EQIP policy. The participants' statement or the DCs knowledge of this is acceptable proof.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>							
441	Irrigation System, Microirrigation	Add chemigation check valve only	NO	1500	PR	100		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payment is for installation of backflow prevention device on system chemigating and currently without device.</li> </ul>							
442	Irrigation System, Sprinkler	Add chemigation check valve only	NO	1500	PR	100		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payment is for installation of backflow prevention device on system chemigating and currently without device.</li> </ul>							
	Irrigation System, Sprinkler	Irrigation System – Sprinkler System upgrade	AC	44	PR	100	6000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Acres for payment are those that the system irrigates at one set up (not possible acres if moved).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payment is for upgrading <u>existing</u> systems for efficiency or water quality concerns.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The need for upgrading the existing system to be more energy and/or water efficient must be identified in an Irrigation Water Management Plan meeting the 118 standard prior to receiving payment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade must include two or all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Installation of backflow prevention device, if needed to address water quality resource concerns.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nozzle replacement of different type or to replace &gt;5 years old.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pressure regulator replacement or installation.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The EQIP application must also include Irrigation Water Management (449).</li> </ul>							
468	Lined Waterway or Outlet	Lined Waterway or Outlet	FT	43.37	PR	100		
484	Mulching	Mulching - Without Erosion Control Blanket	AC	464.00	PR	100		
		Mulching - Erosion Control Blanket	AC	5074.00	PR	100		
		Mulching-T&E Species-Leno Weave	AC	7611.00	PR	100		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 484 is only eligible to support another practice for the purpose of establishment of permanent vegetative cover.</li> </ul>							

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590	Nutrient Management	Nutrient Management - <b>Basic Management</b>	AC	6.00	PR	100	4,500	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Eligible on cropland or pastureland only if at least one of the following 3 scenarios is currently occurring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Soil testing has not occurred within the last 4 years, but regular soil testing will occur.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nitrogen is currently being applied in the fall / early winter without a nitrification inhibitor. Nitrogen will now be injected with a nitrification inhibitor or not applied in the fall / early winter. Surface applications of DAP and MAP are permitted but not on frozen or snow-covered ground.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nitrogen is currently applied as a single pre-plant application, but will be split applied/side-dressed.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for Nutrient Management (590) and Waste Utilization (633) can not be received on the same acres in the same contract year.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Nutrient Management Plan must be developed prior to the practice application.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>							
590	Nutrient Management	Nutrient Management - <b>High Management</b>	AC	22.00	PR	100	16,500	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Eligible on cropland only. <b>Must meet requirements of Nutrient Management-Basic Management.</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Eligible only if at least one of the following 3 scenarios is not currently occurring, but all 3 will be completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Intensive soil sampling (Grid or Soil Management Zone = 5 acres or less);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Intensively managed nutrient application placement (variable rate for P, K, and lime) for all years on all applications. Variable rate does not apply to starter fertilizer (corn/wheat), N sidedress applications and/or small grain topdress (N or P);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No fall nitrogen application for spring seeded crops (corn/soybean). Fall N application for wheat is permitted. Fall applications of DAP and MAP are permitted but not on frozen or snow-covered ground.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for Nutrient Management (590) and Waste Utilization (633) can not be received on the same acres in the same year.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Management-High Management can follow Nutrient Management-Basic Management; however Nutrient Management-Basic Management can not follow Nutrient Management-High Management.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>							
582	Open Channel	2-Stage Ditches	Ft	7.17	PR	100	32,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Eligible for existing constructed channels with &gt; 1 square mile drainage area.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Site evaluation by person with adequate engineering approval is required prior to contract obligation.</li> </ul>							
582	Open Channel	2-Stage Ditches-Shared Ditch	Ft	3.59	PR	100	16,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Where a property line bisects the ditch and both owners agree to installation, each owner receives the Shared Ditch payment rate for their portion of that section.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Must also meet the conditions for 2-Stage Ditches above.</li> </ul>							

