

Current Program Sign-ups

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial and technical assistance for conservation practices on agricultural land. Incentive payments are provided for certain practices. Just a few of the many eligible practices include grade stabilization, grassed waterways, prescribed grazing, nutrient management, and stream crossings. Application period anticipated to be **January 19 through February 19, 2010**. Contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service office for more information: Iowa County-(608) 935-2791 x3, Dane County-(608) 224-3750.

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) provides financial and technical assistance to establish or manage non-game wildlife habitat. Practices include (but are not limited to) prairie planting, prescribed burning, invasive species control, and brush removal. Application period anticipated to be **January 19 through February 19, 2010**. Contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service office for more information: Iowa County-(608) 935-2791 x3, Dane County-(608) 224-3750.

State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Both of these programs are CRP off-shoots for certain geographic areas. Landowners with pasture or cropland within 150 feet of water may be eligible for CREP. Certain areas are eligible for extended CREP (within 1000 feet of water) and SAFE. Both of these programs provide cost-sharing and annual rental payments (between \$90 and \$176 per acre per year) to retire cropland and establish permanent vegetation. Fields that were once in CRP are likely eligible. **Sign-up is continuous**. Contact your local Farm Services Agency office: Iowa County-(608) 935-2791 x2, Dane County-(608) 224-3767.