

## Maine NRCS Program Delivery Schedule FY 2023

**2023 AMA, CSP Classic, EQIP (to include CPA/DIA/CEMA) and RCPP (Exception: EQIP Act Now CNMP planning activity applications)**

Application batching cut off for FY 2023 funding consideration	<b>August 26, 2022</b>
Assessment Deadline (FO action)	<b>No later than January 13, 2023</b>
Ranking Deadline (FO action)	<b>No later than January 20, 2023</b>
Select preapprovals in SAT (SO action)-FO sends Intent to Proceed letter if necessary*	<b>No later than February 3, 2023</b>
PreApproval Selection in ProTracts and Field Office Allocations completed (SO action)	<b>No later than February 24, 2023</b>
Participant response to intent to proceed letter, if applicable	<b>No later than March 3, 2023</b>
Approval Deadline and send approval letters (FO action)	<b>No later than March 31, 2023</b>
Response to approval letter from applicant	<b>No later than April 14, 2023</b>
Deadline to upload documents to DMS	<b>No later than April 28, 2023</b>
Obligation Deadline (SO action) target for first round applications	<b>No later than May 26, 2023</b>

**2023 EQIP Act Now Pilot-CNMP planning activities only**

Delivery timeline	<b>See Maine Bulletin 300-23-X</b>
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**2023 EQIP CPA/DIA/CEMA stand-alone type applications 2<sup>nd</sup> round**

Application batching cut off for FY 2023 funding consideration	<b>February 24, 2023</b>
Assessment and Ranking Deadline (FO action)	<b>No later than March 31, 2023</b>
Select preapprovals in SAT (SO action)-FO sends Intent to Proceed letter if necessary*	<b>No later than April 14, 2023</b>

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PreApproval Selection in ProTracts and Field Office Allocations completed (SO action)	<b>No later than April 28, 2023</b>
Participant response to intent to proceed letter, if applicable	<b>No later than May 5, 2023</b>
Approval Deadline and send approval letters (FO action)	<b>No later than May 26, 2023</b>
Response to approval letter from applicant	<b>No later than June 9, 2023</b>
Deadline to upload documents to DMS	<b>No later than June 23, 2023</b>
Obligation Deadline (SO action)	<b>No later than July 21, 2023</b>

### **CStP annual payments for 2022 activities for existing active contracts (per National Bulletin):**

Payment approval deadline for participants that opted for payment in tax year 2022. (FO action)	<b>No later than December 16, 2022</b>
Payment approval deadline for participants that opted for payment in tax year 2023. (FO action)	<b>No later than February 24, 2023</b>

### **2023 CSP-Renewal obligation: 2023-1 sign up (NB)**

Obligation deadline for FY 2023-1 Renewals of FY2018 CSP contracts	<b>December 30, 2022</b>
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### **2023 EQIP TSP Set-aside TA:**

<b><u>First round TSP Set-aside request deadline: 12/30/2022. The basis for this request is TSP activities that will commence by March 31, 2023. Fulfillment of request to be determined based on available EQIP TA funds available.</u></b>
<b>Second round: TO BE DETERMINED</b>

### **2023 Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) and Healthy Forest Reserve Program (HFRP):**

Application batching cut off for FY 2023 sign up funding consideration for ACEP-ALE ,ACEP-WRE and HFRP	<b>November 17, 2022</b>
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Application assessment and ranking deadline	<b>No later than December 1, 2022</b>
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**\*Reference Title 440 Part 530, Subpart E, section 530.41 A (1), which states:**

A. Preapproval of Applications.—When NRCS selects an application for funding as described in subpart D, “Application Processing,” of this manual, the State program manager, or others with delegated authority and appropriate business tool permissions, will—

(1) Set the application status to “preapproved” and use subpart O, exhibit 530.141C, “Intent to Proceed Letter,” of this manual, to notify the applicant. NRCS field staff uses this letter, along with subpart O, exhibit 530.142E, “Conservation Program Application Checklist” of this manual to—

- (i) notify an applicant that NRCS ranked their application high enough for funding consideration and determine their interest in moving forward with a contract; and
- (ii) provide the applicant an opportunity to finalize their eligibility and to request any other documentation needed for contract development.

**Note:** When a State has previously notified an applicant about preapproval and the applicant has provided all required contract-development documentation, the State does not need to send the “Intent to Proceed” letter. However, the State must have documentation to support this decision in the case file.