



“Help People, Help the Land”



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A voluntary conservation initiative that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to treat identified soil, water and related natural resources concerns on eligible land with financial and technical assistance.

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Producers receive financial assistance for structural, vegetative and management conservation practices, such as:

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- ***And More!***

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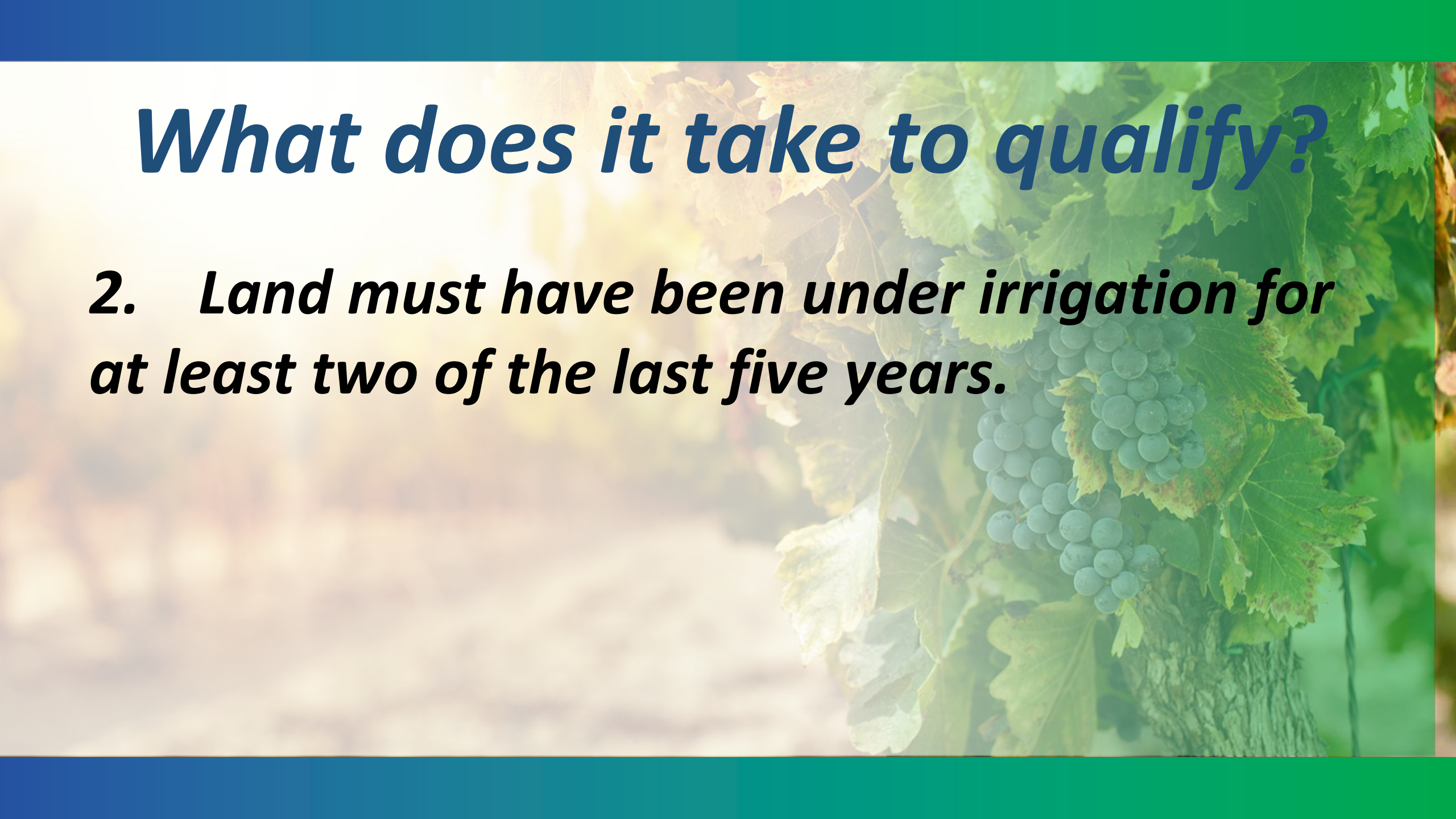
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2. Land must have been under irrigation for at least two of the last five years.



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3. Annual income of the land owner or operator should not exceed \$900,000.

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**#1 Make sure you have
established FSA (Farm
Service Agency) records!!!**



Then:

- **Contacts your local NRCS field office for Initial Questionnaire Paperwork:**



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Then:

- Contacts your local NRCS field office for Initial Questionnaire Paperwork:

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Then:

- Contacts your local NRCS field office for Initial Questionnaire Paperwork:

For Both!

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Then:

- **An NRCS planner will meet with you & help determine your objectives, collect information and discuss applicable conservation practices.**



Then:

- **Submit your application, along with any required documents.**



Then:

- **NRCS ranks all applications using an “environmental ranking matrix”.**



Then:

- **Applications that rank the highest are funded first, until all funds have been expended.**



Then:

- **If approved for funding, you sign a contract.**



Then:

- **Once funded (money set aside for your project) you can begin construction, during which time you will work closely with your planner to make sure practice requirements are met.**



Then:

- **Once practices have been installed, contact NRCS for a field inspection.**



Then:

- **Once practices have been inspected and certified, you will be reimbursed based on the payment rate in your contract!**

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- **Do NOT purchase parts or begin installation before officially funded!**

Limited Q & A

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