

# Seasonal High Tunnels

Environmental Quality Incentives Program



## Extend Your Growing Season

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), can help pay for the construction of Seasonal High Tunnels (hoop houses).

Seasonal High Tunnels allow you to extend the growing season for fresh market vegetables and other crops so that you can increase yields and profitability.

## Requirements:

NRCS does not place a size limit on seasonal high tunnels. Financial assistance (FA) is provided on a square foot basis with a maximum of \$10,000 per year.

- Plantings must be put directly into the soil or in raised beds of on-site soils.
- NO planting in pots, on racks or growing media or using hydroponics.
- The tunnel frame needs to be at least 6 feet in height.



- UV resistant cover - at a minimum, a 6 mil greenhouse grade polyethylene.
- Electricity is allowed. Irrigation systems are allowed where needed.
- The structure can be moved annually to a new location or cover crops and mulches can be used to maintain soils.
- The producer repairs damages to maintain structure for the 4-year lifespan of the practice.

Applications are accepted continuously. For more information, contact your local NRCS office or visit our website at [www.va.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.va.nrcs.usda.gov).



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