



NJ Farm Bill Programs 2012 Conservation Activity Plan Catalog

2012 EQIP Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs) are only available under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, EQIP. Payment rates are set nationally.

APPLICATIONS: Applications for Conservation Activity Plans will be single-practice applications that include only the Conservation Activity Plan, and **will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis** (depending on funding availability), without regard to ranking as the applications are certified as eligible.

- Producers are eligible for a one time only payment to develop a Plan that meets the applicable standard. No more than 1 specific Conservation Activity Plan will be scheduled per FSA tract; however, more than 1 Conservation Activity Plan of different types (i.e. –100 codes) may be scheduled per tract if on separate land units within the tract.
- All applications will be entered in ProTracts. Payment limitations, adjusted gross income (AGI), and producer eligibility must be verified before the application status is changed to eligible.
- Payment is for the Technical Assistance to develop the Plan (additional TSP payments are not eligible). Producers must use a TechReg TSP to be eligible for payment. If the producer receives a plan free of charge from a qualified provider, they are not eligible for this payment.
- If any other practices are requested they must be in a separate EQIP application.
- The Conservation Activity Plan must be scheduled and completed within 12 months of contract signature.
- On the next pages, the "EQIP \$" column shows the payment rate. The "HU \$" column shows the payment rate for applicants who self-certify as a member of a historically underserved group (limited resource, socially disadvantaged, or beginning farmer).

Conservation Activity Plans may only be provided to applicants by **TechReg-Certified Technical Service Providers** (TSPs). Conservation Activity Plans are to be written within 1 year of contract approval.

For CNMPs, TSPs may use existing certification categories of CNMP Conservation Activity Plan, CNMP Plan Approval, or CNMP Plan Development – Total Plan; OR a combination of TSP certifications to provide all 3 of following under CNMP Plan Development:

- – Manure Wastewater Handling & Storage
- – Land Treatment
- – Nutrient Management

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.

122: AGRICULTURAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT PLAN (AgEMP) FOR HEADQUARTERS AREAS

Land uses: Headquarters Unit of Measure: each

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Agricultural Energy Management - Headquarters" conservation activity plan. The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for energy conservation and efficiency. The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address energy conservation. The CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 122 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide. Plans must include an evaluation of the energy efficiency of the existing equipment by category (lighting, cooling, ventilation, motors, etc.), environmental factors, cultural resource impacts, and a summary of recommendations and potential savings.

Payment Rate:	\$1,144.50 Regular \$1,373.40 HU	AgEMP Livestock - Small < 70 AU
Payment Rate:	\$1,506.00 Regular \$1,807.20 HU	AgEMP Livestock - Medium 70 -300 AU
Payment Rate:	\$1,865.25 Regular \$2,238.30 HU	AgEMP Livestock - Large 301-2500 AU
Payment Rate:	\$2,401.88 Regular \$2,882.25 HU	AgEMP Livestock - XLarge >2500 AU
Payment Rate:	\$1,908.38 Regular \$2,290.05 HU	AgEMP Non-Livestock - Single Enterprise (e.g. greenhouse, grain, or vegetables)
Payment Rate:	\$2,440.88 Regular \$2,929.05 HU	AgEMP Non-Livestock - Two Enterprises (e.g. greenhouse, grain, vegetables)
Payment Rate:	\$3,306.38 Regular \$3,967.65 HU	AgEMP Non-Livestock - Three Enterprises (e.g. greenhouse, grain, vegetables)
Payment Rate:	\$786.00 Regular \$943.20 HU	AgEMP Non-Livestock - Mixed Enterprise (livestock and non-livestock)

124: AGRICULTURAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT PLAN (AgEMP) FOR LANDSCAPE AREAS

Land uses: Headquarters Unit of Measure: each

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Agricultural Energy Management - Landscape" conservation activity plan. The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for energy conservation and efficiency. The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address energy conservation. The CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 124 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide. Plans must include an evaluation of the energy efficiency of the tillage, planting, and harvesting operations (including imported sources of energy such as fertilizer), environmental factors, cultural resource impacts, and a summary of recommendations and potential savings.

Payment Rate:	\$1,242.38 Regular \$1,490.85 HU	AgEMP Non-Irrigated < 50 acres
Payment Rate:	\$1,571.25 Regular \$1,885.50 HU	AgEMP Non-Irrigated 50-499 acres
Payment Rate:	\$1,930.50 Regular \$2,316.60 HU	AgEMP Non-Irrigated 500-4,999 acres
Payment Rate:	\$2,499.75 Regular \$2,999.70 HU	AgEMP Non-Irrigated >5,000 acres
Payment Rate:	\$1,908.38 Regular \$2,290.05 HU	AgEMP Irrigated < 50 acres
Payment Rate:	\$2,552.63 Regular \$3,063.15 HU	AgEMP Irrigated 50-499 acres
Payment Rate:	\$3,306.38 Regular \$3,967.65 HU	AgEMP Irrigated 500-4,999 acres
Payment Rate:	\$3,721.88 Regular \$4,466.25 HU	AgEMP Irrigated >5,000 acres

102: COMPREHENSIVE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN (CNMP)

By definition a CNMP is a conservation system that is unique to animal feeding operations (AFOs). See plan criteria available at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>. The CNMP is developed for all acres &/or manure owned or under decision-making authority at that AFO. All manure applications under control of the applicant must be included in the CNMP.

- All tracts and fields under the CNMP will be included in the Toolkit plan and the ProTracts contract.
- Producers must use a TechReg TSP to be eligible for payment.

A CNMP is required before NRCS or NRCS-designated agents provide technical or financial assistance to an AFO to address manure or wastewater handling and storage/treatment, and/or technical or financial assistance for nutrient management that involves the application of manure and wastewater.

