



# State by State Funding Cuts, Part Deux

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## States to Lose Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Funding

President Obama's proposed 2010 fiscal year budget continues the long string of broken promises that have left conservation programs billions short over the past two farm bills. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) takes the biggest hit, falling \$250 million short of the funding promised in the 2008 farm bill.

EWG analyzed the shortfalls in EQIP funding that states will suffer if the cuts if Congress goes along with the cuts proposed in the President's budget.<sup>1</sup> Fourteen states stand to lose over \$6 million each in 2010 EQIP funding (Table 1). The five states that stand to lose the most EQIP funding are Texas (-\$22.4 million), California (-\$15.5 million), Colorado (-\$10.0 million), Minnesota (-\$8.1 million), and Nebraska (-\$8.0 million).

**TABLE 1: FOURTEEN STATES POISED TO LOSE MORE THAN \$6 MILLION EACH**

STATE	Increase State Should Get	Increase State Will Get	Shortfall
TEXAS	\$130,271,027	\$107,810,505	- \$22,460,522
CALIFORNIA	\$90,134,960	\$74,594,449	- \$15,540,510
COLORADO	\$58,089,718	\$48,074,249	- \$10,015,469
MINNESOTA	\$47,134,644	\$39,007,981	- \$8,126,663
NEBRASKA	\$46,422,994	\$38,419,029	- \$8,003,964
MONTANA	\$45,695,434	\$37,816,911	- \$7,878,523
KANSAS	\$44,143,554	\$36,532,597	- \$7,610,958
OKLAHOMA	\$42,263,814	\$34,976,949	- \$7,286,864
NEW MEXICO	\$38,277,135	\$31,677,629	- \$6,599,506
IOWA	\$37,479,979	\$31,017,914	- \$6,462,065
ARIZONA	\$37,266,335	\$30,841,105	- \$6,425,230
FLORIDA	\$36,436,345	\$30,154,216	- \$6,282,128
UTAH	\$35,337,848	\$29,245,116	- \$6,092,732
ARKANSAS	\$34,989,030	\$28,956,439	- \$6,032,591

Every state faces pressing natural resource and environmental problems associated with agriculture and each of those states is in danger of losing millions of dollars of EQIP funds (Table 2). If the cuts to EQIP proposed by the President stand, tens of thousands of farmers and ranchers who are volunteering to make things better, and share the cost of doing so with the government, will be turned away and taxpayers will face more delays in getting the improvements air, water, soil, and wildlife habitat they are willing to pay for.

**TABLE 2: SHORTFALL IN EQIP FUNDING BY STATE**

STATE	Funding State Should Get	Funding State Will Get	Shortfall
ALABAMA	\$23,369,835	\$19,340,553	\$4,029,282
ALASKA	\$9,937,843	\$8,224,422	\$1,713,421
ARIZONA	\$37,266,335	\$30,841,105	\$6,425,230
ARKANSAS	\$34,989,030	\$28,956,439	\$6,032,591
CALIFORNIA	\$90,134,960	\$74,594,449	\$15,540,510
COLORADO	\$58,089,718	\$48,074,249	\$10,015,469
CONNECTICUT	\$8,836,606	\$7,313,053	\$1,523,553
DELAWARE	\$10,317,776	\$8,538,849	\$1,778,927
FLORIDA	\$36,436,345	\$30,154,216	\$6,282,128
GEORGIA	\$27,309,769	\$22,601,188	\$4,708,581
HAWAII	\$10,945,545	\$9,058,382	\$1,887,163
IDAHO	\$28,353,727	\$23,465,153	\$4,888,574
ILLINOIS	\$25,459,818	\$21,070,194	\$4,389,624
INDIANA	\$19,071,619	\$15,783,409	\$3,288,210
IOWA	\$37,479,979	\$31,017,914	\$6,462,065
KANSAS	\$44,143,554	\$36,532,597	\$7,610,958
KENTUCKY	\$19,484,318	\$16,124,953	\$3,359,365
LOUISIANA	\$26,480,809	\$21,915,152	\$4,565,657
MAINE	\$13,146,121	\$10,879,549	\$2,266,573
MARYLAND	\$11,692,734	\$9,676,746	\$2,015,989
MASSACHUSETTS	\$7,613,585	\$6,300,898	\$1,312,687
MICHIGAN	\$28,324,561	\$23,441,016	\$4,883,545
MINNESOTA	\$47,134,644	\$39,007,981	\$8,126,663
MISSISSIPPI	\$29,767,815	\$24,635,433	\$5,132,382
MISSOURI	\$34,429,879	\$28,493,693	\$5,936,186
MONTANA	\$45,695,434	\$37,816,911	\$7,878,523
NEBRASKA	\$46,422,994	\$38,419,029	\$8,003,964
NEVADA	\$12,288,815	\$10,170,054	\$2,118,761
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$7,956,589	\$6,584,763	\$1,371,826
NEW JERSEY	\$7,243,547	\$5,994,660	\$1,248,887
NEW MEXICO	\$38,277,135	\$31,677,629	\$6,599,506
NEW YORK	\$20,511,494	\$16,975,030	\$3,536,465
NORTH CAROLINA	\$26,566,473	\$21,986,047	\$4,580,426
NORTH	\$32,533,086	\$26,923,933	\$5,609,153

DAKOTA			
OHIO	\$23,450,373	\$19,407,205	\$4,043,168
OKLAHOMA	\$42,263,814	\$34,976,949	\$7,286,864
OREGON	\$32,552,028	\$26,939,609	\$5,612,419
PENNSYLVANIA	\$19,563,474	\$16,190,462	\$3,373,013
RHODE ISLAND	\$7,221,530	\$5,976,439	\$1,245,091
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$13,627,470	\$11,277,906	\$2,349,564
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$30,554,766	\$25,286,703	\$5,268,063
TENNESSEE	\$18,724,910	\$15,496,477	\$3,228,433
TEXAS	\$130,271,027	\$107,810,505	\$22,460,522
UTAH	\$35,337,848	\$29,245,116	\$6,092,732
VERMONT	\$8,640,764	\$7,150,977	\$1,489,787
VIRGINIA	\$20,468,995	\$16,939,858	\$3,529,137
WASHINGTON	\$29,466,792	\$24,386,311	\$5,080,481
WEST VIRGINIA	\$10,975,779	\$9,083,404	\$1,892,376
WISCONSIN	\$30,479,282	\$25,224,233	\$5,255,049
WYOMING	\$25,843,439	\$21,387,674	\$4,455,765
PACIFIC BASIN	\$3,054,143	\$2,527,567	\$526,576
PUERTO RICO	\$9,791,070	\$8,102,954	\$1,688,116
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,450,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,200,000,000</b>	<b>\$250,000,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>The data in the Tables are based on the average share of total EQIP funding each State was allocated between 2005 and 2007; data for 2007 are the most recent data posted on the NRCS website.