



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Programs Ranking Criteria and Payment schedules

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Programs Discussion Topics

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- **NRCS Mission:** We deliver conservation solutions so agricultural producers can protect natural resources and feed a growing world.
- **NRCS Vision:** A world of clean and abundant water, healthy soils, resilient landscapes, and thriving agricultural communities through voluntary conservation.



NRCS Farm Bill Programs

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
 - **EQIP Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Climate Smart Funding**
- Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA)
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program(RCPP)
- Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)
- Agriculture Conservation Easement Program(ACEP)

Program 2024 Allocation Summary

Fund	Region	State	Allocation
[-] ACEP FA			\$383,222.00
	[+] West		\$383,222.00
[-] AMA FA			\$574,042.00
	[+] West		\$574,042.00
[-] CSP-GCI FA			\$1.00
	[+] West		\$1.00
[-] CSP-IRA-FA			\$775,000.00
	[+] West		\$775,000.00
[-] EQIP General FA			\$8,182,130.00
	[+] West		\$8,182,130.00
[-] EQIP-IRA-FA			\$10,701,000.00
	[+] West		\$10,701,000.00
Total:			\$20,615,395.00

FY 2024 Application Summary

Contract Count Table of Contract Phase and Contract Status by Program

	Application							Contract	Grand Total
	Approved	Cancelled	Deferred	Eligible	Ineligible	Pending	Preapproved	Active	
EQIP	16.0	12.0	3.0	80.0	17.0	81.0	35.0	22.0	266.0
AMA	3.0	3.0		7.0	4.0	17.0		13.0	47.0
CStwP				3.0		41.0			44.0
CSP-GCI						1.0			1.0
Grand Total	19.0	15.0	3.0	90.0	21.0	140.0	35.0	35.0	358.0

FILTERS APPLIED

Fiscal Year: 2024; Program: All; Region: All; State: Nevada; Contract Phase: All; Contract Status: All

2024 EQIP Program State/National Fund pools

Local Work Groups:

Minden	\$507,800
Fallon	\$507,800
Elko	\$507,800
Ely	\$507,800
Yerington	\$507,800
Las Vegas	\$507,800
Winnemucca	\$507,800
Lovelock	\$507,800

Other State/National Fund Pools:

Tribal	\$288,100
Beginning Farmer Rancher	\$338,100

Socially disadvantaged Farmer Rancher \$100,000

Water Management Entities \$507,800

Livestock Management \$200,000

High Tunnels \$50,000

Sage Grouse Initiative **\$606,561**

Source Water Protection \$676,876

Join Chief \$60,000

National Water Quality Initiative \$94,000

Water Smart \$659,314

EQIP Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) \$10,000,000

Cheatgrass Challenge

BFR, SDFR, Tribal



2024 EQIP Program State/National Fund pools

Not Utilized:

Air Quality

EQIP Organic Transition

EQIP Organic

EQIP CIC

2025 Opportunities

EQIP Urban Fund pool

State Conservation Innovation Grant CIG Option



Ranking Criteria

- Determine which contracts will result in the greatest conservation benefit, including treating the identified project or priority resource concern.
- Example ranking



Resource Concerns

- Justify the money we spend
- How our agency meets our objectives
- Tracks how we as an agency are reaching a higher level of conservation on existing ag land
- Improving Resource concerns on the ground.
- Part of our eligibility criteria



530.402 EQIP Eligibility

- 1. Applicant eligibility
- 2. Land Eligibility
- 3. Resource Eligibility: At least one natural resource concern must be identified and addressed with an eligible conservation practice or activity.

