

FY2013 Financial Assistance Programs Update: EQIP and CSP

EQIP Pooling Area Accounts

- National Office encouraged states to reduce number of Pooling Area Accounts utilized to rank applications in FY 2013
- KY decided to reduced number from 28 to 7:
 - PA 1: West KY Crop
 - PA 1: West KY Pasture
 - PA 2: Central KY Crop
 - PA 2: Central KY Pasture
 - PA 3: Northeast KY Crop
 - PA 3: Northeast KY Pasture
 - PA 4: Southeast KY Pasture

EQIP Fund Accounts

- General EQIP (State) Fund Accounts
 - 7 Pooling Areas
 - Beginning Farmer
 - Limited Resource Producer
 - Socially Disadvantage
 - State Initiatives
 - *Forestland Initiative*
 - *Wildlife Initiative*
 - *Southeast KY Early Successional Habitat Initiative*

EQIP Fund Accounts

- National Initiatives
 - Organic
 - Seasonal High Tunnel
 - On-Farm Energy
 - Mississippi River Basin Initiative
 - National Water Quality Initiative

EQIP Timeline

- Ranking cut-offs set Nationally in 2013
- States could choose from 8 possible dates
- Third Friday of each month from October through May
- Kentucky chose to offer 2 of the 8 possible dates based on recommendations from the State Technical Committee:
 - 1st application cut-off = January 18th
 - 2nd application cut-off = April 19th

EQIP Timeline

- 1st Application Cut-Off
 - January 18th
- 1st Ranking Deadline
 - February 22nd
- 1st Obligation Deadline
 - March 22nd

EQIP Timeline

- 2nd Application Cut-off
 - April 19th
- 2nd Ranking Deadline
 - May 17th
- 2nd Obligation Deadline
 - June 21st

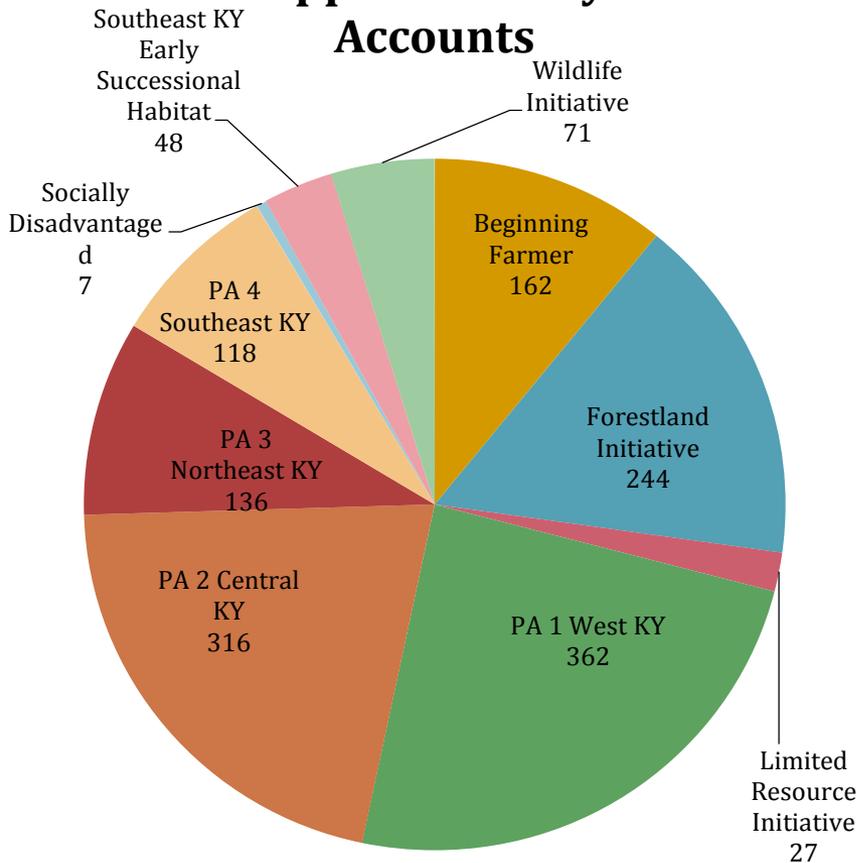
EQIP: Requests vs. Funding

- Received total of **1825** eligible applications across all accounts.
- Requesting **\$19,448,271** in cost share assistance.
- KY received an initial allocation of **\$12,370,177 (approx. \$8M State/\$4M National)**
 - Selected **853** applications as Preapproved
 - Totaling **\$10,359,414** of our allocation

