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Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Cost-sharing Program Applications

According to University of California Cooperative Extension Dairy Farm Advisor Barbara Reed, the Natural Resource and Conservation Service EQIP cost-sharing program to protect and improve water quality is now taking project applications from dairy operators in Glenn, Tehama and Butte Counties, from orchard operators in Glenn and Butte Counties and from all other farming interests in the Colusa Basin Drain area of Glenn, Colusa and Yolo Counties.

Interested farm operators must sign up for the program with the Farm Services Agency Office in the same county as their property holdings. This cost share program has \$120,000 available for dairy operators, \$75,000 available to orchard operators and \$160,000 available to all other farming operations in the Colusa Basin Drain District. Farmers are eligible to receive a maximum cost-share allocation of \$50,000 per application to reduce potential water pollution problems from their farming operations.

Once operators have submitted an application to the Farm Service Agency office by March 15th, they have until May 3rd to submit a full plan. Producers have 10 days to modify their proposals before the final deadline of May 13th, 2002. The NRCS will review all applications between April 1st and May 15th. Producers will be notified by August 1st if their applications have been successful.

In previous EQIP funding cycles, nine dairies have received a total of \$214,939 in EQIP funding. If you have questions about this cost-share program or need more information, call your local Farm Service Agency Office.

- USDA Service Center - Glenn County
132 N. Enright Ave. - Willows, CA 95988
(530) 934-4601 Ext. 2 or 3
- USDA Service Center - Butte County
150 Chuck Yeager Way, Suite D - Oroville, CA 95965
(530) 533-4401 Ext. 2
- USDA Service Center - Colusa County
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