47 Resource Concerns NRCS Uses

Categories	NRCS Resource Concerns
Soil	1. Sheet and rill erosion
	2. Wind erosion
	3. Ephemeral gully erosion
	4. Classic gully erosion
	5. Bank erosion from streams, shorelines, or water conveyance channels
	6. Subsidence
	7. Compaction
	8. Organic matter depletion
	9. Concentration of salts or other chemicals
	10. Soil organism habitat loss or degradation
	11. Aggregate instability
Water	12. Ponding and flooding
	13. Seasonal high-water table
	14. Seeps
	15. Drifted snow
	16. Surface water depletion
	17. Groundwater depletion
	18. Naturally available moisture use
	19. Inefficient irrigation water use
	20. Nutrients transported to surface water
	21. Nutrients transported to groundwater
	22. Pesticides transported to surface water

47 Resource Concerns NRCS Uses

	23. Pesticides transported to groundwater
	24. Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids, or compost applications transported to surface water
	25. Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids, or compost applications transported to groundwater
	26. Salts transported to surface water
	27. Salts transported to groundwater
	28. Petroleum, heavy metals, and other pollutants transported to surface water
	29. Petroleum, heavy metals, and other pollutants transported to groundwater
	30. Sediment transported to surface water
	31. Elevated water temperature
Air	32. Emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors
	33. Emissions of greenhouse gasses (GHGs)
	34. Emissions of ozone precursors
	35. Objectionable odors
	36. Emissions of airborne reactive nitrogen
Plants	37. Plant productivity and health
	38. Plant structure and composition
	39. Plant pest pressure
	40. Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation
Animals	41. Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates
	42. Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms
	43. Feed and forage imbalance
	44. Inadequate livestock shelter
	45. Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality, and distribution
Energy	46. Energy efficiency of equipment and facilities
	47. Energy efficiency of field operations



2024 CSP State Priority Resource Concerns:

1. Concentrated Erosion
2. Degraded Plant Condition
3. Livestock Production Limitation
4. Pest Pressure
5. Soil Quality Limitation
6. Source Water Depletion
7. Terrestrial Habitat
8. Wind and Water Erosion



EQIP Priority Resource Concerns/ practices

- Fund Pool Specific
- LWG Priority Resource and/or Practice Based Concerns
- Influence Ranking
- Influence payments
- State Fund Pool Priority Resource Concern Option?



EQIP State Priority Resource Concern Practices

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) High Priority Practices

The 2018 Farm Bill authorizes NRCS to provide higher payment rates for practices and activities that address High Priority Practices and Source Water Protection.

States may designate up to 10 High priority practices eligible for increased payment that:

1. Address water quality impairment due to excess nutrients
 2. Address water conservation,
 3. Meet other identified priority RCs in habitat or other area restoration plans, or
 4. Are geographically targeted to a specific watershed
- High priority practices (Pr) are coded differently from Source Water Protection practices (Wp) in the payment schedules



Current State Priority Resource concern practices (Pr):

- 1. 315 - Herbaceous Weed Treatment
- 2. 340 - Cover Crop
- 3. 394 - Firebreak
- 4. 449 - Irrigation Water Management
- 5. 561 - Heavy Use Area Protection
- 6. 590 - Nutrient Management
- 7. 595 - Pest Management Conservation System

Cost list labels and when to use them

- Standard Rate

- 315 EQIP Herbaceous Weed Treatment Chemical, Spot Ac 30.96 PR 100
- Receives 50-75% of typical cost

- HU (Historically Underserved)

- 315 EQIP Herbaceous Weed Treatment HU-Chemical, Spot Ac 37.15 PR 100
- Must be identified on the 1200 application
- Must review criteria with landowner to make sure they are accurately selecting the HU box
- Receives 90% of typical cost



Cost list labels and when to use them

■ PR

- 315 EQIP Herbaceous Weed Treatment **Pr**_Chemical, Spot Ac 37.15 PR 100
- Must be a state identified priority practice
- Can be used for any applicant
- Receives 90% of typical cost

■ WP

- 340 EQIP Cover Crop **Wp**_Cover Crop - 1 acre or less Ac 522.81 PR 100
- Must be identified as a Source water protection applicant
- Falls under the Source water Priority practices
- Receives 90% of typical costs

