

# Watershed Agricultural Program Guideline

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### **AGRICULTURE WATER ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (AWEP) AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP) GUIDELINE**

Watershed Agricultural Program Participant(s) with an approved, active Whole Farm Plan may be eligible for WAC to fund the participant's share of the practice cost not covered by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) under the New York City Watershed Agriculture Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) Agreements for nutrient management and livestock waste practices and/or the regular Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

All farms applying for AWEP or EQIP must meet the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) eligibility requirements and abide by the application procedures required by NRCS.

1. NRCS accepts applications CPA-1200.
2. Eligibility determination of farm records and required FSA certifications.
3. Assigned Watershed Agricultural Program planner enters for ranking.
4. NRCS State Program Manager completes pre-approvals.
5. Assigned NRCS staff creates Toolkit Plan(s).
6. NRCS District Conservationist approves application(s) in ProTracts
7. Pre-obligation is established.
8. NRCS Coordinator in coordination with WAC accepts Contract obligations.