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## **NRCS Team III Monthly Report**

**September 7, 2021**

### **Environmental Quality Incentives Program – EQIP**

- Staff are currently working on engineering and vegetative practice designs, checkouts, cultural resource clearances and conducting site visits.
- Total of 31 EQIP contracts that have been obligated so far for the FY 2021 Funding for approx. 1.6 million dollars.
- CoronaVirus Agricultural Relief Payment (CARP)
- Contracts are being developed
- New Mexico NRCS EQIP website for FY 2022  
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/eqip/>

### **Conservation Stewardship Program - CSP**

- Total of 2 CSP Contracts were obligated so far for the FY 2021 funding for approximately \$227,000
- New Mexico NRCS CSP website for FY 2022  
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/csp/>

### **Team III Update**

- As of April 19, 2021 NRCS, Field Offices are operating up to 50% of office staffing. We can accept visitors by appointment only until further notice. NRCS staff are available to continue to provide one-on-one, customer-specific advice to producers to help them meet their unique conservation and business goals.
- USDA employees will not be expected to begin returning to work in-person any earlier than October 1, 2021
- NRCS staff are working with customers through phone, mail and online communications, and field work continues with appropriate social distancing and to help producers with conservation planning and financial assistance through Farm Bill programs. Customers may contact their local service center to make arrangements to complete program application and contract paperwork by alternative means, such as over the phone, electronically, or by mail.

### **Training**

- Volunteer Tracking Training 9/7/2021
- Trimble Training 9/10/2021

### **Other**

- Local Work Group- Taos SWCD will be hosting. Final date and time will be announced.

**FSA**

- The CFAP 2 application deadline will be October 12, 2021.
- New applications or revise previously filed applications due to these changes.
- CCC-902 Farm operating Plan Form Requirement-
  - Producers and landowners that participate in Certain NRCS conservation programs must meet payment limitation and program eligibility requirements.
  - As part of verifying these requirements, all producers and landowners participating or applying to participate in NRCS conservation programs must complete the CCC-902.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
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