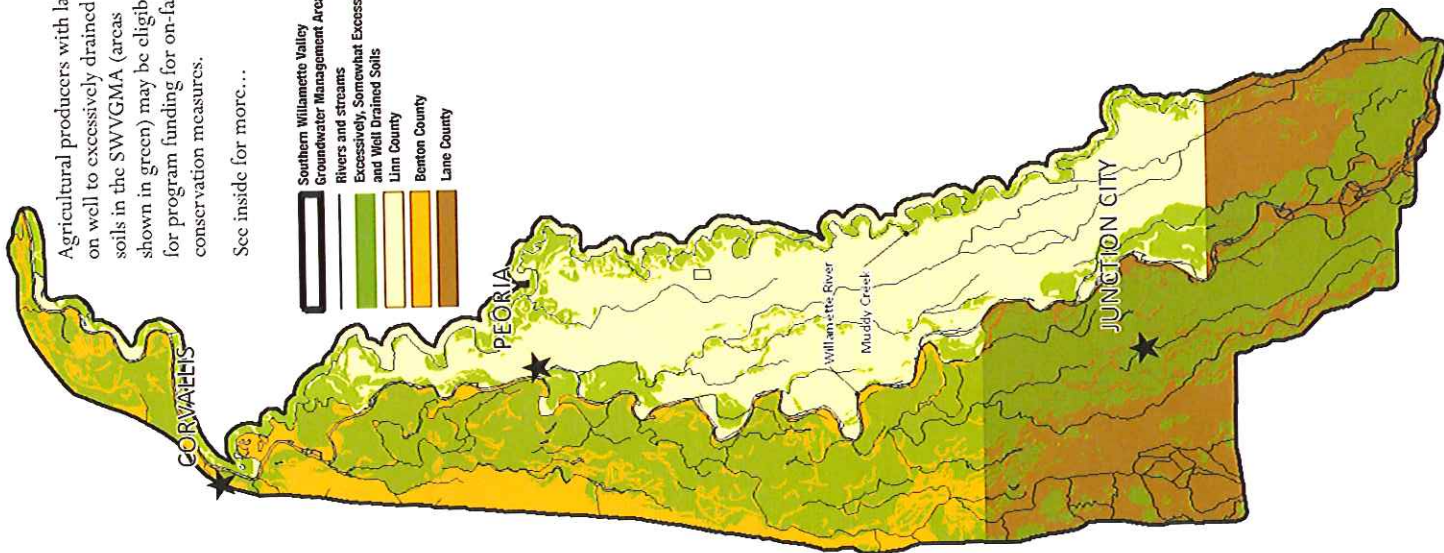
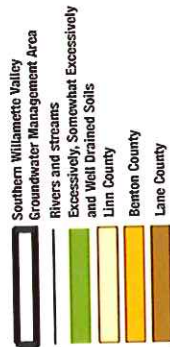


**Southern Willamette Valley  
Groundwater Management Area (SWGMA)**

Agricultural producers with land on well to excessively drained soils in the SWVGMA (areas shown in green) may be eligible for program funding for on-farm conservation measures.

See inside for more...



*Funding is available...*

*to help you protect groundwater while improving agricultural operations  
in the Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Management Area.*

Contact the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Applications must be received by:

**January 22, 2010**

[www.or.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov)

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
 33630 McFarland Road  
 Tangent, Oregon 97389-9708  
 Official Business: Penalty for Private Use \$300

## Attention Agricultural Producers:

As a grower in the Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Management Area (SWVGMA), there are a number of actions you can take to protect the groundwater in your area. On-farm conservation measures can help significantly reduce groundwater nitrate concentrations and prevent well contamination.

Voluntary financial and technical assistance is available to help you address local groundwater issues while improving operations on your agricultural land. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is providing dedicated conservation funding and professional expertise to assist producers in this area through the SWVGMA Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) sign-up. Practices funded through this special program enrollment are:

Conservation Crop Rotation · Cover Crops · Nutrient Management  
Irrigation Water Management · Irrigation System Upgrades

**Who Should Apply:** Agricultural producers with land on well to excessively drained soils in the SWVGMA may apply. A map with these priority areas shown in green is provided on the back of this sheet. Those who have received this letter in the mail are most likely in the priority area. Lands outside the priority area may be eligible to compete for funding through the regular EQIP sign-up. To be eligible for funding through the SWVGMA EQIP or regular EQIP, applicants must meet program eligibility requirements.

**Application Cutoff Date:** To be considered for current-year funding, you submit your EQIP application before **January 22, 2010**.

If you want to apply later, your application for next year's SWVGMA or regular EQIP sign-up may be submitted with NRCS at any time.

**Additional Information:** Additional information on EQIP, including eligibility requirements, is available on the NRCS Web site at: [www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cqip](http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cqip). For more information, application materials or to talk to an NRCS conservation professional, please contact the NRCS District Conservationist serving your county.

*We look forward to working with you,*

**Tom Burnham**, Lane County NRCS District Conservationist: (541) 465-6443 Ext. 108  
**Theresa McGovern**, Linn County NRCS District Conservationist: (541) 967-5925 Ext. 121  
**Tom Snyder**, Benton County NRCS District Conservationist: (541) 967-5925 Ext. 118

Practice	Current EQIP Payment Rate
<b>Conservation Crop Rotation</b>	<b>\$11.29 - \$27.05</b> <i>per acre depending on cropping system</i>
→ Changing crops season by season can reduce the need for fertilizers and pesticides by improving soil health and breaking the cycles of weeds, insects and diseases.	
<b>Cover Crops</b>	<b>\$94.65 - \$141.98</b> <i>per acre depending on crop type</i>
→ Planting grasses, legumes, forbs and other plants for seasonal cover helps to trap excess nutrients while also adding organic matter to the soil, improving soil tilth, and reducing weed competition.	
<b>Nutrient Management</b>	<b>\$7.50 - \$27.00</b> <i>per acre depending on land and land use</i>
→ Applying the correct amount and form of nutrients based on soil and manure tests will reduce impacts on water quality and help you reach optimum crop yields.	
<b>Irrigation Water Management</b>	<b>\$22.40 - \$44.99</b> <i>per acre depending on the system</i>
<b>Irrigation System Upgrades</b>	<i>Rates vary for different types of application, conveyance and other components</i>
→ Installing an efficient irrigation system in conjunction with following an irrigation water management plan will reduce excess runoff, save water, cut down on pumping costs, and ensure water is applied in a uniform manner across your fields.	

