

## **Texas ACT NOW for FY 2024 EQIP IRA applications Information**

ACT NOW allows NRCS to immediately approve and obligate a ranked application in a designated ranking pool when an eligible application meets or exceeds a State determined minimum ranking score without waiting until the NRCS field office ranks all applications in the ranking pool.

Batching period one for Fiscal Year 2024 funding consideration for EQIP IRA application deadline: November 8, 2023.

Ranking Threshold Scores for all applications received by close of business November 8, 2023:

- Five Fund Pools by Texas Zone Boundaries each containing these categories:
  - Soil Health Threshold Score: 16.0
  - Livestock Partnership Threshold Score: 16.0
  - Grazing and Pasture Threshold Score: 80.0
  - Agroforestry, Forestry, and Wildlife Habitat Threshold Score: 10.0
  - Energy, Combustion, & Electricity Efficiency Threshold Score: 10.0
  - Nitrogen Management Threshold Score: 10.0
- Any application that was received by the batching deadline and has a ranking score that is equal to or higher than the above referenced threshold score could be immediately preapproved for Fiscal Year 2024 funding consideration if all other eligibility requirements have been met.
- Texas NRCS will use up to 100% of their EQIP IRA funding on these categories identified above.
- Texas has identified a 60-day window to evaluate and obligate applications for ACT NOW.
- Texas can evaluate applications with ranking scores less than those identified above and approve in ranking order if funds are still available after the ranking deadline has passed.
  - If additional funds are still available, an additional sign up could be offered and the threshold scores lowered at that time.