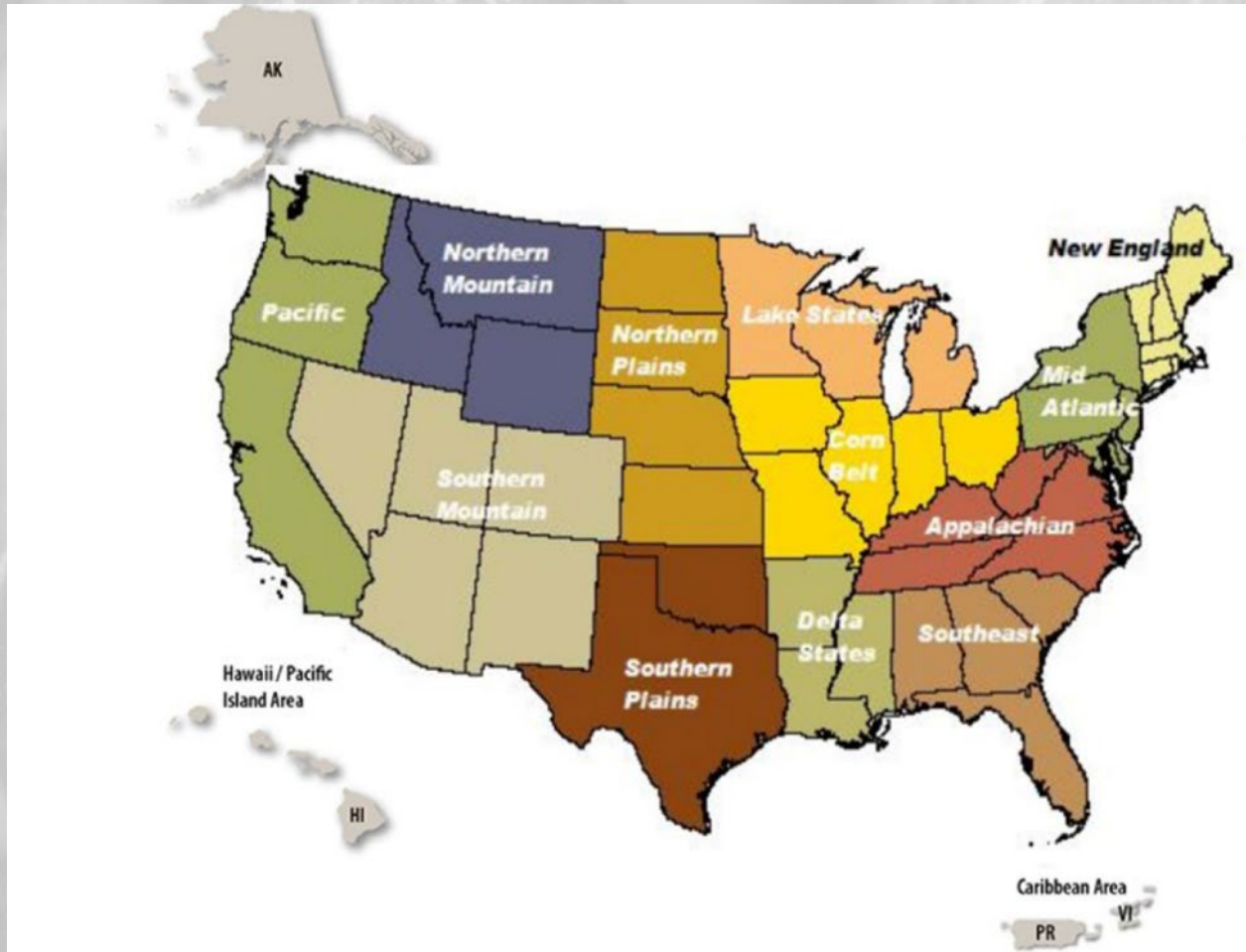


Payment Scenarios





Payment Schedule Regional Map





Contracting Payment Scenarios

- Represent the typical cost of a practice
- Don't outline all possible situations that exist.
- Determine what option is available and fits your situation the best

The Payment Scenario Does:

- Determine the commonly used components and activities associated with a practice
- Assist the field planner to select the most appropriate scenario for the resource setting regardless of the final payment rate.
- Document the estimated incurred costs, and the most applicable typical payment rate.
- **Broadly approximate** the typical application of a practice to address a resource concern in a region or State.

