



## 2007 Fiscal Report Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

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NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to help agricultural producers and others care for the land. NRCS has six mission goals that include high quality, productive soils; clean and abundant water; healthy plant and animal communities; clean air; an adequate energy supply; and working farms and ranchlands.

### Vision

Productive Lands -  
Healthy Environment

### Mission

Helping People Help the Land

*"I got involved under NRCS' EQIP program for assistance in reseeding my alfalfa and grass. I am so enthused that I can now have effective water management use on my land. Now, through EQIP, I get 5 1/4 tons-per-acre production using the pivot system where I only got 3 tons-per-acre in the past using the side roll system."*

**Landowner**

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### The Program

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program that provides technical, financial, and educational assistance to farmers and ranchers. It's a tool that addresses significant natural resource concerns including water quality and quantity, soil quality, rangeland health, and drought while implementing conservation practices such as:

- ◆ Stockwater development
- ◆ Irrigation delivery and system improvements
- ◆ Tree and shrub plantings
- ◆ Grass seeding
- ◆ Related management practices such as prescribed grazing, irrigation water management, and wildlife habitat management

### Funding Allocations

EQIP funds are distributed in Colorado's ten watershed areas. These watershed areas are identified at the local level and are reviewed and supported by the State Technical Committee, made up of conservation partners from various Federal, state, and local agencies, several agricultural organizations, and others.

In addition to the general EQIP process, Colorado also receives funds in three watersheds earmarked for salinity control work. Colorado also receives funds through the *Ground and Surface Water Conservation (GSWC)* component of EQIP. These funds are available for water-conserving practices in the High Plains Aquifer, or that area generally known as the Ogallala Aquifer in Colorado.

### The Assistance

EQIP activities are carried out according to an EQIP plan of operation developed in conjunction with the producer.

- ◆ Contracts for confined livestock feeding operations require the development and implementation of a comprehensive nutrient management plan.
- ◆ EQIP offers contracts with a minimum term of one year and a maximum term of ten years.
- ◆ NRCS pays up to 75 percent of the cost of certain conservation practices.
- ◆ Total cost-share and incentive payments are limited to \$450,000 per individual.

# FISCAL YEAR 2007 EQIP CONTRACT FUNDING

## Totals by Watersheds

<b>Watershed</b>	<b># Applications Received</b>	<b># Applications Approved</b>	<b>Dollars Approved</b>
Colorado River	178	99	\$3,130,310
Gunnison - Dolores	166	76	\$3,460,809
Lower Arkansas	229	182	\$4,872,377
Lower South Platte	216	135	\$3,140,920
North Platte/White/Yampa	73	63	\$1,387,212
Republican	139	81	\$1,632,541
Rio Grande	263	199	\$2,177,812
San Juan	224	179	\$4,293,698
Upper Arkansas	174	96	\$1,638,851
Upper South Platte	171	103	\$2,804,504
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1833</b>	<b>1213</b>	<b>\$28,539,034</b>

## Totals by Issue

<b>Issue</b>	<b># Applications Received</b>	<b># Applications Approved</b>	<b>Dollars Approved</b>
Water Quality/Quantity	530	355	\$8,433,338
Soil Management	123	97	\$2,180,752
Grazing Land	382	250	\$6,867,064
Wildlife	39	23	\$313,935
Riparian	20	15	\$454,881
Waste Management	11	3	\$92,210
Forestry	78	61	\$637,353
Invasive Species	192	160	\$675,495
Salinity	292	135	\$6,112,707
CNMP	8	7	\$30,006
Acequias	22	15	\$68,432
GSWC	136	92	\$2,672,861
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