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January 17, 2007. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) today released the following reports, testimony, and correspondence related to the assessment, findings, and recommendations of the **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)** and the **Conservation Security Program (CSP)**, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):

1. GAO-07-370T, Testimony before the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, U.S. Senate "Agricultural Conservation: USDA Should Improve Its Management of Key Conservation Programs to Ensure Payments Promote Environmental Goals". GAO-07-370T, January 17, 2007. [www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-370T](http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-370T)
2. **Highlights of GAO-07-370T**, Testimony before the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, U.S. Senate - [www.gao.gov/highlights/d07370thigh.pdf](http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07370thigh.pdf)

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**For further information:**

See the New Jersey NRCS Conservation Programs website pages on its programs including these under the Farm Bill (such as CSP and EQIP) at <http://www.nj.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>.

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