

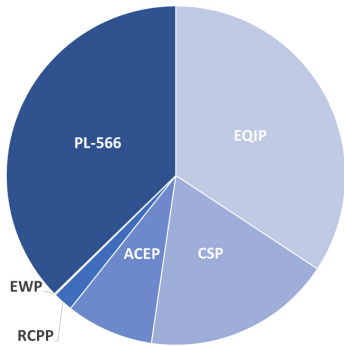
# At-a-Glance

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# FY 22



## FY22 TOTAL PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Note: This graphic is based on contract obligations as listed below.

### EQIP—Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Active Contracts: 3,982      Acres: 713,000  
 New Contracts: 1,455      Acres: 227,000  
 Obligations: \$57,500,000

### CSP—Conservation Stewardship Program

Active Contracts: 995      Acres: 847,000  
 New Contracts: 231      Acres: 169,000  
 Obligations: \$30,000,000

### ACEP—Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

Easements: 9      Acres: 3,196  
 Obligations: \$13,900,000

### RCPP—Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Contracts: 64      Acres: 11,982  
 Obligations: \$3,200,000



In FY22, Arkansas NRCS worked with more than 200 partners to help put conservation on the ground.

### EQIP—Environmental Quality Incentives Program

SUB ACCOUNT	CONTRACTS	ACRES	OBLIGATIONS
FY22 Organic Transition	5	77	\$47,000
FY22 On-Farm Energy	100	4,000	\$2,410,300
Statewide	10	880	\$440,220
Wildlife	61	9,000	\$1,665,000
Beginning Farmer/Rancher	10	1,600	\$683,000
Socially Disadvantaged	49	4,600	\$4,139,000
Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher	4	89	\$91,000
Arkansas Groundwater Initiative	22	7,000	\$2,449,000
Strike Force (HU)	18	1,655	\$1,100,000
Strike Force (HU) - Healthy Forest	18	1,316	\$286,000
Joint Chiefs Partnership	77	12,780	\$1,407,000
Mississippi River Basin Initiative	112	33,000	\$8,600,000
National Water Quality Initiative	28	5,000	\$1,715,300
Local Led Priorities	553	78,500	\$15,000,000
Climate Smart Agriculture and Forestry (CSAF)	19	2,400	\$1,037,000
Conservation Incentive Contracts	58	15,000	\$2,331,000
Cover Crop Initiative	123	34,440	\$5,190,000

