



# East Torrance Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Newsletter



## **Torrance County Fair 2025**



## **East Torrance Soil and Water Annual Meeting!!**

**East Torrance Soil and Water cordially invites you to join us for our Annual Meeting on November 15th, 2025!**



**\*\*Lunch will be served at noon\*\*  
\*\*The meeting will commence at 1 PM\*\***

### **Location:**

East Torrance Soil and water education building  
701 Tenth St, Estancia NM 87016

**East Torrance Soil and Water Conservation had a blast at the County Fair!**

**We were asked to sponsor the Pet Parade this year and had a great Turnout!!!**

**Just like last year we had our fun games including our stick horse race!**

**Field Tech, Jen Weber had fun with the young fair goers showing them how to plant a garden in a glove!**



# Community Garden Planting 2025



**ETSWCD along with the 4H, Extension office and several of our community members got our Community Garden up and running in May of this year!**

**Our Garden is here for the community and is located near the west entrance of the Torrance County Fair Grounds.**

**For Access, Please contact  
Jen Weber or Leonard Howell at (505)-384-2272**

## ETSWCD Programs

- Livestock wells**
- Livestock Drinkers**
- Livestock Cross fencing**
- Brush Management**
- Noxious Weed control**
- Drip Systems**
- Low water use Toilets**
- Shade Balls/Tank covers**
- Livestock solar pumps**
- Livestock Storage tanks**
- Livestock Waterlines**
- Healthy Soils**
- Windbreaks**
- Rainwater harvesting**
- Wildlife Drinkers**
- Agricultural Irrigation**





# Local Projects

## Shade Balls, Encino, NM



We Launched our Shade ball program almost a year ago and it has become one of our most popular cost share programs!

Here are a few reasons why...

- Studies have shown that a 7 1/2-ft. dia. tank without the balls lost 10,767 gal. over the test period, while the tank with shade balls lost only 2,622 gal.
- A 20-ft. tank without balls lost 81,168 gal., while the one with shade balls lost only 19,771 gal.
- The shade ball tanks also had less ice formation.
- By blocking sunlight, shade balls inhibit the growth of algae, thereby helping to maintain a healthier aquatic environment.



## Greenhouse, Estancia, NM

## Water Catchment System Tajique, NM



## Solar Pump, Tajique, NM





## ETSWCD Monthly Meetings

**Our Monthly Meetings are the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every Month at  
8:30AM**

**at the USDA Building  
715 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Estancia, NM  
87016**

**Public is welcome to join in  
person or VIA Zoom!**

**Have you Heard About the.....**



Agriculture producers wanting to conserve water or address water, air, or animal waste issues; reduce erosion; improve wildlife habitat; obtain a seasonal high tunnel; or just plain improve conservation on their farming operation should consider submitting their application to receive financial assistance through the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)

Interested?

Begin by filling out eligibility forms. Once you qualify, ensure your application is submitted to your local NRCS office.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program for those engaged in livestock, forestry, or agricultural production - including organics.

