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## **NRCS Reminds Ag Producers of Upcoming Application Deadlines**

*New Mexico Farmers and Ranchers Can Get Help*

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** – The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in New Mexico wants to remind agricultural producers state-wide of upcoming program application deadlines.

NRCS has provided Financial and Technical Assistance to New Mexico's farmers and ranchers since the 1930s. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service helps America's farmers and ranchers conserve the Nation's soil, water, air and other natural resources. All programs are voluntary and offer science-based solutions that benefit both the landowner and the environment

Private landowners who use all or a portion of their land for agricultural production can apply for assistance through the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program, or EQIP, as it is commonly known.

Here are the EQIP Programs and their upcoming application deadlines:

### **December 20, 2013:**

- EQIP General
- National Landscape Initiatives (EQIP-LPCI and Ogallala)

- State Initiatives (Burned Lands, Small Acreage Farmer/Rancher, and Watersheds)

**January 17, 2014: (tentative deadline)**

- NM Acequia Initiative

**Continuous Initiatives (open) deadline:**

- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
- WHIP General (including Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW), Lesser Prairie Chicken (LPC) and Southwest Willow Flycatcher (SWF))

The application deadlines for other initiatives such as energy, organic and seasonal high tunnels have not yet been determined. “More information will be provided to producers once we receive it from our national office,” said NRCS New Mexico EQIP program manager, Michael Neubeiser.

More information on EQIP or NRCS in New Mexico is available through your local NRCS office. You can find them at Mountainair NRCS Field Office at (505) 847-2941 ext. 3.

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