

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)



The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is our most utilized option for the agricultural community of Alameda County. EQIP provides technical support and financial payments to encourage voluntary conservation on rangeland, cropland, and natural areas through projects such as livestock water development and distribution, internal cross-fencing to increase grazing management options, establishing hedgerows for native pollinators and beneficial insects, and utilizing cover crop for soil health and erosion reduction.

Conservation planning is the first step in our programs. Our staff works with clients to discuss and document the resource concerns on the property and then makes recommendations for those concerns. Those recommendations may include structural or management components, which may be appropriate for EQIP funding. Applications for EQIP, including the Livestock Pond Initiative, are accepted year-round and applicants must meet the USDA eligibility requirements.

To learn more about any of these programs, please contact our office at 925-371-0154, or click on the links below.

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/eqip/>

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