The Payment Scenario Does NOT:

- Dictate the technical requirements or design of a practice.
- Represent application of a practice for a geographical area less than that of a State.
- Develop a description of every situation that may exist where the practice is applied.

382 Fence 20 yrs

382	EQIP	Fence	Large Animal 5 Wire High Tensile, Electric	Ft 2.28	PR	100
382	EQIP	Fence	Large Animal 8 Wire High Tensile, Electric	Ft 2.53	PR	100
382	EQIP	Fence	Large Animal Perimeter 96 Inch Woven Wire	Ft 6.4	PR	100
382	EQIP	Fence	Multi Strand Barbed or smooth Wire Difficult terrain	Ft 2.99	PR	100
382	EQIP	Fence	Multi Strand Barbed or Smooth Wire Very Difficult terrain	Ft 4.04	PR	100
382	EQIP	Fence	Multi Strand Barbed/Smooth Wire	Ft 2.27	PR	100
382	EQIP	Fence	Pole Fence	Ft 10.73	PR	100
382	EQIP	Fence	Safety	Ft 5.14	PR	100
382	EQIP	Fence	Temporary	Ft 0.58	PR	100
382	EQIP	Fence	Wildlife Exclusion	Ft 6.27	PR	100
382	EQIP	Fence	Woven Wire	Ft 2.92	PR	100
382	EQIP	Fence	Confinement	Ft 4.85	PR	100
382	EQIP	Fence	Electric	Ft 1.86	PR	100

Practice 382 – Fence Scenario

#52 Multi Strand Barbed Wire Very Difficult Terrain

Scenario Description: Barbed, Smooth, or woven wire Very Difficult Installation – Installation of fence in very difficult situations such as shallow soils, extreme slopes or extensive clearing of trees that will allow for implementation of grazing management that allows for an adequate rest and recovery period, protection of sensitive area, improved water quality, reduction of noxious and invasive weeds.

Cost Details:

Component Name	ID	Description	Unit	Cost	QTY	Total
Equipment Installation						
Backhoe, 80 HP	926	Wheel mounted backhoe excavator with horsepower range of 60 to 90. Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hours	\$54.23	10	\$542.30
Auger, Post driver attachment	934	Auger or post driver attachment to a tractor or skidsteer. Does not include power unit. Labor not included.	Hours	\$9.79	10	\$97.90
Chainsaw	937	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hours	\$6.78	1	\$6.78
Truck, Pickup	939	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hours	\$25.18	32	\$805.76
Tractor, agricultural, 60 HP	963	Agricultural tractor with horsepower range of 50 to 90. Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hours	\$27.60	10	\$276.00
Labor						
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hours	\$28.57	60	\$1,714.20
Equipment Operators, Light	232	Includes: Skid Steer Loaders, Hydraulic Excavators <50 HP, Trenchers <12 in., Ag Equipment <150 HP, Pickup Trucks, Forklifts, Mulchers	Hours	\$30.06	10	\$300.60
Materials						
Wire, Barbed, Galvanized, 12.5 Gauge, 1,320' roll	1	Galvanized 12.5 gauge, 1,320' roll. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$127.46	4	\$509.84
Post, Wood, CCA treated, 3-4 in. x 7 ft.	9	Wood Post, Line 3-4 inch dia. X 7 ft., CCA Treated. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$10.64	20	\$212.80
Post, Wood, CCA treated, 6 in. x 8 ft.	12	Wood Post, End 6 inch dia. X 8 ft., CCA Treated. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$24.11	8	\$192.88
Post, Steel T, 1.33 lbs, 6 ft.	15	Steel Post, Studded 6 ft. - 1.33 lb. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$7.39	90	\$665.10
Fence, Wire Assembly, Barbed Wire	30	Brace pins, battens, clips, staples. Includes materials and shipping only.	Feet	\$0.21	1320	\$277.20
Vinyl Undersill Strips	241	Marking material using the undersill strips of vinyl siding. Priced per foot of fence per each wire. Materials only.	Feet	\$0.08	500	\$40.00
Gate, Pipe, 12 ft.	1057	6 rail tube gate, 16 gauge. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$244.45	1	\$244.45
Mobilization						
Mobilization, medium equipment	1139	Equipment with 70-150 HP or typical weights between 14,000 and 30,000 pounds.	Each	\$256.29	1	\$256.29