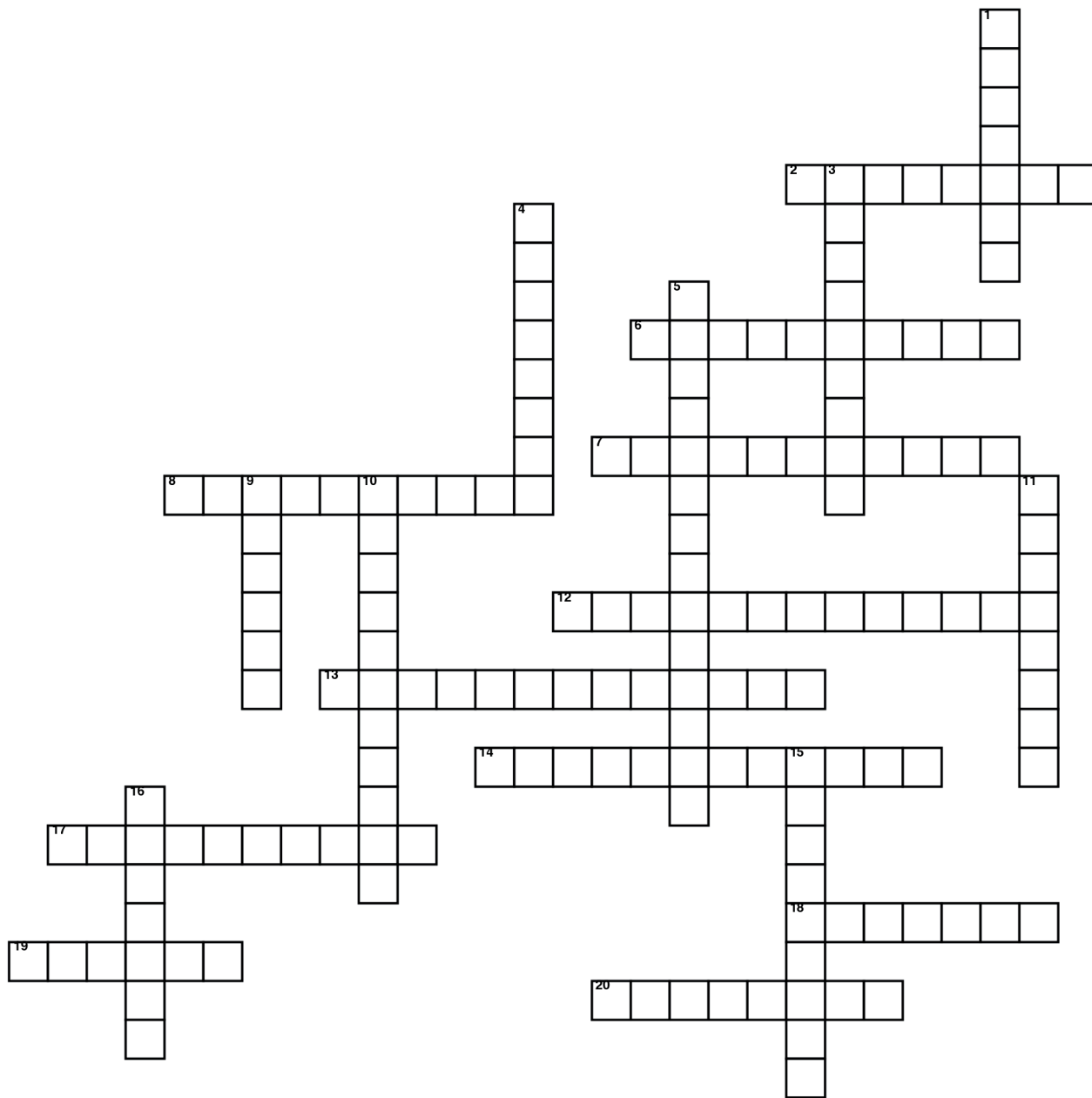
The program offers financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land and provides payments for implementing conservation practices that have a positive environmental impact, while protecting long-term agricultural production and sustainability.

Eligible crop production includes - but is not limited to - field grown ornamentals, fruits, orchards, plant materials in greenhouses, row crops, vegetables and vineyards.

To find out more about EQIP or fill out eligibility forms, or obtain an application, contact the Estancia Field Office at 505-384-2272  
Ext 3292



# Crop Care, Maintenance and Harvesting



## Across

- [2] Applying liquid substances, such as pesticides or fertilizers, to crops.  
[6] The process of supplying water to crops to help them grow.  
[7] Managing or eliminating pests that can damage crops.  
[8] Recycling organic waste into nutrient-rich soil amendments.  
[12] Adding nutrients to the soil to promote plant growth.  
[13] Choosing the best seeds for planting to ensure healthy crops.  
[14] Growing different types of crops in the same area in sequential seasons to improve soil health and reduce pests.  
[17] The process of gathering mature crops from the fields.  
[18] Keeping harvested crops in a safe place to maintain their quality until they are used or sold.  
[19] Removing moisture from crops to prevent spoilage during storage.  
[20] Applying a layer of material on the soil surface to retain moisture and suppress weeds.

## Down

- [1] Removing unwanted plants that compete with crops for nutrients and space.  
[3] Placing crops in containers for protection and transport.  
[4] Providing water to crops to help them grow.  
[5] Moving crops from the farm to markets or storage facilities.  
[9] The place where crops are sold.  
[10] Analyzing soil samples to determine nutrient content and composition.  
[11] Placing seeds or young plants in the soil to grow.  
[15] Separating grains or seeds from the husks and straw.  
[16] Cutting away dead or overgrown branches or stems to encourage healthy growth.





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