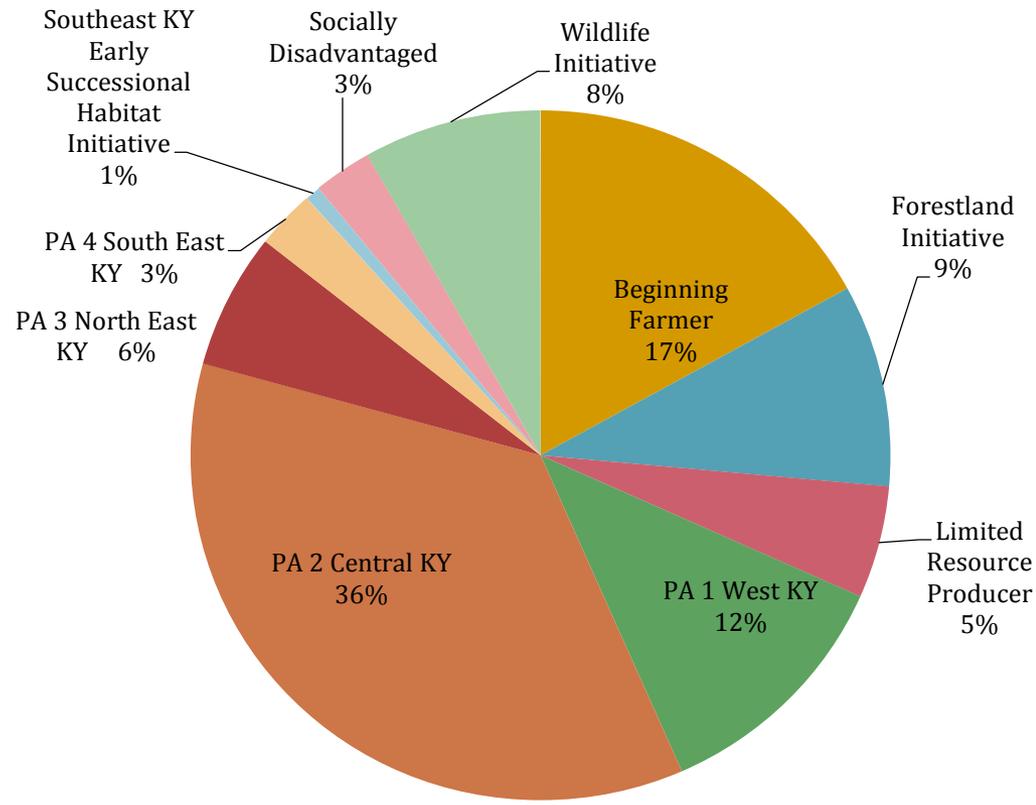
State: Applications vs. Obligations

Total Applications by State

Accounts

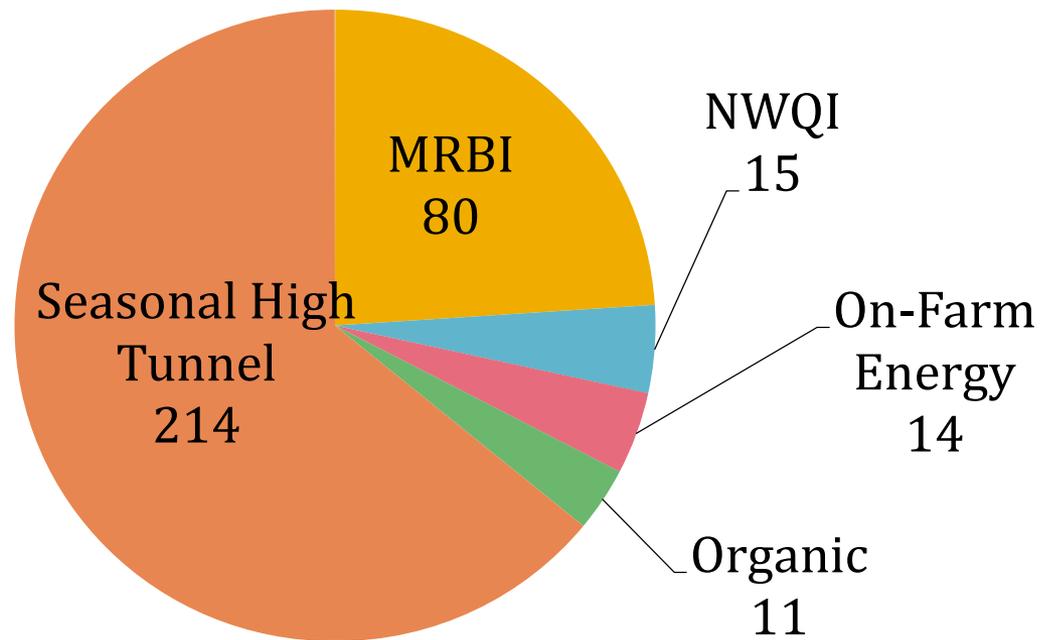


Total Obligations by State Accounts



National Account Applications

Total Applications by National Accounts



All eligible High & Medium Priority applications were funded in the National Accounts

National Accounts

- Added \$138,923 from State allocation to cover National On-Farm Energy requests.
- Returned total of \$1,443,000 in National allocations due to lack of requests
(Organic, Seasonal High Tunnel, MRBI, NWQI)
- ❖ Requested an additional \$4 million allocation.
 - Funds would cover remaining High Priority applications in the State Accounts

CSP 2013

- Field has actively taken applications all year
- Official release of CSP was delayed due to the sequestration
- Program was released late May
 - Application cut-off is June 14th
 - Interview/Ranking cut-off is July 8th
 - Field Verify/Obligation deadline is Aug 23rd

2013 CSP

- CSP allocation different from EQIP
- Allocated by acres instead of \$\$\$
- FY 2010: 182 contracts covering 62,110 acres**
- FY 2011: 108 contracts covering 46,703 acres**
- FY 2012: 57 contracts covering 26,360 acres**
- For 2013, National allocation is expected to be 12.6 million acres or \$175 million
- Currently we have 96 applications

Questions??

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