Practice 382 – Fence Scenario

#129 Multi Strand Barbed/Smooth Wire

Scenario Description: Multi-strand, Barbed or Smooth Wire - Installation of fence will allow for implementation of grazing management that allows for an adequate rest and recovery period, protection of sensitive area, improved water quality, reduction of noxious and invasive weeds. Constructed using fencing materials rather than a pre-manufactured gate.

Cost Details:						
Component Name	ID	Description	Unit	Cost	QTY	Total
Equipment Installation						
Auger, Post driver attachment	934	Auger or post driver attachment to a tractor or skidsteer. Does not include power unit. Labor not included.	Hours	\$9.81	5	\$49.05
Truck, Pickup	939	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hours	\$25.15	5	\$125.75
Tractor, agricultural, 60 HP	963	Agricultural tractor with horsepower range of 50 to 90. Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hours	\$36.03	5	\$180.15
Labor						
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hours	\$32.08	33	\$1,058.64
Equipment Operators, Light	232	Includes: Skid Steer Loaders, Hydraulic Excavators <50 HP, Trenchers <12 in., Ag Equipment <150 HP, Pickup Trucks, Forklifts, Mulchers	Hours	\$32.51	5	\$162.55
Materials						
Wire, Barbed, Galvanized, 12.5 Gauge, 1,320' roll	1	Galvanized 12.5 gauge, 1,320' roll. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$127.81	4	\$511.24
Post, Wood, CCA treated, 3-4 in. x 7 ft.	9	Wood Post, Line 3-4 inch dia. X 7 ft., CCA Treated. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$11.59	20	\$231.80
Post, Wood, CCA treated, 6 in. x 8 ft.	12	Wood Post, End 6 inch dia. X 8 ft., CCA Treated. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$25.74	8	\$205.92
Post, Steel T, 1.33 lbs, 6 ft.	15	Steel Post, Studded 6 ft. - 1.33 lb. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$7.35	90	\$661.50
Fence, Wire Assembly, Barbed Wire	30	Brace pins, battens, clips, staples. Includes materials and shipping only.	Feet	\$0.20	1320	\$264.00
Gate, Pipe, 12 ft.	1057	6 rail tube gate, 16 gauge. Includes materials and shipping only.	Each	\$243.68	1	\$243.68
Mobilization						
Mobilization, small equipment	1138	Equipment <70 HP but can't be transported by a pick-up truck or with typical weights between 3,500 to 14,000 pounds	Each	\$301.38	1	\$301.38



315 Herbaceous Weed Treatment 5 yrs

315	EQIP	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	Biological Management High Density	Ac	800.84	PR	100
315	EQIP	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	Biological Management Low Density	Ac	400.42	PR	100
315	EQIP	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	Chemical, Aerial	Ac	29.11	PR	100
315	EQIP	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	Chemical, Ground	Ac	41.02	PR	100
315	EQIP	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	Chemical, Spot	Ac	30.96	PR	100
315	EQIP	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	hand and chemical	Ac	78.74	PR	100
315	EQIP	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	Herbaceous Weed Treatment for One Acre or less (not to exceed 1 acre)	Ac	270.0	PR	100
315	EQIP	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	Mechanical	Ac	17.45	PR	100
315	EQIP	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	mechanical and chemical	Ac	89.83	PR	100
315	EQIP	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	Mechanical, Hand	Ac	53.57	PR	100
315	EQIP	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	Multi-Year Invasive Annual Grass Control	Ac	69.48	PR	100
315	EQIP	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	split-method and event series	Ac	74.17	PR	100

