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**Colorado NRCS Announces Application Cutoff Date for 2013 EQIP Funding  
Deadline is Monday, July 2, 2012**

*Denver* – The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Colorado recently announced an application cutoff date of **Monday, July 2, 2012**, in order to be considered for 2013 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Submitted eligible applications that are received after July 2, 2012, will be considered during a later time and will be processed throughout the fiscal year as needed.

The accelerated timeline for EQIP is intended to provide program participants and NRCS staff more time for quality conservation planning and economic impact analysis. All applications will be evaluated and funded on a watershed basis, with local and watershed workgroup input on conservation priorities.

*“Over the years, we have seen exceptional support from landowners for the EQIP program,”* said Phyllis Ann Philipps, NRCS State Conservationist, CO. *“This earlier-than-usual deadline allows us to provide better assistance in helping them conserve our natural resources.”*

NRCS continually strives to put conservation planning at the forefront of its programs and initiatives. Conservation plans provide landowners with a comprehensive inventory and assessment of their resources and an appropriate start to improving the quality of soil, water, air, plants, and wildlife on their land.

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EQIP is an incentives program that provides financial assistance for conservation systems such as animal waste management facilities, irrigation system efficiency improvements, fencing, and water supply development for improved grazing management, riparian protection, and wildlife habitat enhancement.

Interested applicants may apply at their local NRCS Service Center. To locate an office near you please click on this link: [Service Center Locator](#). Applications **MUST** be received in your local NRCS Service Center by close of business on **Monday, July 2, 2012**.

For additional information on EQIP, please contact Dawn Jackson, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, at 720-544-2805 or email her at [dawn.jackson@co.usda.gov](mailto:dawn.jackson@co.usda.gov). You can also visit our website at [www.co.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.co.nrcs.usda.gov).

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