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512	Pasture and Hay Planting	Warm & Cool Season Grasses	AC	185.00	PR	100		√
	Pasture and Hay Planting	Legume in Addition to Existing Stands	AC	91.00	PR	100		√
595	Pest Management	<b>Pest Management-Basic Management</b>	AC	3.00	PR	100	2,250	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Eligible on all cropland and pastureland where pesticides are applied not currently under a pest management plan that follows IPM principles (i.e. scouting, pest identification, field history, treatment threshold) for all pesticide applications.</li> <li>❑ Criteria for the payment are tied to fields that will receive the pesticides and will result in one of the following changes in current management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 3 pest scouting trips/crop per year are not currently occurring, but <b>will be</b> completed at emergence, mid-season, and late season.</li> <li>• Foliar applications are not currently based on economic thresholds, but <b>will be</b> applied only when field scouting discovers pests (e.g. diseases, insects, weeds) at economic threshold levels, as referenced in a Purdue extension/scientific publication, or a predicted threat by Purdue University Specialists.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ Follow all pesticide label setbacks (as applicable for water bodies, properties and other environmentally sensitive areas) for herbicides, insecticides and fungicides.</li> <li>❑ The Pest Management Plan must be developed prior to the practice application.</li> <li>❑ Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>							
	Pest Management	<b>Pest Management-Precision Application</b>	AC	15.00	PR	100	11,250	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Eligible on all <u>cropland</u> where pesticides are applied.</li> <li>❑ <b>Must meet requirements of Pest Management-Basic Management, plus the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Use of precision equipment with automated section or boom shut-off capabilities to minimize overlap and to <u>avoid</u> environmentally sensitive areas (NOTE: environmentally sensitive areas will be geo-referenced for all pesticide applications per the 595 standard – includes applicable setbacks, perennial water bodies, surface inlets, buffers, sinkholes – surficial opening and/or lowest point, etc.).</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ Pest Management-Precision Management can follow Pest Management-Basic Management; however Pest Management-Basic Management can not follow Pest Management-Precision Management.</li> <li>❑ Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>								

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595	Pest Management	Pest Management- <b>Precision Application on Orchards and Vegetable/Truck Crops</b>	AC	303.00	PR	100	3,030	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Eligible on all Orchards and Vegetable/Truck Crop lands where pesticides are applied.</li> <li>❑ Use of precision equipment with the capability of directed spray (tree crops) <b>or</b> Use of precision equipment with automated section or boom shut-off capabilities to minimize overlap and to <u>avoid</u> environmentally sensitive areas (NOTE: environmentally sensitive areas will be geo-referenced and referenced for all pesticide applications per the 595 standard – includes applicable setbacks, perennial water bodies, surface inlets, buffers, sinkholes – surficial opening and/or lowest point, etc.).</li> <li>❑ All pesticide applications will be based on scouting records and recommended application scenarios using approved Land Grant University pesticide application recommendations (Purdue’s MelCast, etc.)</li> <li>❑ Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>							
	Pest Management	Pest Management - <b>IPM Orchards</b>	AC	90.00	PR	100	4,500	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Eligible on all orchards where pesticides are applied. Growers will use the Ohio State University (OSU) IPM self-assessment tools online (at: <a href="http://ipm.osu.edu/pageview.asp?id=10">http://ipm.osu.edu/pageview.asp?id=10</a>) to obtain a benchmark score for pest management adoption at the start of the EQIP contract. Payments will be based on an annual increase in score of at least 10%, and a minimum score of 60% must be obtained by the end of the third year.</li> <li>❑ Follow all pesticide label setbacks (as applicable for water bodies, properties and other environmentally sensitive areas) for herbicides, insecticides and fungicides.</li> <li>❑ Foliar pesticide applications are only allowed when field scouting discovers pests (e.g. diseases, insects, weeds) at economic threshold levels, as referenced in a Purdue extension/scientific publication, or a predicted threat by Purdue University Specialists. Follow IPM principles (e.g. scouting, pest identification, field history, treatment threshold) for all pesticide applications.</li> <li>❑ Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques will include monitoring and forecasting, reduced-risk pesticides, reduced risk technology, cultural control and biologically based control, as applicable, for the crop to be grown.</li> <li>❑ The Pest Management Plan must be developed prior to the practice application.</li> <li>❑ Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>								