Practice: 315 - Herbaceous Weed Treatment Scenario:

#68 - Multi-Year Invasive Annual Grass Control

Scenario Description: Grazing lands where multi-year control of invasive annual grasses is required. Cheatgrass, medusahead, ventenata, and other invasive annual grasses are present, threatening rangeland health and productivity, reducing livestock forage and wildlife habitat, and fueling more frequent and larger wildfires. Pre-emergent herbicide is applied to suppress invasive annual grass seedlings, deplete the invasive grass seedbank, and release desired rangeland vegetation. NRCS does not make chemical treatment recommendations. Use appropriate NRCS tools for risk assessment and refer to extension publications and product label

Cost Details:

Component Name	ID	Description	Unit	Cost	QTY	Total
Equipment Installation						
Truck, Pickup	939	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hours	\$25.15	4	\$100.60
Chemical, aerial application, helicopter	1991	Chemical application performed by helicopter on forest only. Includes equipment, mobilization, and labor.	Acres	\$44.03	1000	\$44,030.00
Labor						
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hours	\$32.08	32	\$1,026.56
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hours	\$48.95	16	\$783.20
Materials						
Herbicide, Indaziflam	2794	Pre-emergent herbicide for multi-year control of invasive annual grasses like cheatgrass, medusahead, ventenata, and red brome on rangelands. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shipping only.	Acres	\$43.04	1000	\$43,040.00
Mobilization						
Mobilization, large equipment	1140	Equipment >150HP or typical weights greater than 30,000 pounds or loads requiring over width or over length permits.	Each	\$915.42	4	\$3,661.68

Practice: 315 - Herbaceous Weed Treatment Scenario:

#8 - split-method and event series

Scenario Description: The practice entails the control of herbaceous vegetation by treating it up to three times during the multi-year treatment period in order to improve ecological site condition. The herbs can be treated with the same method or by a combination of methods. Vegetation needs to be treated at least twice in order to fully control it. Generally, herbicide volumes are reduced as the last treatment will kill resprouting stems or those which survived the first treatment or newly sprouted seedlings. Density has exceeded desired levels based on ecological site potential.

Cost Details:

Component Name	ID	Description	Unit	Cost	QTY	Total
Equipment Installation						
Truck, Pickup	939	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hours	\$25.15	4	\$100.60
Mower, Bush Hog	940	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hours	\$31.33	4	\$125.32
Chemical, ground application	948	Chemical application performed by ground equipment. Includes equipment, power unit and labor costs.	Acres	\$6.67	25	\$166.75
Labor						
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hours	\$32.08	8	\$256.64
Equipment Operators, Light	232	Includes: Skid Steer Loaders, Hydraulic Excavators <50 HP, Trenchers <12 in., Ag Equipment <150 HP, Pickup Trucks, Forklifts, Mulchers	Hours	\$32.51	4	\$130.04
Supervisor or Manager	234	Labor involving supervision or management activities. Includes crew supervisors, foremen and farm/ranch managers time required for adopting new technology, etc.	Hours	\$48.95	4	\$195.80
Materials						
Herbicide, Triclopyr	338	Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Materials and shipping	Acres	\$34.16	25	\$854.00
Herbicide, Surfactant	1095	Surfactants reduce the surface tension of water to produce more uniform coverage and penetration of herbicides, and weed killers. Paraffin Based Petroleum Surfactant. Refer to WIN-PST for product names and active ingredients. Includes materials and shipping only.	Acres	\$1.61	25	\$40.25
Mobilization						
Mobilization, small equipment	1138	Equipment <70 HP but can't be transported by a pick-up truck or with typical weights between 3,500 to 14,000 pounds.	Each	\$301.38	2	\$602.76

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

- State-level competitions for projects that support early-stage development and piloting of new tools, practices and technologies to further natural resource conservation on private lands.
- CIG state competitions fund projects that target state-identified conservation priorities.
- Each year, NRCS state offices may elect to administer their own CIG competitions.



