

## Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) & Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

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### EQIP

1. Must have a forest management plan that identifies the conservation practices to be implemented.
2. May apply for multiple conservation practices.

### CSP

1. Does not require a forest management plan. However, all recent management activities must be documented in some fashion.
2. Must meet or exceed protections for at least two of eight *Resource Concerns* for forestland.
3. Minimum annual payment of \$4,000
  - a. Must complete a *Practice* to correct any resource concern not protected (see examples below).
  - b. May complete additional practices as desired.
4. Must complete at least one *Enhancement* that goes above and beyond current conservation practices (see examples below).
5. Must document all costs and steps in implementation of conservation practice(s)

**Sample EQIP & CSP Conservation Practices & Payment Rates (2025) <sup>1</sup>**

Practice Code	Practice Name	Description	EQIP Payment Rate/acre*	CSP Payment Rate/acre
106	Forest management plan	<20 acres	\$1,208/\$1,449	NA
106	Forest management plan	20-100 acres	\$1,780/\$2,135	NA
165	Forest Management Design and Implementation Activity	<20 acres	\$318/\$381	NA
165	Forest Management Design and Implementation Activity	20-100 acres	\$508/\$610	NA
314	Brush management	Hand tools, medium	\$189/\$227	\$25
315	Herbaceous weed control	Chemical, spot treatment	\$177/\$213	\$23
315	Herbaceous weed control	Hand tools	\$321/\$385	\$43
384	Woody residue treatment	Slash treatment, light	\$235/\$282	\$31
383	Fuel break	Thinning trees and removing fuels (e.g. shrubs, branches, etc.) within 100' of public roads or 200' of structures.	\$2,573/\$3,088	\$343
660	Pruning, stand improvement	Pruning trees to improve timber quality and reduce fire risk. Trees must be pruned to >10' from ground.	\$486/\$583	\$65
490	Tree/shrub site preparation	Hand Site Prep, Individual Spots, Light Vegetation	\$278/\$333	\$37

490	Tree/shrub site preparation	Chemical, ground application	\$178/\$213	\$24
490	Tree/shrub site preparation	Mechanical, Shredding, Light vegetation	\$741/\$889	\$99
612	Tree/shrub establishment	Reforestation of 1 acre or more, hand planting, protected	\$1,103/\$1,324	\$147
645	Upland wildlife habitat	Pollinator species, annuals	\$161/\$193	\$22
649	Structures for Wildlife	Brush piles	\$307/\$368**	\$41**
649	Structures for Wildlife	Nesting box, small	\$55/\$66**	\$7**
649	Structures for Wildlife	Snag creation	\$33/\$39**	\$4**
649	Structures for Wildlife	Downed large wood	\$248/\$297**	\$33**
666	Forest Stand Improvement	Pre-commercial Thinning, Hand tools, Light	\$354/\$424	\$47

**Sample CSP Enhancements for Forestry**

<b>Practice Code</b>	<b>Enhancements</b>	<b>Payment Rate/Acre</b>
E384A	Biochar production from woody residue	\$6,137
E386D E386E	Enhanced field borders to increase wildlife or pollinators food and habitat along the edge(s) of a field	\$1,392
E420A	Establish pollinator habitat	\$653
E612B	Planting for high carbon sequestration rate	\$2,018
E612C	Establishing tree/shrub species to restore native plant communities	\$1,191
E612D	Adding food-producing trees and shrubs to existing plantings	\$293
E612E	Cultural plantings	\$2,613
E612G	Tree/shrub planting for wildlife food	\$2,801
E666G	Reduce forest density and manage understory along roads to limit wildfire risk and improve habitat	\$379
E666H	Increase on-site carbon storage	\$1027
E666J	Facilitating oak forest regeneration	\$725
E666K	Creating structural diversity with patch openings	\$793
E666O	Snags, den trees, and coarse woody debris for wildlife habitat	\$75
E666P	Summer roosting habitat for native forest-dwelling bat species	\$270
E666R	Forest songbird habitat maintenance	\$258

1 Rates can vary depending on treatment type. Please check current EQIP & CSP Payment Schedules on the USDA's website.

\*First payment amount listed refers to the normal payment rate. Second payment rate is for forest owners who qualify as *historically underserved* (e.g. minority, women, new/beginning forest owners, etc.).

\*\*Wildlife structures are paid by the unit, not by the acre.