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595	Pest Management	Pest Management – <b>IPM Vegetable/Truck Crops</b>	AC	45.00	PR	100	2,250	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Eligible on all vegetable and truck crops where pesticides are applied. Growers will use the Ohio State University (OSU) IPM self-assessment tools online (at: <a href="http://ipm.osu.edu/pageview.asp?id=10">http://ipm.osu.edu/pageview.asp?id=10</a>) to obtain a benchmark score for pest management adoption at the start of the EQIP contract. Payments will be based on an annual increase in score of at least 10%, and a minimum score of 60% must be obtained by the end of the third year.</li> <li>❑ Follow all pesticide label setbacks (as applicable for water bodies, properties and other environmentally sensitive areas) for herbicides, insecticides and fungicides.</li> <li>❑ Foliar pesticide applications are only allowed when field scouting discovers pests (e.g. diseases, insects, weeds) at economic threshold levels, as referenced in a Purdue extension/scientific publication, or a predicted threat by Purdue University Specialists. Follow IPM principles (e.g. scouting, pest identification, field history, treatment threshold) for all pesticide applications.</li> <li>❑ Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques will include monitoring and forecasting, reduced-risk pesticides, reduced risk technology, cultural control and biologically based control, as applicable, for the crop to be grown.</li> <li>❑ The Pest Management Plan must be developed prior to the practice application.</li> <li>❑ Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>							
	Pest Management	Invasive Species Control <b>Forestlands 1<sup>st</sup> year</b>	AC	516.00	PR	100		
		Invasive Species Control <b>Forestlands 2<sup>nd</sup> year</b>	AC	299.00	PR	100		
		Invasive Species Control <b>Forestlands 3<sup>rd</sup> year</b>	AC	149.00	PR	100		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Eligible only if identified as necessary in an approved Forest Management Plan.</li> <li>❑ Chemical control methods are required.</li> <li>❑ Eligible on Forestland to control: <b><i>Asian Bush Honeysuckle; Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven); Autumn Olive; Glossy Buckthorn; Periwinkle</i></b></li> <li>❑ Area of treatment will be determined as follows: If a 20-acre tract has several small areas of infestation, do NOT consider the entire 20 acres as being treated. Total treatment acres are an aggregate percent of the estimated area of infestation. Example: if 20% of a 20-acre area is affected, then four (4) acres (20 AC X 20% = 4 AC) is considered the treated acres and eligible for payment.</li> <li>❑ Eligible for up to three payments</li> </ul>								
Pest Management	Invasive Species Control <b>Forestlands Vines &amp; Herbaceous</b>	AC	92.00	PR	100			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Eligible only if identified as necessary in an approved Forest Management Plan.</li> <li>❑ Chemical control methods are required.</li> <li>❑ Eligible on Forestland to control: <b><i>Japanese Honeysuckle; Japanese Stiltgrass</i></b></li> <li>❑ Area of treatment will be determined as follows: If a 20-acre tract has several small areas of infestation, do NOT consider the entire 20 acres as being treated. Total treatment acres are an aggregate percent of the estimated area of infestation. Example: if 20% of a 20-acre area is affected, then four (4) acres (20 AC X 20% = 4 AC) is considered the treated acres and eligible for payment.</li> <li>❑ Eligible for up to three payments</li> </ul>								

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595	Pest Management	Invasive Species Control <b>Pastureland</b>	AC	77.00	PR	100	3100	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible only if identified as necessary in a Prescribed Grazing Plan. <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical control methods are required. <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible on <b>Pastureland</b> to control: <b>Multi-Flora Rose; Autumn Olive; Buckthorn</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Area of treatment will be determined as follows: If a 20-acre tract has several small areas of infestation, do NOT consider the entire 20 acres as being treated. Total treatment acres are an aggregate percent of the estimated area of infestation. Example: if 20% of a 20-acre area is affected, then four (4) acres (20 AC X 20% = 4 AC) is considered the treated acres and eligible for payment. <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible for up to three payments.							
	Pest Management	Tree and Shrub Establishment – Post Planting Herbicide Treatment	AC	51.00	PR	100		
<input type="checkbox"/> Post planting herbicide treatment is eligible for 2 additional years after the tree planting year.								
516	Pipeline	Pipeline - Bedded	FT	1.84	PR	100		✓
		Pipeline Non-Bedded	FT	1.32	PR	100		✓
378	Pond	Pond	NO	9,040.00	PR	100		✓
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ponds (378) are allowed only for livestock watering. <input type="checkbox"/> Economic feasibility of alternate water sources must be evaluated and considered. <input type="checkbox"/> Ponds must be sized for the grazing need or the minimum to meet standards.							
521A &/or 521B	Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane	Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane	AC	49,005.00	PR	100		✓
	Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant	Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant	AC	2,320.00	PR	100		✓
<input type="checkbox"/> 521A, and 521B, are allowed <b>only</b> for Waste Storage (313) and Waste Storage Lagoons (359).								
528	Prescribed Grazing	Prescribed Grazing	AC	25.00	PR	100	3,000	✓
	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments will also be available for other practices required as part of the plan. <input type="checkbox"/> Must have implemented one of the practices planned for the rotational grazing system to receive the first payment. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment includes the typical scenario cost of temporary, moveable fencing. <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible for up to three payments. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment for 528 is not eligible in the same year and acreage receiving Nutrient Management (590)-Basic or							
533	Pumping Plant for Water	Pumping Plant for Water Well	NO	1,170.00	PR	100		
	Pumping Plant for Water	Pumping Plant for Water Control	NO	2,390.00	PR	100		✓
<input type="checkbox"/> Paid only for livestock water or wetland control.								

