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# Drought Resources and Adaption Strategies for Ranchers Workshops

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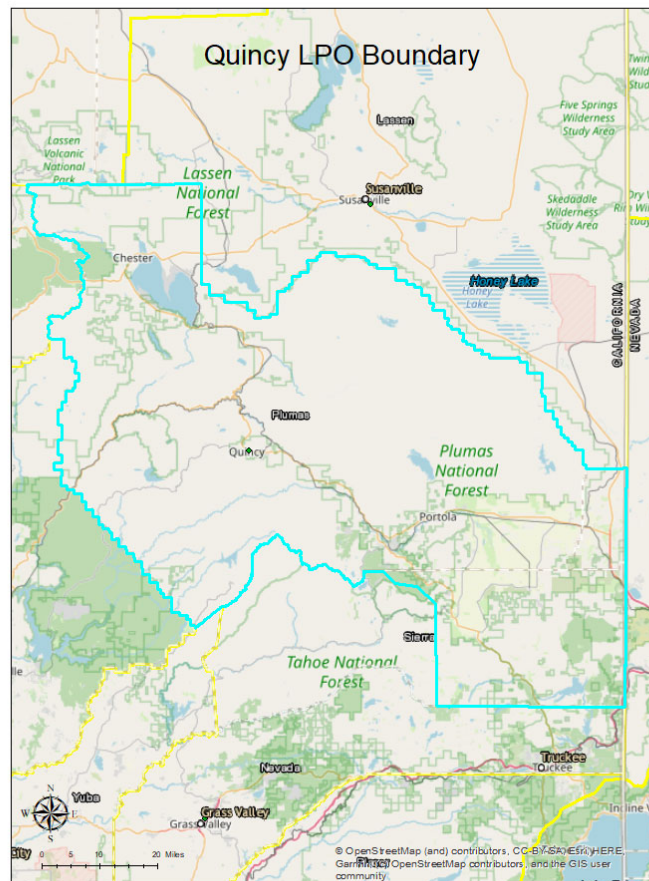


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# Quincy (LPO) Local Partnership Office

Feather River Resource  
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Sierra Valley Resource  
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# Funding Sources for implementing Conservation Programs

- EQIP Environmental Quality Incentive Program
- CSP Conservation Stewardship Program
- ACEP Agricultural Easement Program
- CIG Conservation Innovation Grants

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# Conservation Programs

- **EQIP Environmental Quality Incentive Program**

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary, conservation program administered by NRCS that can provide financial and technical assistance to install conservation practices that address natural resource concerns.



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- **CSP Conservation Stewardship Program**
- The Conservation Stewardship Program helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resources concerns.

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- **ACEP Agricultural Conservation Easement Program**
- ACEP provides financial and technical assistance to help conserve agricultural lands and wetlands and their related benefits.
- **ALE Agricultural Land Easements** prevents conversion of productive working lands to non-agricultural uses
- **WRE Wetland Reserve Easements**





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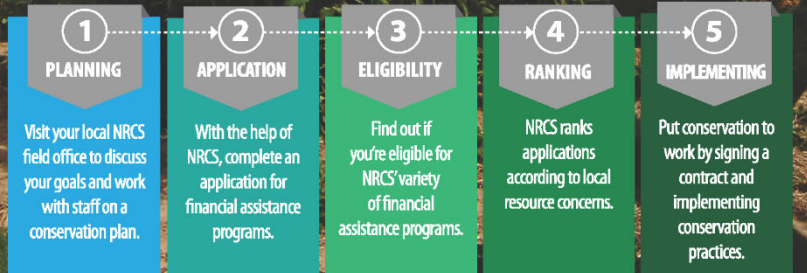
- **CIG Conservation Innovation Grants**
- CIG is a competitive program that supports the development of new tools, approaches, practices, and technologies to further natural resource conservation on private lands.





# 5 Steps to Assistance

## How to Get Assistance from NRCS for Farms, Ranches and Forests



### Get Started with NRCS

#### Do you farm or ranch and want to make improvements to the land that you own or lease?

Natural Resources Conservation Service offers technical and financial assistance to help farmers, ranchers and forest landowners.

#### 1 Planning

**To get started with NRCS, we recommend you stop by your local NRCS field office.**

We'll discuss your vision for your land.

NRCS provides landowners with free technical assistance, or advice, for their land. Common technical assistance includes: resource assessment, practice design and resource monitoring. Your conservation planner will help you determine if financial assistance is right for you. Please keep in mind that financial assistance is paid when work is complete.

#### 2 Application

**We'll walk you through the application process. To get started on applying for financial assistance, we'll work with you:**

- To fill out an AD 1026, which ensures a conservation plan is in place before lands with highly erodible soils are farmed. It also ensures no wetland areas are farmed.
- To meet other eligibility certifications.

Once complete, we'll work with you on the application, or CPA 1200.

Applications for most programs are accepted on a continuous basis, but they're considered for funding in different ranking periods. Be sure to ask your local NRCS district conservationist about the deadline for the ranking period to ensure you turn in your application in time.

#### 3 Eligibility

**As part of the application process, we'll make sure you are eligible.**

To do this, you'll need to bring:

- An official tax ID (Social Security number or an employer ID)
- A property deed or lease agreement to show you have control of the property; and
- A farm tract number.

If you don't have a farm tract number, you can get one from USDA's Farm Service Agency. Typically, the local FSA office is located in the same building as the local NRCS office. You only need a farm tract number if you're interested in financial assistance.

#### 4 Ranking

**NRCS will take a look at the applications and rank them according to local resource**

concerns, the amount of conservation benefits the work will provide and the needs of applicants.

#### 5 Implementing

**If you're selected, you can choose whether to sign the contract for the work to be done.**

Once you sign the contract, you'll be provided standards and specifications for completing the practice or practices, and then you will have a specified amount of time to implement. Once the work is implemented and inspected, you'll be paid the rate of compensation for the work if it meets NRCS standards and specifications.

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