



2009 Tiered Maryland EQIP CBWI Pest Management Financial Assistance & Soil Quality Improvement

NRCS in Maryland wants to reward producers who implant pest management techniques that go beyond the minimum requirement of a Pest Management standard.

Applications are accepted on a continuing basis throughout the year. Specific program requirements and guidelines apply. For more information, contact your local NRCS office.

For all tiers, the participant must have or obtain a Pest Management Plan developed by a Certified Crop Advisor. *All Pest Mgt Plans must be completed and submitted by June 11, 2009*

Tier I Implement a Pest Management Plan	
Row or Hay crops	\$8 / acre / 3 yr
Specialty crops	\$14 / acre / 3 yr
Tier II Advanced Pest Management	
The applicant must implement a Pest Management Plan and select a minimum of three specific management practices.	
Row or hay crops	\$15 / acre / 3 yr
Specialty crops	\$22 / acre / 3 yr

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Soil Improvement Management
- Producer must implement a continuous no-till and/or improved crop rotation of 3 years
 - By reducing or eliminating tillage, soil organic matter increases – the program payments are based on increases in soil organic matter
 - The increases are measured by accessing your current and proposed systems
 - The greater the increase in soil organic matter the greater your potential payment
- Increase Soil Organic Matter
- Reduce or eliminate tillage
 - Return more residue to the soil
 - Add a perennial to your rotation
 - 3 yr commitment payments range from \$20/acre/year to \$60/acre/year
- Convert to Continuous No-Till
- Eliminate tillage except for vertical tillage (turbo tiller)
 - Grow and leave residue to reach a minimum of 60% after seeding
 - 3 year commitment \$15/acre/year
- Convert to Continuous Cover
- Eliminate all fallow seasons –utilize cover crops, hay, etc.
 - Fallow time on a field cannot exceed 30 days between crops, max of 60 days per year
 - 3 yr commitment \$15/acre/year