Practice Code	Practice Name	Scenario	Unit Type	Unit Payment Rate	Payment type	Rate	Payment Cap	Livestock Practice
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No Till	Residue Management, No Till	AC	21.00	PR	100	15,750	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>A STIR rating of less than 20 must be documented to receive this Payment.</b></li> <li>❑ This practice must be <b>applied to the same acres all 3 years</b> in which the payments are made.</li> <li>❑ Applicant must have no-tilled for less than 5 consecutive years in order to be eligible (based on the Indiana 329 Practice Standard).</li> <li>❑ The crop rotation for the contract period must include <b>at least two years of no-till corn.</b></li> <li>❑ Must develop nutrient management (590) and pest management (595) plans that are specific for a no-till system, and have any component critical to the success of the system implemented the fall prior to the implementation of no-till. This is to address issues that may limit the success of no-till implementation. Payments will be provided for nutrient management and pest management practices as well if requirements are met.</li> <li>❑ It is intended that 345 precede 329 in a contract where 345 is used as a transition from conventional tillage to the 329.</li> <li>❑ In contracts where 345 is used as a transition, the combined total of both practices will not exceed 2 years of 345 and 3 years of 329.</li> <li>❑ This is the only case in which both 345 and 329 can be used on one contract. It is not allowable to pay for 500 acres of mulch till on one farm or field and 500 acres of no-till on another.</li> <li>❑ Eligible for up to three payments.</li> <li>❑ Agronomy Tech Notes 1- 4 are references for this practice at: <a href="http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/TechnicalNotes/technicalnotes.html">http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/TechnicalNotes/technicalnotes.html</a></li> </ul>							
345	Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till	Residue Management, Mulch Till – Modified No-Till	AC	8.00	PR	100	6,000	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Practice must meet the Indiana 345 practice standard for modified no-till / high end mulch till system.</li> <li>❑ <b>A STIR rating of less than 20 must be documented to receive this Payment.</b></li> <li>❑ This practice <b>must be applied to the same acres all 3 years</b> in which the payments are made.</li> <li>❑ Applicant must have mulch tilled (modified no till) and/or no tilled (329) for less than 5 consecutive years in order to be eligible.</li> <li>❑ The rotation for the contract period must include <b>at least two years of corn.</b></li> <li>❑ Must develop nutrient management (590) and pest management (595) plans that are specific for a mulch-till system, and have any component critical to the success of the system implemented the fall prior to the implementation of mulch-till. This is to address issues that may limit the success of mulch-till implementation. Payments will be provided for nutrient management and pest management practices as well if requirements are met.</li> <li>❑ It is intended that 345 precede 329 in a contract where 345 is used as a transition from conventional tillage to the 329.</li> <li>❑ In contracts where 345 is used as a transition, the combined total of both practices will not exceed 2 years of 345 and 3 years of 329.</li> <li>❑ This is the only case in which both 345 and 329 can be used on one contract. It is not allowable to pay for 500 acres of mulch till on one farm or field and 500 acres of no-till on another.</li> <li>❑ Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>							

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643	Restoration & Management of Rare or Declining Habitats	Restoration & Management of Rare or Declining Habitats	AC	671.00	PR	100		
391	Riparian Forest Buffer	Riparian Forest Buffer	AC	540.00	PR	100		
390	Riparian Herbaceous Cover	Native Grasses	AC	321.00	PR	100		
558	Roof Runoff Structure	5" & 6" Gutters	FT	3.38	PR	100	6,760	√
		Rock Trench	FT	6.18	PR	100	12,360	√
350	Sediment Basin	Settling basin for ag waste	NO	4,056.00	PR	100		√
		Sediment basin for ag land	NO	5,070.00	PR	100		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ag Land sediment basin is only eligible in areas with >30 acre Drainage Area and protecting open water (lake, stream); otherwise use Water and Sediment Control Basin (638)								
646	Shallow Water Development and Management	Shallow Water Development and Management	AC	2,494.00	PR	100		
574	Spring Development	Spring Development	NO	1,712.00	PR	100		√
578	Stream Crossing	Stream Crossing - Rock	NO	1,924.00	PR	100		√
		Stream Crossing Culvert or Concrete	NO	4,043.00	PR	100		√
585	Strip Cropping	Strip Cropping	AC	4.00	PR		3000.00	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Crop Strips will be no wider than 360 feet.							
587	Structure For Water Control	Structure For Water Control	NO	1,191.00	PR	100		
606	Subsurface Drain	Small 6" or less Tile	FT	1.50	PR	100		
		8" Tile	FT	2.18	PR	100		
		10" Tile	FT	3.00	PR	100		
		12" Tile	FT	3.81	PR	100		
		Large 15" or larger Tile	FT	5.27	PR	100		
<input type="checkbox"/> 606 is paid only as a supporting practice to another EQIP practice. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment is not to exceed the payment on the other EQIP practice that 606 is supporting. <input type="checkbox"/> In conjunction with a Grassed Waterway, or Diversion, size is limited to 8 inches. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Exception:</b> Where an existing tile <b>crosses</b> a Grassed Waterway, or Diversion, and needs to be replaced; then payment will be provided for replacement of the existing tile for the width of the waterway, regardless of diameter, but diameters greater than 15 inch will be paid at the 15 inch diameter rate.								

