

Kentucky Conservation

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

Kentucky State Cost Share	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Cost Share is administered by your local county conservation district.• Landowners can apply any time during the year.• Landowners need a farm number and an Ag. Water Quality Plan to apply.• Cost share is 75% of actual costs up to \$20,000.
NRCS EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EQIP is a national program and farmers must go through NRCS to apply.• Applicants must have current crop/producer records, adjusted gross income, and HEL forms on file with Farm Service Agency.• Applicants must have a farm number.• EQIP can have special funding opportunities for things like high tunnels or organic producers, check with your local office for more information.
NRCS CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSP is a program for offers technical and financial assistance to help producers take their conservation efforts to the next level.• Applicants have the same requirements as EQIP• Approved applicants receive a payment every year for 5 years. Payments are based on land use and enhancements.
CAIP (County Agricultural Investment Program)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This program is hosted through your local County Agricultural Development Council.• Applicants must have a valid farm number and an up-to-date Ag. Water Quality Plan.• The property has to lie within the county the applicant is applying to.• Deadlines vary by county.• A producer cannot receive more than \$5,000 in a program year• Applications and more information can be found at https://www.kyagr.com/agpolicy/
Local Cost Share	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your county conservation district or farm commodity group may have a local cost share.• Local cost shares or grants are determined by the local entity.• Reach out to your local conservation district for more information.