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2008 Environmental Quality Incentives Program Funding Cutoff Announced

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced Friday, November 2, 2007, as the cutoff date for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications to be considered for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 funding.

When farmers or ranchers apply for 2008 EQIP funding, they will be required to fill out a Kansas EQIP Self-Assessment Worksheet. These worksheets provide information to the producer about the program and assist NRCS in obtaining information for ranking the application.

EQIP is available to help address the unique circumstances and concerns of limited resource and beginning farmers and ranchers, who have natural resource concerns that need to be addressed on their land. In Kansas limited resource and beginning farmers and ranchers may receive a higher payment rate through EQIP for structural and vegetative practices.

Agricultural producers interested in participating in EQIP can apply at any time at their local NRCS office. The Lincoln County office is located at 112 East Court, Lincoln, Kansas or you can call the office at 785-524-4482, extension 3. Additional information about 2008 EQIP is available on the Web site at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/2008. This will include information about 2008 EQIP—Kansas EQIP fact sheet; the Kansas EQIP Self-Assessment Worksheets; an application form; a list of eligible practices and payment rates; and specifics on Kansas's ranking process, including criteria used to evaluate applications.

Only those applications received **PRIOR** to close of business November 2, 2007 will be considered for Fiscal Year 2008 funding.

2008 EQIP

- Cutoff date**
Nov. 2, 2007
- Must complete an EQIP Self-Assessment Worksheet**

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Cost-share Available

Lincoln County Conservation District has a limited amount of Water Resources cost-share funds available. These funds can be used for terraces, terrace reconstruction, pit ponds, grassed waterways, grassed waterway restoration, pasture and hayland planting, range seeding, and other conservation practices.

A few qualifying guidelines to receive cost-share funds follow.:

Livestock watering facilities, such as a pond, spring development, or livestock well:

1. Pasture has to have a permanent fence,
2. Serve at least 40 acres
3. Be the best available source of **additional** water supply to promote grazing distribution

Terraces must be at least 20 years old and less than 0.6 feet high to qualify for cost-share funds.

All applications received will be ranked using an evaluation worksheet approved by the State Conservation Commission (SCC). If you have any projects that you may want cost-share on, contact NRCS or the Conservation District to determine whether the project meets the eligibility requirements.

Vonada is District Aide

Jenna Vonada joined the conservation team for the summer as a District Aide for Lincoln County Conservation District. Jenna is the daughter of Damon and Janet Vonada. Jenna has grown up on the family farm north of Sylvan Grove and will be a senior at Sylvan Unified High School. In school, Jenna is actively involved in FCA, NHS, KAYs, GCTL, volleyball, basketball, softball, choir, and band. She also is involved in 4-H and enjoys showing her cattle at the Lincoln County Fair. After graduating from high school, Jenna plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in secondary education as a math or science teacher.



Board Meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. during the summer and 7:30 p.m. during winter. Meetings are held at the USDA Service Center, 112 E. Court Street, Lincoln.

Open to Public!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 8—Office Closed
- October 10 - 4th Grade Field Day with Lincoln and Sylvan Grove students
- October (Tentative) - Abandoned well plugging demonstration
- October—Nominations for Bankers Award Winners accepted

