Throughout the life of the 2014 Farm Bill, NRCS Oregon continued to implement a Strategic Approach to Conservation to help farmers, ranchers and forest owners address priority natural resource concerns on private lands. This report provides a snapshot of what Oregon’s conservation community has achieved together through the 2014 Farm Bill. Of course, we could never make this happen without the support and commitment of hundreds of family farms who choose to work with NRCS. We extend a heartfelt thanks to Oregon farmers for being outstanding stewards of the land, and for producing the food and fiber that nourishes and sustains communities across the state, the region, and the nation.

—Ron Alvanada
NRCS Oregon State Conservationist

2014 FARM BILL IMPLEMENTATION

HELPING PEOPLE

HELP THE LAND

TOTAL ACRES CONTRACTED

4.3M

TOTAL CONTRACTS

3,702

PROGRAM INVESTMENTS

105M

TOTAL ACRES CONTRACTED

EQIP - Environmental Quality Incentives Program
RCPP - Regional Conservation Partnership Program
CSP - Conservation Stewardship Program

TOTAL CONTRACTS

EQIP 2,452
CSP 987
RCPP-EQIP 263

PROGRAM INVESTMENTS

EQIP $49.6M
CSP $51.5M
RCPP-EQIP $4M
## Locally-Led Conservation Implementation Strategies

The majority of financial assistance provided by NRCS Oregon comes through a Strategic Approach to Conservation. **Conservation Implementation Strategies (CIS)** are developed at the county or multi-county level to address a specific natural resource concern in the community, with input from local landowners and partners. Each CIS typically spans three to five years and utilizes EQIP as the primary funding program.

## 2014 Farm Bill Implementation

### SGI Sage Grouse Initiative
- **Contracts**: 166
- **Acres**: 179,322
- **Obligated**: $18.1M
- **Payments**: $10.5M

### Air Quality Initiative
- **Contracts**: 43
- **Acres**: 2,243
- **Obligated**: $2.5M
- **Payments**: $1.8M

### Organic Initiative
- **Contracts**: 55
- **Acres**: 8,870
- **Obligated**: $1.1M
- **Payments**: $542,700

### Water Quality Initiative
- **Contracts**: 27
- **Acres**: 1,918
- **Obligated**: $1.6M
- **Payments**: $1.3M

### Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative
- **Contracts**: 158
- **Acres**: 442
- **Obligated**: $1M
- **Payments**: $714,225

### Drought Recovery
- **Contracts**: 218
- **Acres**: 222,413
- **Obligated**: $5.5M
- **Payments**: $2.7M

### Wildfire Recovery
- **Contracts**: 58
- **Acres**: 451,671
- **Obligated**: $7M
- **Payments**: $2.3M

### On Farm Energy Initiative
- **Contracts**: 48
- **Acres**: 27,758
- **Obligated**: $598,448
- **Payments**: $291,575
JOINT CHIEFS INITIATIVE

This initiative is a partnership with U.S. Forest Service to perform fuels reduction treatments on private lands adjacent to public lands, creating a cross-boundary defensible space to reduce catastrophic wildfire risk. Joint Chiefs Projects throughout the 2014 Farm Bill in Oregon are:

- East Face of the Elkhorn Mountains Project, in partnership with the Wallowa Whitman National Forest
- Ashland Forest All Lands Restoration Project, in partnership with the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest
- Greater La Pine Basin Cohesive Strategy, in partnership with the Deschutes National Forest
- Salmon Superhighway Project, in partnership with the Siuslaw National Forest
- North Warner Multi-Ownership Forest Health Project, in partnership with the Fremont-Winema National Forest

113 Contracts
7,975 Acres
$5.3M Obligated
$2.5M Payments

JOINT CHIEFS PROJECT MAP
The 2014 Farm Bill introduced a new program that amplified the reach of conservation — the Regional Conservation Partnership Program. Oregon partners capitalized on this exciting new funding opportunity, submitting quality proposals every year - many of which were funded. Oregon is among the top states for RCPP participation.

**Consortium Project Map**

**Conservation Easements**

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