USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Programs Update for STAC

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FY2025 Program Delivery

Delivery Decisions for FY2025

- Application batching deadline for most programs (EQIP, AMA, CSP) was August 23, 2024
- Application deadline for ACEP WRE and ALE was December 6, 2024 and December 20, 2024
- NRCS accepts applications year-round, on a continuous basis

Status of FY2025 Program Obligations

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Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP): Offers financial and technical assistance to agriculture and forestry producers to promote agricultural production, forest management, and environmental quality as compatible goals.

EQIP Classic: $8.7 million

- 95% of preapproved applications have been obligated
- 287 contracts

EQIP IRA:

- $4.7 million obligated
- 63 contracts

Status of FY2025 Program Obligations (as of 6-17-25)

Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA): Helps producers manage financial risk through diversification, marketing, or natural resource conservation practices.

AMA: $675,000

- 99% of preapproved applications have been obligated
  - High Tunnel- 16
  - Irrigation (micro and sprinkler)- 10

Status of FY2025 Program Obligations (as of 6-17-25)

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): Helps build on existing conservation efforts while strengthening operations.

CSP: $1.29 million (includes additional funds received in April)

- 100% of preapproved applications have been obligated
- 23 contracts

Status of FY2025 Program Obligations

National obligation target of 80% by June 30th has been met!

FY2026 Program Delivery

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- Application batching deadlines for Fiscal Year 2026 (EQIP, AMA, CSP): **Aug. 22, 2025**
  - NRCS accepts applications year-round, on a continuous basis
- Field staff currently working on planning FY26 applications

FY2026 Program Delivery

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)

Helps landowners, land trusts, and other entities protect, restore, and enhance wetlands or protect working farms through conservation easements.

- Wetland Reserve Programs (WRE)
- Agricultural Land Easements (ALE)

- Application batching deadline for Fiscal Year 2026 (ACEP): **October 3, 2025**

QUESTIONS?

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