

NRCS EQIP R&D TAX CREDITS WORKSHOP

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SPEAKERS

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TODAY'S TOPICS

NRCS Conservation Funding Programs, Ora Van Steyn and Perla Alonso + GROWER PANEL

NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Services) Mission: To provide technical and/or financial assistance to private land owners or managers to assist them to make sound natural resource management decisions.

NRCS offers several programs for winegrape growers, including EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) and CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program). For eligible growers, EQIP funds conservation practices such as:

- replacing old diesel-powered equipment with newer equipment (includes irrigation equipment)
- treating unpaved farm roads to limit dust
- adopting conservation tillage practices for annually tilled crops
- chip orchard/vineyard removals
- safely disposing of chemically-treated wooden stakes
- non-crop habitat management
- IPM (integrated pest management)
- nutrient management
- cover crop management
- drip irrigation and irrigation efficiency improvements

The BEST way to see if it makes financial sense to take advantage of NRCS's EQIP funding is to make an appointment with Ora or your local NRCS office. Applications are accepted year-round.

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Cover Crops and Soil Management, Karen Lowell + GROWER PANEL

By properly managing cover crops and soil, growers may improve soil microbiota, build and repair the structure of the soil, enhance the efficiency of root nutrient uptake, limit erosion, and apply the principles of sustainability.

R&D (Research & Development) Tax Credits, Chris Crifasi and Ray Esquivel + GROWER PANEL

Growers may be able to save \$\$\$ on taxes if they implement some of these practices and more: testing new & improved strains of grapes, developing new systems, structures, or techniques to improve the harvesting process, developing improved irrigation systems, or evaluating geological characteristics, including grade, soil, & water conditions.

Feel free to ask QUESTIONS at any time during today's presentations, directing your question towards the SPEAKER or the GROWER PANEL.