

At-a-Glance

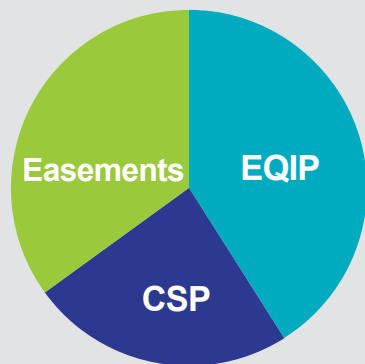
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FY21 Total Program Accomplishments



Easement Programs

*\$29.4 M

4,564 AC

29 easements

CSP

\$19.7 M

186,681 AC

389 contracts

EQIP

\$33.9 M

131,524 AC

1,048 contracts

TOTAL

\$83.0 M

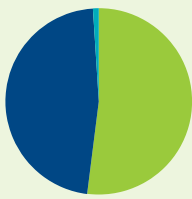
322,769 AC

1,466 contracts

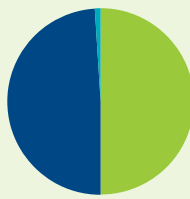
* Easements include ACEP-WRE, ACEP-ALE, EWP-FPE, and \$1.6 M in funding for stewardship activities on existing easements.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

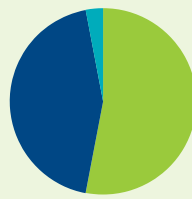
● FY21 Renewal ● New FY21 ● FY21 CSP-GCI



\$9.3 M
\$10.4 M
\$39,780



91,912 AC
94,327 AC
442 AC



171 contracts
205 contracts
13 contracts

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Obligations by Sub-Accounts

Conservation Activity Plans	\$185,719	3,774 AC	53 contracts
Derecho Disaster	\$1.89 M	34,918 AC	143 contracts
High Tunnel System	\$230,596	49 AC	19 contracts
Historically Underserved	\$8.44 M	17,826 AC	216 contracts
MRBI	\$4.80 M	16,982 AC	108 contracts
NWQI	\$1.21 M	3,865 AC	38 contracts
On-Farm Energy	\$828,598	445 AC	14 contracts
Organic	\$186,013	943 AC	11 contracts
Prairie Pothole	\$693,404	373 AC	22 contracts
Soil Health Initiative	\$1.24 M	2,990 AC	16 contracts
Source Water Protection	\$3.08 M	10,320 AC	28 contracts
Wildlife	\$2.16 M	6,238 AC	199 contracts

FY21 Easement Programs

● ACEP (Easements: ALE, WRE, WREP) ● ACEP (Stewardship) ● EWP-FPE (Floodplain Easements)



\$2.93 M
\$1.25 M
\$25.18 M



553 AC
N/A
4,011 AC



5 easements
N/A
24 easements

FY21 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP-EQIP)

Driftless Area Habitat for the Wild & Rare Phase 2	\$239,841	59 AC	5 contracts
Fox River Water Quality Project	\$279,800	1,432 AC	17 contracts
Innovative Conservation Agriculture	\$33,458	737 AC	13 contracts
Midwest Agriculture Water Quality Partnership	\$1,553,302	12,979 AC	39 contracts
SmithfieldGro: Sustainable Grain Supply Chains	\$106,477	518 AC	4 contracts
Totals	\$2,212,878	15,727 AC	78 contracts

Ongoing Program Workload

Active Contracts, Easements & Acres



FY21 Iowa Partners in Conservation (IPC)

IPC funds are used to help support Iowa NRCS mission areas and increase partner staff in local field offices.

Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners:

The purpose of this agreement is to implement the Clear Creek Watershed Plan that will assist landowners with conservation planning and implementation to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and increase public awareness. (\$222,546)

Pheasants Forever: The purpose of this agreement is to assist NRCS with increasing conservation adoption through sustaining wildlife technical assistance available to NRCS customers to benefit soil health, wildlife habitat, and economic performance of working agricultural lands. (\$1,862,275)

Poweshiek SWCD: The goal of this project is to increase the adoption of agricultural conservation practices, protect Montezuma's drinking water source, and prioritize soil health throughout the county. (\$123,998)

FY21 Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

Iowa NRCS selected three State CIGs in FY21. These grants 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.

Black Hawk SWCD: This project drives development of the innovative conservation approach of perennial groundcover (PGC) through 10 on-farm trials in Iowa over five years in collaboration with end-user producers, conservation leaders, commodity organizations, university researchers, and supply chain stakeholders, to deliver all four NRCS Soil Health Management Systems (SHMS) practices and other ecosystem benefits at a modest implementation cost. (\$100,000)

Practical Farmers of Iowa: PFI will employ a novel, innovative approach to address the lack of fence and economic incentives that support grazing by piloting a new cost-share program to pay for grazing infrastructure, specifically temporary fence and watering systems. (\$99,938)

Practical Farmers of Iowa: This project empowers farmers to research, share, and grow knowledge and social networks related to the nitrogen rate reduction potential of soil health management systems in Iowa. The critical information collected from this CIG project will inform part two of a larger project: Assessing the potential and appropriateness for a yield warranty for farmers who reduce N rates in soil health management systems. (\$99,473)

Other Conservation Activities

Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)

- NRCS signed 35 agreements totaling more than \$8 million with local sponsors in FY21 to help communities recover from the **2019 floods**. Much of the work involves stream bank stabilization to help reduce future flooding and to protect local roads, culverts, bridges, dams, homes, cropland, and other infrastructure.
- NRCS completed four agreements in FY21 totaling \$325,117 to help communities recover from the August 2020 **Derecho** wind storm. Most of the work involves debris removal from downed trees.

Commission Watershed Project Plan – Environmental Document. (\$900,000)

- Provides assistance for the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors Watershed Project Plan – Environmental Document. (\$600,000)

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)*

Active Contracts: **103,819**
 Acres: **1,685,105**

State Cost-Share (IDALS)*

Funds: **\$14.94 M**

Practices Funded: **4,992**

Conservation Plans*

Written: **10,245**

Acres Planned: **797,197**

Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO)

- Provides assistance for the Clarke County Reservoir

*Request maps for more details.