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600	Terrace	Terrace	FT	2.85	PR	100		
612	Tree and Shrub Establishment	Tree and Shrub Establishment – Cropland	AC	523.00	PR	100		
		Tree and Shrub Establishment – Pasture/Hayland	AC	449.00	PR	100		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A Forestry Plan meeting Forest Management Plan – Written (106) standard must be developed prior to receiving payment. NOTE: plans developed outside of EQIP meet this requirement if the plan meets the 106 standard, Forest stewardship plans qualify.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The offered <b>upland</b> forestland acreage under control of the applicant must be at least 10 contiguous acres <u>after</u> the plan is implemented.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The minimum amount of <b>upland</b> tree planting to be completed must be at least 1.0 acre adjacent to existing forestland that results in at least 10 acres of contiguous forest land.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The offered <b>bottomland or wetland</b> forests acreage under control of the applicant must be at least 5 contiguous acres <u>after</u> the plan is implemented.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The minimum amount of <b>bottomland or wetland</b> tree planting to be completed must be at least 1.0 acre adjacent to existing forestland that results in at least 5 contiguous acres of forest land.</li> </ul>							
660	Tree/Shrub Pruning	Pruning	AC	60	PR	100		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pruning only of plantation hardwood crop trees (Black Walnut, Black Cherry, and Oak Species).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A Forestry Plan meeting Forest Management Plan – Written (106) standard must be developed prior to receiving payment. NOTE: plans developed outside of EQIP meet this requirement if the plan meets the 106 standard, Forest stewardship plans qualify.</li> </ul>							
620	Underground Outlet	Small 6" or less Tile	FT	1.50	PR	100		
	Underground Outlet	8" Tile	FT	2.18	PR	100		
	Underground Outlet	10" Tile	FT	3.00	PR	100		
	Underground Outlet	12" Tile	FT	3.81	PR	100		
	Underground Outlet	Large 15" or larger Tile	FT	5.27	PR	100		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 620 is paid only as a supporting practice to another EQIP practice.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payment is not to exceed the payment on the other EQIP practice that 620 is supporting.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Diameters greater than 15 inch will be paid at the 15 inch diameter rate.</li> </ul>								
645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	Native Grasses	AC	334.00	PR	100		
		Tree and Shrubs	AC	523.00	PR	100		
		Introduced Cool Season Grasses	AC	250.00	PR	100		
635	Vegetated Treatment Area	Vegetated Treatment Area	AC	3,150.00	PR	100		√

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313	Waste Storage Facility	Concrete Pit-Small (<25,000 gal)	CU FT	2.21	PR	100	55,000	√
		Concrete Pit-Small (<25,000 gal) EXPANSION	CU FT	0.59	PR	100	22,000	√
		Concrete Pit or pre-fabricated	CU FT	1.07	PR	100	55,000	√
		Concrete Pit or pre-fabricated EXPANSION	CU FT	0.28	PR	100	22,000	√
		Earthen Pit	CU FT	0.20	PR	100	55,000	√
		Earthen Pit EXPANSION	CU FT	0.05	PR	100	22,000	√
		Dry Stack-with roof	SQ FT	14.96	PR	100	55,000	√
		Dry Stack-with roof EXPANSION	SQ FT	3.96	PR	100	22,000	√
		Dry Stack- no roof	SQ FT	8.62	PR	100	55,000	√
		Dry Stack- no roof EXPANSION	SQ FT	2.30	PR	100	22,000	√
		Litter Stack	SQ FT	11.58	PR	100	55,000	√
		Litter Stack EXPANSION	SQ FT	3.09	PR	100	22,000	√
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ New production facilities are not eligible for payments except under the provisions of the Confined Livestock Operations- New Facilities paragraph on page 3 of these guidelines.</li> <li>❑ To be eligible for payments a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) must be written, delivered, and certified prior to the start of the waste storage facility.</li> <li>❑ <b>Payment will be limited to a facility sized for up to an additional 180 days storage for animals contributing to the storage facility. Animal Waste Management software (V 2.3.0 or later) will be used to determine the contracted size of the storage facility and the subsequent amount eligible for payment.</b></li> <li>❑ This practice requires an on site engineering review and cost estimate by a NRCS Engineer.</li> <li>❑ If a site has no animals but will be collecting and storing manure from another farm, then the applicant must have a contract to receive manure at the site for the length of the EQIP contract, and provide NRCS with a copy to be eligible for payments.</li> <li>❑ Eligible when implemented to solve an existing resource concern on an existing facility site with less than 20% expansion of the Animal Units within the same species.</li> <li>❑ Where expansion of the Animal Units in an existing facility is 20% or more, payment will be based on the EXPANSION scenario up to the capped amount.</li> </ul>						
629	Waste Treatment	Biofilter – ‘bed’ type	No.	563	PR	100	6,500	√
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Producers are required to acquire their own Technical Assistance (no NRCS or TSP design available).</li> <li>❑ For existing air quality concerns associated with mechanically ventilated livestock buildings.</li> <li>❑ Eligible for bed type filters on <u>pit</u> fans only.</li> <li>❑ Payment is per fan.</li> <li>❑ Eligible components include biofilter, plenums, exhaust fan upgrades, and moisture management systems.</li> </ul>							

