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Riparian Buffer

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EQIP-RCPP



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Eligible Conservation Practices

- Cross Fencing
- Exclusion Fencing
- Watering Facility
- Livestock Pipeline
- Heavy Use Area
- Stream Crossing



How does it work?

Runoff from agricultural fields is deposited in the buffer rather than being allowed to enter the water source. Cattle are fenced out of the stream or given limited access. Alternative water source will be installed. In addition, they provide bank stabilization and aquatic and wildlife habitat.













How it works.





Promoting and Reports

RIPARIAN BUFFERS



What is a Riparian Buffer?

A vegetated area (combination of grass and trees) adjacent to a water resource that provides protection from pollution.

How does it work?

Runoff from agricultural fields is deposited in the buffer rather than being allowed to enter the water source. Buffers also provide bank stabilization, and aquatic and wildlife habitat. Cattle are fenced out of the stream or given limited access. Alternative water source, stream crossing and cross fencing are some of the allowed practices.

The Program

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Partners

Alabama Cattlemen Association
Soil and Water Conservation District Board meetings
AL Soil & Water Board meetings
AL AACD Board meetings
Inter Agency Waste Team meetings
Cattlemen Trade Shows
One on one with producers





EQIP-RCPP

2019

- 10 contracts total
  - 2 Socially Disadvantaged
  - 2 New and Beginning
- $214,947

2020

- 18 contracts total
  - 3 Socially Disadvantaged
  - 5 New and Beginning
- $447,792

2021

- 13 contracts total
  - 0 Socially Disadvantaged
  - 3 New and Beginning
- $566,360

2022

- 6 contracts total
  - 1 Socially Disadvantaged
  - 2 New and Beginning
- $233,134



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