

Landowners need to get applications in

Landowners looking to get in on next year's Environmental Quality Incentives Program need to get their applications in to the Natural Resources Conservation Service by Friday, Nov. 16.

"EQIP is a very popular program in Kansas," said State Conservationist Eric B. Banks. "And with the drought conditions this past summer, I want to remind producers and ranchers that EQIP provides opportunities for producers and ranchers to address resource concerns, such as plant health and vigor, inadequate livestock water, noxious weeds, and brush invasion."

State Rangeland Management Specialist David Kraft said that due to the extended period poor moisture which Kansas producers have received on grazing lands, opportunities exist to address these resource concerns and also focus on minimizing the impacts of the drought. Grazing plans as a part of a larger conservation plan enables

producers to identify forage production potential as well as production deficiencies in the midst of a drought. Keeping plants healthy and providing plant communities the chance to not only persist or survive, but to actually improve during drought is the focal point. This approach allows producers to see quicker responses from their grazing lands as climatic conditions improve.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers through contracts up to a maximum term of ten years in length. These contracts provide financial assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and provide opportunities to improve soil, water, air, plant, animal and related resources on agricultural land, such as cropland and rangeland, and non-industrial

private forestland.

"I know fall is a busy time and NRCS wants everyone to have the opportunity to develop a conservation plan and submit an application in time," Banks said.

Applications are accepted year round, but those received by Friday, Nov. 16, will be evaluated for fiscal year 2013 funding. Applicants must meet certain eligibility requirements.

"EQIP helps address the unique circumstances of socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers, who have natural resource concerns that need to be addressed on their land," Banks said. "Qualifying Kansas producers compete separately and receive higher payment rates."

For more information visit www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/programs or your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center.

Genetic structure found, expect to raise resistance

Research funded by the United Soybean Board and soy checkoff has made a breakthrough that could strengthen the soybean plant's resistance to soybean cyst nematode. This disease is U.S. soy's biggest yield robber, causing more than \$1 billion worth of yield losses annually.

"SCN has been devastating soybeans ever since I've been involved in the industry," says Jim Schriver, chair of the board's production program and a farmer from Indiana. "This is a great use of biotechnology that can help farmers break through yield barriers so we can continue to increase production and meet

demand."

For years farmers have been planting soybeans containing a genetic structure called Rhg1, the top defense against the disease. But ways to further improve that resistance have eluded plant scientists.

In a study recently published in the journal *Science*, however, researchers reveal that Rhg1 is actually three genes located next to each other on the chromosome, that work together to make a plant more resistant. Even more intriguing, resistant varieties carry multiple copies of this block. This discovery allows researchers to quickly find soybean varieties that include these

repeated three-gene blocks. It also allows researchers to work with those genes to develop new resistant varieties.

Andrew Bent, professor of plant pathology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said the finding "opens the gate for us to walk in" and take resistance to the next level.

"It's been a goal of biologists for nearly 20 years to identify this Rhg1 gene," says Bent, who has been working on the project for about six years. "...The real value of the work will be seen in the next few years."



Joy Hayden rang the bell for the Salvation Army at Walmart last year to collect donations.

Salvation Army, Genesis to start holiday activities

The time of year when Genesis and the Salvation Army of Sherman County prepare for the holiday season is fast approaching! People wishing to volunteer to ring a bell or fill a food basket may call (785) 890-2299 or (785) 821-3702.

Each year people ring the bell for Salvation Army at Wal-Mart to raise funds for those in need. People like you help us feed the hungry, and provide a variety of services throughout

the year. Last year over \$13,000. was distributed to needy families in Sherman County. Donations stayed here to purchase medicine, health care, help with heating and electric bills, provide assistance with rent and purchase shelter in emergencies. Volunteers will begin ringing for Salvation Army the day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 23, and continue until Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.

On the average three to four families a week received groceries including eggs, meat and fresh produce from the Genesis Food Bank. On Saturday, Dec. 1, the annual food drive will be held.

On Dec. 13 the Christmas Food Baskets are prepared for delivery. At least 200 baskets are expected to be filled with food for the holiday dinner.

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-Linda and Gary Lovelace

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