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359	Waste Treatment Lagoon	Waste Treatment Lagoon	CU FT	0.20	PR	100	55,000	√
	Waste Treatment Lagoon	Waste Treatment Lagoon EXPANSION	CU FT	0.05	PR	100	22,000	√
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ New production facilities are not eligible for payments except under the provisions of the Confined Livestock Operations- New Facilities paragraph on page 3 of these guidelines.</li> <li>❑ To be eligible for payments a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) must be written, approved, delivered, and certified prior to the start of the waste treatment lagoon.</li> <li>❑ This practice requires an on site engineering review and cost estimate by a NRCS Engineer.</li> <li>❑ If a site has no animals but will be collecting and storing manure from another farm, then the applicant must have a contract to receive manure at the site for the length of the EQIP contract, and provide NRCS with a copy to be eligible for payments.</li> <li>❑ When implemented to solve an existing resource concern on an existing facility site with less than 20% expansion of the Animal Units within the same species, payments may be up to the capped amount.</li> <li>❑ Where expansion of the Animal Units in an existing facility is 20% or more, payments will be based on the EXPANSION scenario up to the capped amount.</li> </ul>							
633	Waste Utilization	Waste Utilization- <b>Basic Management</b>	AC	35.00	PR	100	8,750	√
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Available for crop and pasture/hay fields where animal wastes are being utilized.</li> <li>❑ Land where waste utilization or nutrient management is currently being implemented to NRCS standards is not eligible for 633.</li> <li>❑ Land under a newly written CNMP plan is eligible for waste utilization as long as it is not prohibited by other provisions in this section.</li> <li>❑ Soil test must have been completed within the last 4 years to be valid. The minimum number of acres necessary for manure application shall be based on the IDEM "Manure Application Land Requirements." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Only fields with a soil test phosphorus level of &lt;50 ppm (100 lbs) per acre will be eligible.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ The applicant can be the generator or receiver of the waste and must have control of the fields that receive the waste during the life of the contract.</li> <li>❑ Criteria for the payment are tied to the fields that will receive the manure and will result in one of the following changes in the current management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pre-sidedress soil nitrate test (PSNT) <b>and/or</b> chlorophyll meter (SPAD) are not currently being used, but <b>will be</b> completed on cropland receiving manure. Follow Purdue University CES publication (AY-314-W or AY-317-W) guidelines.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ Municipal sewage sludge applications are not eligible.</li> <li>❑ Payments for Nutrient Management (590) and Waste Utilization (633) can not be received on the same acres in the same contract year.</li> <li>❑ A Waste Utilization Plan, Nutrient Management Plan, or a CNMP must be developed prior to the practice application.</li> <li>❑ Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>							

Practice Code	Practice Name	Scenario	Unit Type	Unit Payment Rate	Payment type	Rate	Payment Cap	Livestock Practice
633	Waste Utilization	Waste Utilization- <b>High Management</b>	AC	42.00	PR	100	10,500	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Available for the additional management/costs associated with cover crops and/or nitrification inhibitors.</li> <li>❑ <b>Must meet the requirements of Waste Utilization-Basic Management, plus either of the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Manure applications on summer (after wheat), fall, winter or after corn silage allowed only with a cover crop, established prior to or within 2 weeks after manure application, and/or the use of a nitrification inhibitor.</li> <li>○ Eligible for spring manure applications, only if switching manure application from summer (after wheat), fall or winter.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ Payments for Nutrient Management (590) and Waste Utilization (633) can not be received on the same acres in the same year.</li> <li>❑ This Payment is in addition to any other Payment for the cover crop (340).</li> <li>❑ Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>							
638	Water & Sediment Control Basin	Water & Sediment Control Basin	No.	2011.00	PR	100		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Water &amp; Sediment Control Basin (638) <b>requires the following three conditions to be met:</b></li> <li>❑ Practices 590 (Nutrient Management) and 595 (Pest Management) must already be implemented or implementation started within the year the structure is being built.</li> <li>❑ Fields within the watershed of the structure must be managed to "T", or practices must be installed in the year the structure is built that brings the soil loss to "T".</li> <li>❑ All of these requirements apply within the entire drainage area of the WASCObS, whether on the applicant's land or adjacent land. If these requirements are not met, practice 638 is not eligible for a payment.</li> </ul>							
642	Water Well	Drilled Well	FT	18.00	PR	100		✓
	Water Well	Dug Well	FT	60.00	PR	100		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Paid only for livestock watering</li> <li>❑ Schedule Pumping Plant for pump separately</li> </ul>							
614	Watering Facility	Portable Tank-Plastic	NO	146.00	PR	100		✓
	Watering Facility	Ball Fountain or Concrete tank	NO	923.00	PR	100		✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Schedule Heavy Use Area Protection (561) as needed</li> </ul>							
351	Well Decommissioning	Well Decommissioning	NO	188.00	PR	100		
657	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration-Typical	AC	2231.00	PR	100		
		Wetland Restoration- Simple	AC	778.00	PR	100		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Typical</b> wetland restoration would involve macro-topography, levees, structures and/or extensive seeding.</li> <li>❑ <b>Simple</b> wetland restoration scenario is to be used for projects with tile breaks or simple ditch plugs and minimal seeding.</li> <li>❑ Acres implemented are only those where hydrology restoration will occur and not any buffer areas</li> <li>❑ Construction of nesting islands is NOT eligible for compensation.</li> </ul>							

