

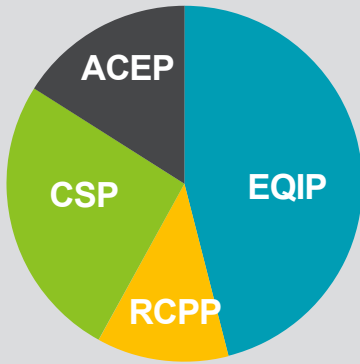
At-a-Glance

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FY23 Total Program Accomplishments (by Funds Obligated)

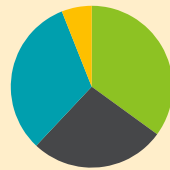


CSP	\$22.2 M	267,103 Ac.	557 contracts
ACEP	\$14.0 M	1,607 Ac.	12 easements
EQIP	\$39.1 M	93,717 Ac.	840 contracts
RCPP	\$10.5 M	24,309 Ac.	219 contracts
TOTAL	\$85.8 M	386,736 Ac.	1,628 contracts

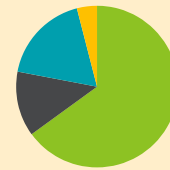


Ongoing Program Workload

Active Contracts, Easements & Acres



2,269 contracts
2,023 contracts
1,712 easements
407 contracts



1,022,685 acres
281,197 acres
196,755 acres
56,573 acres

● CSP ● EQIP ● Easements ● RCPP

Primary Farm Bill 2018 NRCS Conservation Programs

CSP	Easements	EQIP	RCPP
Conservation Stewardship Program	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	Regional Conservation Partnership Program
Through CSP, NRCS helps proven conservationists help build on existing stewardship efforts while strengthening operations through many conservation enhancement options.	Through easement programs, NRCS helps to restore, protect, or enhance enrolled areas. Landowners retain private ownership of their land, but follow certain land use requirements.	Through EQIP, NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits.	Through RCPP, NRCS co-invests with partners to implement projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to conservation challenges and provide measurable improvements and outcomes.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Landscape Initiatives, Priorities, and Special EQIP Projects

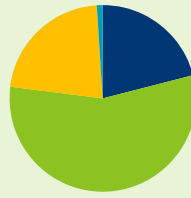
*CPAs, DIAs, CEMAs	\$378,879	1,184 Ac.	40 contracts
EQIP Conservation Incentive Contracts	\$1,160,000	2,611 Ac.	13 contracts
High Tunnel System Initiative	\$304,383	38 Ac.	13 contracts
Historically Underserved	\$11,451,267	15,365 Ac.	190 contracts
**IRA Soil Health Initiative	\$3,860,000	16,658 Ac.	59 contracts
Mississippi River Basin Health Watersheds Initiative (MRBI)	\$5,310,000	14,489 Ac.	92 contracts
National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)	\$888,534	2,890 Ac.	29 contracts
Northern Bobwhite Quail Initiative	\$143,285	425 Ac.	9 contracts
On-Farm Energy Initiative	\$375,848	130 Ac.	9 contracts
Organic Initiative	\$191,380	695 Ac.	6 contracts
Organic Transition Initiative (OTI)	\$982,347	880 Ac.	10 contracts
Prairie Pothole Water Quality and Wildlife Program	\$657,036	290 Ac.	12 contracts
Prairie Strips	\$44,882	20 Ac.	5 contracts
Soil Health Initiative	\$281,678	655 Ac.	3 contracts
Source Water Protection	\$2,510,000	8,947 Ac.	30 contracts
Wildlife Habitats	\$1,920,000	3,952 Ac.	109 contracts

*CPA (Conservation Planning Activities), DIA (Design and Implementation Activities), CEMA (Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activities)

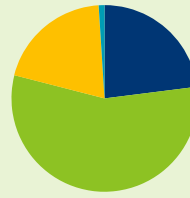
**Climate Smart soil health practices, such as cover crops, no-till, nutrient management, and conservation crop rotations.



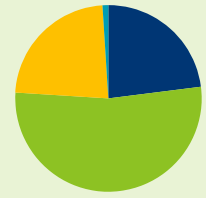
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)



\$4.7 M
\$12.4 M
\$5.1 M
\$36,460



62,696 Ac.
149,783 Ac.
54,625 Ac.
405 Ac.



131 contracts
296 contracts
130 contracts
19 contracts

● FY23 Renewal ● FY23 Inflation Reduction Act
● FY23 CSP Classic ● FY23 CSP-GCI

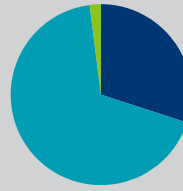
Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP18) Project Summary

ISACD Iowa Systems Approach to Conservation Drainage	\$2,093,858	23 contracts
Midwest Agriculture Water Quality Partnership	\$1,531,484	19 contracts
North Raccoon Partnership for Soil and Water	\$2,249,877	39 contracts
Turkey River Watershed Partnership	\$1,094,120	17 contracts
Southeast Iowa Watershed Partnership	\$824,873	37 contracts
Floyd River Water Quality Partnership	\$1,038,437	38 contracts
Cedar River Source Water Partnership	\$811,091	11 contracts
Innovative Conservation Agriculture	\$185,115	21 contracts
RCPP EQIP 14 PROJECTS	\$691,732	14 contracts
TOTAL	\$10,520,587	219 contracts

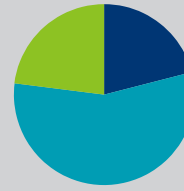




Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)



\$4.2 M
\$9.6 M
\$243,000



339 Ac.
892 Ac.
375 Ac.



4 easements
6 easements
2 easements

● ACEP-WRE (Wetland Reserve)
 ● IRA ACEP-WRE (Wetland Easements)
 ● ACEP-ALE (Agricultural Lands)

FY23 Iowa Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

Iowa NRCS selected one State CIG in FY23. CIGs help develop the tools, technologies, and strategies to support next-generation conservation efforts on working lands and develop market-based solutions to resource challenges. Grantees match the CIG investment at least one to one.

Practical Farmers of Iowa (Gateway to Grazing): Through this agreement, PFI will assist new and historically underserved farmers develop grazing systems. (\$154,435)

Other Conservation Activities

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)*

Contracts: **102,401**
Acres: **1,653,492**

State Cost-Share (IDALS)*

Funds: **\$21.29 M**
Practices Funded: **6,588**

Conservation Plans*

Written: **12,753**
Acres Planned: **1,045,112**

*See maps for more details.

FY23 Iowa Partners for Conservation (IPC)

These funds will be used to help support Iowa NRCS mission areas and increase partner staff in local field offices.

Iowa State University (Conservation Station): Iowa Learning Farms will educate farmers and others across Iowa on the importance of soil health, climate smart agriculture, water quality and quantity, and habitat through Conservation Station trailer events. (\$132,009)

Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources (Technical Forestry Assistance): Through this agreement, Iowa DNR will deliver technical assistance through site visits and forest management planning for private forest landowners in Iowa to address resource concerns. (\$1.26 million)

Iowa State University (Digitization of 1990 Soils Maps): ISU will provide information for land use planning, agricultural and forestry practices, environmental protection, and natural resource management. Soil survey information can help farmers and land managers make information decisions about soil management, crop selection, and nutrient management, and can be used by planners, engineers, and developers to assess the suitability of sites for construction and other uses. (\$144,750)

Iowa State University (Training Next Generation): ISU will develop workshops to enhance agency training that will immerse NRCS staff in different facets of on-the-ground resource management to increase field experience and build practical skills for more fruitful rapport with clients with a goal to become more effective conservation planners. (\$390,787)

