



**Subject:** LTP – FY 2003 EQIP – Approval of EQIP  
cost list with cost share greater than 50 percent

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Attached is the EQIP cost list for the Pacific Basin Area. Our list includes practices that are cost-shared at greater than 50 percent.

A majority of farmers and farming operations in the three flag territories of the Pacific Basin Area are limited resource or beginning farming operations. Over the past five years in the islands of Guam and the CNMI, there has been a strong resurgence in locally operated and managed farms and ranches. This is attributed to the continuation of declining local and Asia-Pacific regional economies.

Pacific Basin Area EQIP cost share rates above 50% reflect the large number of beginning and limited resource farmers that NRCS services in the islands. The higher cost share rates are also a reflection of the high cost of equipment, materials and supplies necessary to implement specific practices.

I have reviewed and approved the cost list(s) and am requesting your concurrence.

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Director, Pacific Basin Area

Concurrence:	Date:
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