

For: State Offices

**Combining 1997 EQIP Priority Area and Natural Resource Concern Allocations**

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**1 Overview**

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**Background**

1997 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) allocations were issued in March 1997. 1997 EQIP funds were split into 2 separate allocations for each State, and separate CCC-357's were issued to each State for Priority Areas (PA) and Natural Resource Concerns (NRC). Although the funds were for the same program year, PA and NRC were treated as separate programs, and the funds were not interchangeable. 1997 was the only year in which EQIP allocations were split in this manner.

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**Purpose**

This notice informs State Offices:

- that as of September 30, 2002, 1997 PA and NRC funds have been consolidated

**Note:** Effective immediately, all funds on 1997 EQIP CCC-357's will show a combined balance for PA and NRC.

- of the policy for FY 2002 reconciliation of 1997 EQIP
- of the beginning balances for 1997 EQIP in FY 2003.

<p><b>Disposal Date</b></p> <p>October 1, 2003</p>	<p><b>Distribution</b></p> <p>State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Office</p>
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## Notice CONOP-15

### 2 Program Year 1997 EQIP

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#### Combination of 1997 PA and NRC

Starting in FY 2003, any CCC-357 issued to a State for program year 1997 EQIP will include combined funds for both PA and NRC. Regardless of whether any allocation adjustments are for PA or NRC, a single CCC-357 will be issued.

**Note:** The program name on CCC-357 will be listed as “1997 EQIP”.

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#### Program Year 1997 Reconciliation

When performing FY 2002 reconciliation for 1997 EQIP funds according to 1-CONSV, paragraph 787, combine 1997 PA and NRC and treat 1997 EQIP as a single program. The beginning balances listed in Exhibit 1 may be used to reflect the State allocation from CCC-357 for reconciliation purposes. Earnings on the reconciliation report will also need to be combined for both PA and NRC to arrive at a total for 1997 EQIP. CCC-357 will be issued shortly to reflect the combined FY 2002 earnings for 1997 EQIP.

**Note:** Further guidance and procedure on FY 2002 EQIP reconciliation will be forthcoming in a separate notice.

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#### FY 2003 Beginning Balances for Program Year 1997 EQIP

Exhibit 1 establishes the FY 2003 beginning balances for the combined program year 1997 EQIP. Balances were determined by adding the PA ending balance to the NRC ending balance, according to the last applicable CCC-357. The FY 2003 beginning balances are the FY 2002 ending balances as of September 30, 2002, and do not include any FY 2002 earnings.

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**Beginning Balances for Combined 1997 EQIP**

<b>State Name</b>	<b>1997 NRC FY 2002 Ending Balance (as of the last CCC-357)</b>	<b>1997 PA FY 2002 Ending Balance (as of the last CCC-357)</b>	<b>Total New Beginning Balance for FY 2003 Start Up</b>
Alabama	\$265,725	\$510,587	\$776,312
Alaska	\$0	\$130,059	\$130,059
American Samoa	\$83,599	\$0	\$83,599
Arizona	\$37,613	\$764,567	\$802,180
Arkansas	\$810,849	\$1,197,304	\$2,008,153
California	\$270,927	\$1,805,014	\$2,075,941
Colorado	\$538,147	\$876,677	\$1,414,824
Connecticut	\$78,516	\$184,366	\$262,882
Delaware	\$27,465	\$119,946	\$147,411
Florida	\$348,548	\$647,144	\$995,692
Georgia	\$353,856	\$720,786	\$1,074,642
Guam	\$33,826	\$46,794	\$80,620
Hawaii	\$120,722	\$277,774	\$398,496
Idaho	\$266,941	\$450,586	\$717,527
Illinois	\$487,448	\$996,229	\$1,483,677
Indiana	\$60,125	\$517,442	\$577,567
Iowa	\$114,740	\$786,988	\$901,728
Kansas	\$560,754	\$871,080	\$1,431,834
Kentucky	\$366,911	\$763,400	\$1,130,311
Louisiana	\$272,843	\$501,275	\$774,118
Maine	\$241,228	\$753,357	\$994,585
Maryland	\$73,478	\$439,855	\$513,333
Massachusetts	\$48,361	\$176,547	\$224,908
Michigan	\$648,093	\$1,375,292	\$2,023,385
Minnesota	\$266,818	\$2,161,544	\$2,428,362
Mississippi	\$421,234	\$577,493	\$998,727
Missouri	\$302,440	\$575,829	\$878,269
Montana	\$658,012	\$1,302,042	\$1,960,054

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**Beginning Balances for Combined 1997 EQIP (Continued)**

<b>State Name</b>	<b>1997 NRC FY 2002 Ending Balance (as of the last CCC-357)</b>	<b>1997 PA FY 2002 Ending Balance (as of the last CCC-357)</b>	<b>Total New Beginning Balance for FY 2003 Start Up</b>
Nebraska	\$667,746	\$873,921	\$1,541,667
Nevada	\$122,403	\$330,163	\$452,566
New Hampshire	\$56,237	\$216,516	\$272,753
New Jersey	\$6,034	\$248,593	\$254,627
New Mexico	\$248,459	\$738,887	\$987,346
New York	\$88,305	\$1,310,194	\$1,398,499
North Carolina	\$297,348	\$451,154	\$748,502
North Dakota	\$493,628	\$893,112	\$1,386,740
NMI	\$16,392	\$0	\$16,392
Ohio	\$409,792	\$743,676	\$1,153,468
Oklahoma	\$297,897	\$1,247,832	\$1,545,729
Oregon	\$422,406	\$1,215,201	\$1,637,607
Pennsylvania	\$489,894	\$741,178	\$1,231,072
Puerto Rico	\$0	\$314,130	\$314,130
Rhode Island	\$69,706	\$137,571	\$207,277
South Carolina	\$227,331	\$354,375	\$581,706
South Dakota	\$662,415	\$1,197,526	\$1,859,941
Tennessee	\$225,744	\$528,524	\$754,268
Texas	\$1,264,720	\$2,361,319	\$3,626,039
Utah	\$239,200	\$353,393	\$592,593
Vermont	\$0	\$553,287	\$553,287
Virginia	\$0	\$8,289	\$8,289
Virgin Islands	\$313,933	\$415,418	\$729,351
Washington	\$349,419	\$830,632	\$1,180,051
West Virginia	\$148,880	\$241,161	\$390,041
Wisconsin	\$345,818	\$942,022	\$1,287,840
Wyoming	\$245,166	\$650,559	\$895,725
<b>National Totals:</b>	<b>\$15,468,092</b>	<b>\$37,428,610</b>	<b>\$52,896,702</b>