FY24 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

- **0 Active RCPP Classic agreements.**
- Partner Driven approach to conservation
- Next round of proposals accepted until **July 2, 2024**
- Funding Priorities: climate-smart agriculture, urban agriculture, conservation, and environmental justice.

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

- Signed into law August 2022
- Contracts must include core conservation activities that
 - directly improve soil carbon;
 - reduce nitrogen losses; or
 - reduce, capture, avoid, or sequester carbon dioxide, methane, or nitrous oxide emissions associated with agricultural production.

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Example Mitigation Activities

- Soil Health
 - Cover Crop
 - Conservation Cover
 - Tillage management
 - Mulching
- Nitrogen Management
 - Nutrient Management
- Livestock Partnership
 - Anaerobic Digester
- Grazing and Pasture
 - Brush Management*
 - Herbaceous Weed Treatment*
 - Pasture and Range Plantings
 - Grazing Management
- Agroforestry, Forestry and Wildlife Habitat
 - Fuelbreak
 - Woody Residue Treatment
 - Tree planting
- Energy Efficiency
 - Irrigation Pipeline*
 - Microirrigation*

*see specific narrative



Code	Conservation Practice Standard	Code	Narrative
313	Waste Storage Structure	01N	Compost Bedded Pack waste storage facility - a livestock agricultural waste storage fabricated structure where manure is composted within the animal housing
314	Brush Management	03N	Remove woody (non-herbaceous and succulent) invasive vegetation to maintain or enhance deep rooted native perennial grass and forb communities, leaving treated woody material onsite to mitigate above ground carbon loss
315	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	01N	Remove or treat herbaceous weeds to release desired deep rooted perennial grass and forb species
430	Irrigation Pipeline	01N	Replacement of an earthen channel that is supplied by pumping water with a closed conduit, resulting in enhanced conveyance efficiency and reduced energy use
441	Irrigation System, Microirrigation	02N	Switching from higher to lower pressure irrigation systems without increasing irrigated acres, resulting in enhanced application efficiency and reduced energy use
442	Sprinkler System	02N	Utilization of variable rate irrigation (VRI) technology, switching from higher to lower pressure irrigation systems, and sprinkler head renozzling without increasing irrigated acres, resulting in enhanced application efficiency and reduced energy use
449	Irrigation Water Management	03N	Managing water levels in rice fields to include dry down between full flood conditions prior to re-flooding (alternated wetting and drying) to minimize greenhouse gas production in accordance with an irrigation water management plan
533	Pumping Plant	02N	Replacing existing pump with high-efficiency pump resulting in reduced energy use
643	Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities	01N	Restoration of streams and associated floodplains using low-tech structures (such as beaver dam analogs or other stick-and-stone structures) to kick-start natural ecological and hydrologic processes required for maintenance of healthy and functioning streams and associated floodplains



IRA Influence

- Each year, the Climate Office reviews NRCS conservation activities (practices and enhancements) to recommend additions, removals, or to provide further detail for listed activities. The list guides eligibility for funds from the Inflation Reduction Act.
- While NRCS collects feedback throughout the year, the Climate Office will batch submissions for fiscal year 2025 that are received by June 7, 2024. NRCS welcomes submissions that include relevant scientific literature supporting the climate change mitigation benefits of specific activities. There are several options for you to provide your input:
 - At the local level to the Local Working Group, a subcommittee of the State Technical Committee,
 - At the state level to the State Technical Committee, or
 - At the national level by emailing the NRCS Climate Office at SM.FPAC.NRCS.CLIMATE@usda.gov.



Wildlife Habitat

- States should consult with STAC to identify conservation practices that help Wildlife Habitat



Time lines

- May National deadline to propose changes to payment schedules
- August National deadline to submit State payment schedules PR Concern Practices
- November State deadline to develop rankings and include Priority resource concerns
- December National deadline to submit CIG priorities for a state fund pool.



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