

ARKANSAS FACT SHEET v.2

November, 2010

- Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) applications are taken on continuous basis, however, to be considered for the 2011 EQIP funding, applications must be on record with NRCS by November 30, 2010.
- Any applications filed after November 30, 2010, can be considered for the next funding period.
- November 30, 2010, through January 31, 2011, will be the “2011 Ranking Period”.
- Prior to the end of the ranking period an applicant must have all eligibility issues satisfactorily met for EQIP program participant eligibility criteria.
- During the “Ranking Period,” the producer will make final decisions on the details of their EQIP application. Once the ranking period is over, funding decisions will be made.

Available Conservation Practices

Practice 122 and 124

- Energy Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) 122 for Headquarters and 124 for Landscape
 - Practice 122 or 124 will be planned by an approved Technical Service Provider (TSP).
 - An application for an audit/plan cannot be made through EQIP once an audit/plan has been initiated or completed. EQIP rules specify if a practice is started prior to filing an application that practice is no longer eligible for the EQIP program.
 - FY 2011 will have an EQIP Energy Initiative funded separately from General EQIP. Only Energy CAP 122 or 124 will be funded through this Initiative.
 - If a producer is funded for 122 or 124, the producer is responsible for contacting a TSP to complete the Energy Conservation Activity Plan (CAP). Upon receipt of the plan the producer shall provide NRCS a copy of the plan for certification and payment for the practice to be paid to the producer. Financial arrangement between the Producer and TSP is the producer responsibility.

Practice 374

- 374 On-Farm Equipment Efficiency Improvements (new practice),
 - Components available under this practice include:
 - Replacement of existing low efficiency heaters with Radiant Heaters
 - Replacement of existing low efficiency lighting with High Energy Replacement Lights
 - Installing additional Ventilation
 - Installing additional Insulation to side walls & Ceilings
 - Practice 374 is only available if the producer can provide a copy of an Energy Audit to the NRCS office before ranking is finalized. For the purpose of meeting this requirement for Practice 374, the plan may be a NRCS 122 or 124 CAP, REAP plan or plan developed by any other source as long as it meets the 122 or 124 Energy CAP criteria with the exception of Paragraph 2, A. 1.
 - Practice 374 or any other conservation practice(s) will be funded through General EQIP and will be considered through the General EQIP ranking process.
 - Practices 122 or 124 *and* 374 in combination are not available during the same ranking period on the same farm/land.

Practice 372

- 372 Combustion System Improvement – will not be available for FY2011

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