Livestock producers that do not concentrate animals at any time or place for feeding, and do not spread collected manure or wastewater on agricultural lands are not required to develop a CNMP.

Non-livestock producers receiving manure from another farm are not eligible for the CNMP Activity Plan unless they have a contract to receive manure at the site for the length of the EQIP contract.

Payment Rate:	\$15.89 Regular	Waste storage/transfer only
	\$19.06 HU	

All manure is removed off-site. The plan includes a determination of waste storage requirements, facility siting, handling and transfer methods, emergency response information, regulatory conditions, general operation setting, record keeping, animal waste management, feed management, implementation schedules, and operation, maintenance and safety.

Payment Rate:	\$9.92 Regular	Land treatment and Nutrient Management only
	\$11.91 HU	

On farms where an existing storage/waste transfer system adequately provides for manure produced year-round, a Technical Service Provider completes an analysis of all fields where manure is spread, including soil testing and a determination of erosion potential. A nutrient management plan is developed to manage all manure spreading activities, based on actual crop rotations and yields. Components of the plan include emergency response information, regulatory conditions, general operation setting, record keeping, animal waste management, feed management, crop nutrient management, implementation schedules, and operation, maintenance and safety.

Payment Rate:	\$49.91 Regular	Combination plan for <= 8 animal units
	\$59.90 HU	

Payment Rate:	\$44.62 Regular	Combination plan for 8.1 - 99.9 animal units
	\$53.54 HU	

Payment Rate:	\$39.11 Regular	Combination plan for >=100 animal units
	\$46.94 HU	

A Technical Service Provider prepares a CNMP plan for a livestock operation where manure is stored and spread on land under the operator's control. The TSP provides a layout of the storage/handling/transfer system, and completes an analysis of all fields where manure is spread, including soil testing and a determination of erosion potential. Manure tests are required to establish manure spreading rates. A nutrient management plan is developed to manage all manure spreading activities, based on actual crop rotations and yields. Components of the plan include emergency response information, regulatory conditions, general operation setting, record keeping, animal waste management, feed management, crop nutrient management, implementation schedules, and operation, maintenance and safety.

138: CONSERVATION PLAN SUPPORTING ORGANIC TRANSITION (CPSOT)

Land uses: Cropland, Lvstk Unit of Measure: each

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for develop of the "Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition" conservation activity plan. The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for applicable resource concerns and provides for opportunities to implement a system of conservation practices which assist the producer to transition from conventional farming or ranching to an organic production system. The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address related resource concerns. CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 138 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide as well as assist the grower develop an Organic System Plan (OSP) as defined in the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) standards.

Payment Rate:	\$1,560.00 Regular	Organic System Plan - Grain Crops or Livestock < 50 acres
	\$1,872.00 HU	

106: FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP)

Land uses: Forest **Unit of Measure: each**

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Forest Management Plan" Conservation Activity Plan (CAP). The CAP criteria requires the plan to identify approved Field Office Technical Guide conservation practices where needed to address identified resource concerns. The Forest Management CAP is not considered a Forest Harvest Plan, but should complement the needs for harvest if desired by the land user. Additional CAP plan criteria is detailed in the Field Office Technical Guide.

Payment Rate:	\$1,052.25 Regular \$1,262.70 HU	Forest Stewardship Plan less than 50 acres
Payment Rate:	\$1,394.25 Regular \$1,673.10 HU	Forest Stewardship Plan 51 to 100 acres
Payment Rate:	\$2,225.25 Regular \$2,670.30 HU	Forest Stewardship Plan 101 to 200 acres
Payment Rate:	\$2,981.25 Regular \$3,577.50 HU	Forest Stewardship Plan 201 - 400 acres
Payment Rate:	\$3,996.00 Regular \$4,795.20 HU	Forest Stewardship Plan 401 - 600 acres
Payment Rate:	\$5,100.00 Regular \$6,120.00 HU	Forest Stewardship Plan 601 - 1000 acres

114: INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN (IPM)

Land uses: Cropland **Unit of Measure: each**

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for development of the "Integrated Pest Management" conservation activity plan. The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for applicable resource concerns and provides for opportunities to utilize the following strategies: Prevention, Avoidance, Monitoring, and Suppression, which will be implemented through use of "Integrated Pest Management and may use one or more of the following conservation practices: Crop rotation, Cover Crop, and Residue Tillage Management. The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address other related resource concerns. CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 114 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Payment Rate:	\$1,260.00 Regular \$1,512.00 HU	Integrated Pest Management Plan (all)
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118: IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IWMP)

Land uses: Cropland **Unit of Measure: each**

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for develop of the "Irrigation Water Management" conservation activity plan to control the volume, frequency, and rate of water for efficient irrigation and to address other resource concerns. The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for applicable resource concerns. The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address other related resource concerns. CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 118 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Payment Rate:	\$1,942.50 Regular \$2,331.00 HU	Irrigation Water Management Plan (all)
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104: NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN (NMP)

Land uses: Cropland **Unit of Measure: each**

After EQIP contract approval, participant has obtained services from a certified TSP for develop of the "Nutrient Management" conservation activity plan. The CAP criteria requires the plan to meet quality criteria for the primary Water Quality resource concern and other applicable resource concerns and provides for opportunities to manage nutrients for plant production and address offsite movement of nutrients. The CAP plan may include recommendations for associated conservation practices which address other related resource concerns. CAP meets the basic quality criteria for the 104 plan as cited in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

Payment Rate:	\$1,596.00 Regular \$1,915.20 HU	Nutrient Management CAP <100 AC
Payment Rate:	\$1,890.00 Regular \$2,268.00 HU	Nutrient Management CAP 101-300 AC
Payment Rate:	\$2,268.00 Regular \$2,721.60 HU	Nutrient Management CAP >300 AC