

# COVID-19 UPDATE



## **FARMERS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE**

February 1, 2021-All farmers and ranchers interested in conservation are encouraged to submit their applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives program (EQIP) for financial and technical assistance. Administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), EQIP applications will be screened and ranked on an ongoing basis, with the best projects receiving priority consideration.

Each EQIP application must include a conservation plan, co-developed by the landowner and the NRCS conservationist, spelling out the actions that will be undertaken to improve the natural resource condition being addressed and the timeline for doing so. The second batching period for applications for Fiscal Year 2021 closes on March 3, 2021.

## **ABILITY TO MODIFY EXISTING CFAP 2.0 APPLICATIONS ENDS ON FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

On January 15, 2021 U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced USDA will allow producers to modify existing CFAP 2.0 applications based on updated payment calculations. Producers who already applied for the CFAP 2.0 program and submitted their application by December 11, 2020, may now modify their applications between **January 19 and February 26, 2021**.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) adjusted the payment calculation to use the producer's eligible 2019 calendar year sales, as well as 2019 crop insurance indemnities. To make modifications to your CFAP 2.0 application, contact your local Farm Service Agency.

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