Practice Code	Practice Name	Scenario	Unit Type	Unit Payment Rate	Payment type	Rate	Payment Cap	Livestock Practice
644	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	AC	23.00	PR	100	575	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payment to manage area for wetland wildlife for a maximum of 25 acres per applicant per year.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Individual practices installed under this practice will be paid at rates established for the practices installed.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Eligible for up to three payments.</li> </ul>							
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	FT	0.8	PR	100		

**NOTE: The cap column is the maximum payment that will be paid for a practice regardless of the units installed or the unit cost of the item. Caps for Historically Underserved participants are 15% higher than those listed above except for management practices (329, 633, 590, 595, 340).**

## Historically Underserved Instructions:

### Limited Resource Farmers:

- Limited Resource Farmers have the responsibility to prove that they are eligible for that Special Group. Potential Limited Resource Farmers must meet the definition of ag producer and meet both of the following:
  1. Direct or indirect gross farm sales not more than \$142,000 in each of the previous two years.\*1
  - AND**
  2. A total household income at or below the national poverty level of \$22,050 for a family of four or less than 50 percent of county median household income in each of the previous two years.\*2
- Limited Resource Farmers should go to this link <http://www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/tool.asp> and run the tool to see if they meet the requirements.
- Prior to signing the EQIP contract, producers will have to show District Conservationists the following two items from the IRS 1040 for the previous two tax years: 1. the Gross farm income, generally on line 11 of Schedule F, Profit or Loss from Farming to substantiate gross farm sales and; 2. the Adjusted Gross Income, generally on line 33 of the 1040 to substantiate household income less than 50 percent of the county median. The IRS 1040 form must be the signed document as filed with IRS, copies are acceptable.
- All members of an entity must meet the Limited Resource Farmer requirement.
- District conservationists will document in assistance notes that they have confirmed the Limited Resource Farmer status. Copies of 1040's and schedule F's will NOT be maintained by NRCS.

\*1 This value will be adjusted for inflation beginning in 2010 using the "Prices Paid by Farmer Index" compiled by **NASS**.

\*2 Total household income will be determined annually and indexed for inflation using Commerce Department Data.

### Beginning farmer:

- Beginning Farmers have the responsibility to prove that they are eligible for that Special Group. Potential Beginning Farmers must meet the definition of ag producer and meet both of the following:
  1. Be an individual or entity that has NOT operated a farm, or who has operated a farm for not more than 10 consecutive years. (This requirement applies to all members of an entity.)

**AND**

2. Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm

- Prior to signing the EQIP contract producers must show District Conservationists at least one IRS 1040 from the previous ten years where Schedule F, Profit or Loss from Farming, has NOT been filed. Information from Schedule F is generally found on line 18 of the 1040. The IRS 1040 form must be the signed document as filed with IRS, copies are acceptable.
- All members of an entity must meet the Beginning Farmer requirement.
- District conservationists will document in assistance notes that they have confirmed the Beginning Farmer status. Copies of 1040's and schedule F's will NOT be maintained by NRCS.

**Socially Disadvantaged farmer:**

- Is a member of a group that has been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudices because of their identity as a member of a group, without regard to their individual qualities.
- Gender alone is not a covered group.
- There is no validation process for participants who self certify as belonging to a socially disadvantaged group.
- See CPM-440-512.5 for additional information

**Producer Eligibility:**

To be eligible to participate in EQIP, an applicant must be an agricultural producer. To be considered an agricultural producer, there must be a minimum of \$1,000 in agricultural products sold, or that normally would have been sold, in a normal year.

Producers with **only** forest land must have one of the following to be considered eligible:

- An existing forest management plan or forest stewardship plan.
- A prior record of timber harvest or revenue from timber sales.
- Proof of capital investment in forest practices.

