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Emergency Animal Mortality Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)


- Producers facing livestock disposal needs due to the recent wildfire events that occurred in Russell, Osborne, Rooks, and Ellis Counties can apply to receive EQIP financial and technical assistance under conservation practice 368—Emergency Animal Mortality Management. Application for assistance must be made with **the local NRCS Field Office**.
- Applications must be submitted by **Friday, January 14, 2022**.
- Submitted eligible applications will be assessed, ranked, and approved in an expedited manner until available funds have been exhausted.

 
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- Applicants **MUST** have farm records established with Farm Service Agency (FSA).
- The following FY 2022 certifications must be made with FSA to determine application eligibility:
 - **Form AD-1026** “Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELIC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification”.
 - **Form CCC-941**, “Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification and Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information”
 - **Form CCC-902**, “Farm Operating Plan,” for individuals, legal entities, and joint operations




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- Other documentation needs:
 - **Control of Land Requirements**, The word “control” means possession of the land by ownership, lease, or other agreement.
 - **Form NRCS-CPA-1200**, “Conservation Program Application”
 - **Written request to start practice 368**—Emergency Animal Mortality Management prior to contract approval
 - **Standard Form 1199A**, “Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form



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- **Payments**
 - The only conservation practice available under this initiative is Emergency Animal Mortality Management (368).
 - A one-time payment will be made for the following scenarios:
 - 1. Emergency Disposal at Landfill or Render**
 - Name and location of rendering facility or landfill
 - Weight of animals delivered (scale tickets needed)
 - Date(s) animals were removed
 - Owner/operator certification stating information provided is accurate to best of their knowledge

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- **Payments (continued)**
 - 2. Emergency Burial**
 - Location (legal description to ¼ section or less)
 - Approximate dimensions of burial pit(s) – (L, W, D)
 - Date of burial
 - Animal units and estimated weights of animals buried
 - Owner/operator certification stating information provided is accurate to best of their knowledge
 - Practice MUST meet NRCS practice standards and specifications

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Reapplication of Failed Practices Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)


- Producers may request EQIP financial assistance to reapply failed conservation practices that received payments under a current or expired EQIP contract.
 - **Current Contracts** can be modified to add the contract item for practice reapplication.
 - An EQIP application for a new contract is necessary for reapplication of failed practices from an **expired contract**.
- Contact the local NRCS service center for assistance.

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Questions?

A landscape photograph showing a vast, flat grassy field in the foreground, transitioning into a rolling horizon under a sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The overall scene is bright and open.

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