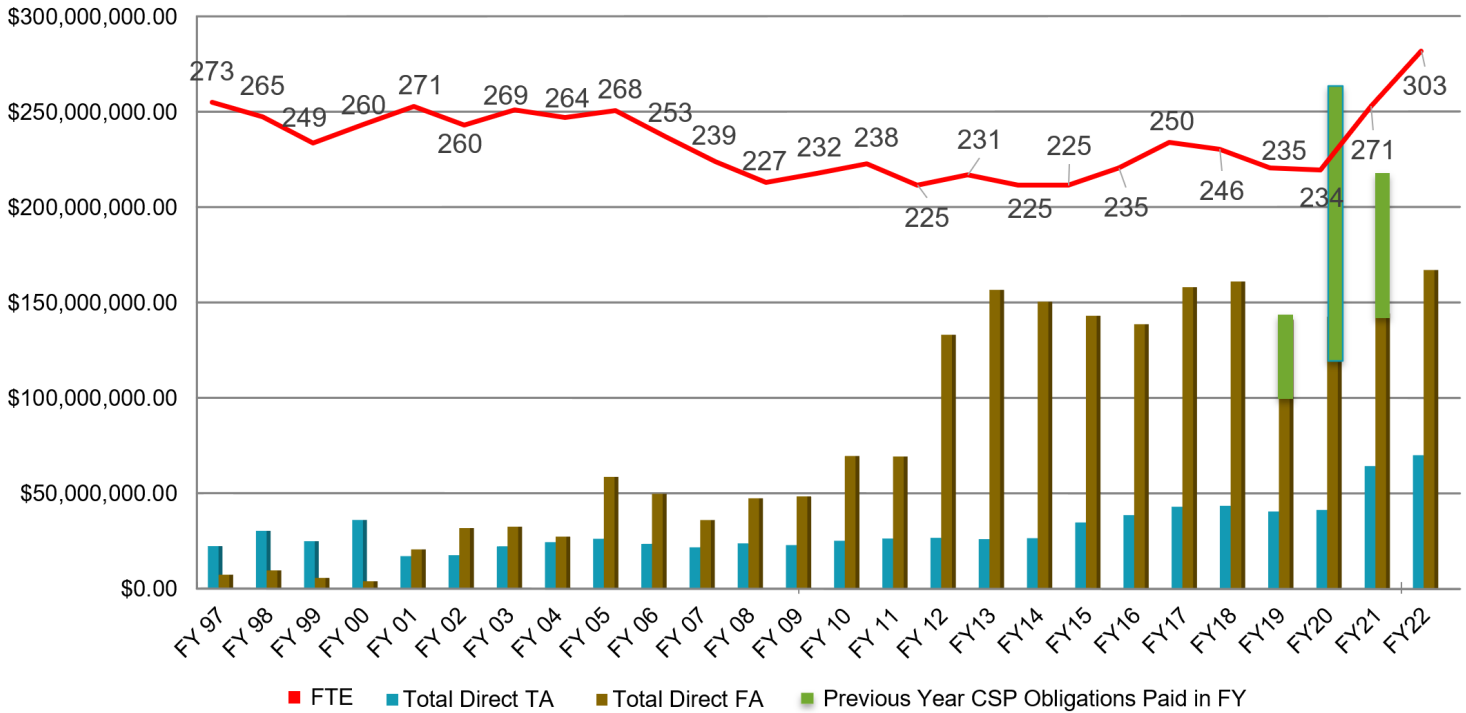
## Ongoing Program Workload—Active Contracts, Easements

EQIP: 3,982 contracts  
 CSP: 995 contracts  
 ACEP/WRP: 753 easements

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## Total Direct Technical Assistance (TA), Financial Assistance (FA) and Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) FY 1997 through FY 2022 Allocations



## USDA Announce \$95.9 Million Investment in 19 Watershed Infrastructure Projects

USDA invested \$95.9 million in 19 infrastructure projects in Arkansas. These projects include rehabilitating dams, flood prevention, and watershed restoration projects, and they are part of the Biden-Harris Administration’s implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), building on a \$166 million nationwide investment announced earlier last fiscal year.

“These investments will help protect communities and their residents here in Arkansas that are impacted by floods, natural disasters, and other watershed scale resource concerns,” Cosby said. “For example, our project here will benefit three communities with residents who not only faced socioeconomic challenges but those from flooding and the other impacts of severe weather. This project and others across Arkansas will create a more climate resilient future and will help these communities thrive in the years to come.”

As part of this project, NRCS is working with the Cities of Helena-West Helena, Lake View, and Marvell collectively; the Cities of Forrest City, Haynes, and Marianna collectively; the Cities of Hughes and Jennette collectively; the City of Pine Bluff; and the City of Camden for potential PL-566 projects. Flooding has caused significant problems for these historically underserved communities, including deterioration of highways, streets and bridges. These projects aim to alleviate flooding of suburban and rural homes, cropland, and grazing lands as well as improve wildlife habitat and water quality.

“These projects create good-paying jobs and improve economies in rural America. USDA offers several watershed programs that help communities rebuild after natural disasters and build resilience,” said Mike Sullivan,

Arkansas state conservationist. “We encourage communities to connect with their local NRCS office to learn more about Watershed Program assistance.”

As part of this investment, NRCS is working with the Arkansas Black Mayors Association, East Arkansas Enterprise Community, conservation districts and others on these projects. A full list of Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program projects is available on NRCS’ Bipartisan Infrastructure Law webpage.



**Chief Terry Cosby announces 19 infrastructure projects to alleviate flooding of agricultural lands in Arkansas.**