See CPM 440-515.51 for additional information on producer eligibility.

**Land Eligibility:**

Eligible land is land on which agricultural commodities or livestock are produced and includes cropland, grassland, pastureland, and private non-industrial private forest. ***Reclaimed mine land is eligible only if it has been used as agricultural land and has been released from bond. NRCS must have written proof that the bond has been released.***

See CPM-440-515.52 for additional information on land eligibility.

**Technical Assistance from TSPs:**

EQIP participants may choose to hire a TechReg certified Technical Service Provider (TSP) to assist them with the technical assistance activities to design and implement their contracted practices. TSP technical assistance (TA) funds will be provided, subject to fund availability, for any practice scheduled to be implemented in calendar year 2010 (FY2010 applications and prior-year EQIP contracts) – (**NOTE:** FY2010 applications should have the TSP TA scheduled in the application; Prior Year contracts will need to be modified to add the TSP TA practices), subject to the following exceptions:

- Technical Assistance is only available for practices that have a total estimated installation cost less than \$100,000. Engineering on individual projects over \$100,000 will not be completed by NRCS; therefore, TSP TA is

only available where the estimated installation cost is less than \$100,000. See the NRCS Indiana Supplement to Part 502 – Responsibilities, of the National Engineering Manual for related NRCS Indiana policy at [http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/manual\\_supplements.html](http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/intranet/manual_supplements.html).

- Technical Assistance for CNMPs scheduled in Prior Year contracts – these individuals should apply for an FY2010 Conservation Activity Plan, and modify their current contract to delete the 100 or 102 Practice Code.

The following TA activities are eligible for payments to producers, **except** NRCS will not provide direct technical assistance, or TSP TA funding, for assistance on Feed Management (592), Anaerobic Digesters (365/366), Biofilters (629), or Conservation Activity Plans (102, 106, 118, 138):

1. 911 Design (all other practices)
2. 912 Installation (all other practices)
3. 913 Checkout (all other practices)

Payments to the producer for 911, 912 or 913 can be made upon delivery of the required documents to NRCS as stated in the Statements of Work for the practice, located in Section IV of the Electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG). The Nutrient Management Plan and Pest Management Plan checklists meet these requirements. Payments for practices **912 and 913 shall be submitted together**, and should also be processed with the payment for the associated practice since the 912 and 913 activities will certify that the practice was installed according to NRCS standards and specifications. Payments will be made for the TSP Technical Service Payment Rate for the specific practice and service Technical Service Payment rates are published on TechReg, available at <http://techreg.sc.egov.usda.gov/NTE/TSPNTE2/index.asp>. Copies of the final TSP Technical Service Payment rates obtained from TechReg will be filed in the participant's file. The producer may or may not be reimbursed for the actual amount charged by the TSP provider. Service provider rates are negotiable between the provider and the producer.

**TSP TA For All Engineering Practices:** all three TA activities (911, 912, and 913) must be scheduled and completed by the TSP. TA practice code 911 will not be scheduled without 912 and 913.

**TSP TA Guidance for Practices with Multiple Years of Application:** 911, 912, and 913 are only available 1 time per contract on a practice. 912 and 913 are only eligible the first year of practice implementation. Practices implemented previously are not eligible for 912 and 913. Practices scheduled this year but not previously implemented are eligible for 912 and 913. **TSP TA Step-By-Step Instructions for NRCS and for EQIP Applicants** are available at <http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/eqiphomepage.html>

### **Waivers to Begin Practices:**

Starting a practice before the contract is approved by NRCS causes the applicant to be ineligible for EQIP financial assistance for that practice, unless a waiver has been granted. The State Conservationist has issued a statewide waiver for Cover Crops, Waste Utilization Basic and High, practices associated with a Livestock Environmental Emergency application, and TSP TA practices if they were scheduled for 2010 with \$0 funds obligated in a prior year contract. **There will be no waivers approved for other practices.** The waiver will expire at the end of the fiscal year in which it is granted. Refer to INDIANA BULLETIN NO. 300-10-1 for complete information on the waiver process for 2010.

**Potential Duplicative Payments:**

NRCS must ensure that 2010 EQIP contracts do not include practices that may cause duplicate payments with Conservation Security Program payments. See Indiana Bulletin 300-9-35 for the list of Conservation practices that may create potential duplicative payments between multiple USDA program payments.

**Products to the Participant:**

NRCS shall provide one signed copy of the NRCS-CPA-1202, NRCS-CPA-1202 appendix, Application Evaluation and Ranking Tool (AERT), and NRCS-CPA-1155 to the participant when the "Approved" EQIP contract is signed by the participant. Every signatory to the contract that receives any payment share greater than 0% shall receive a copy of the listed documents.