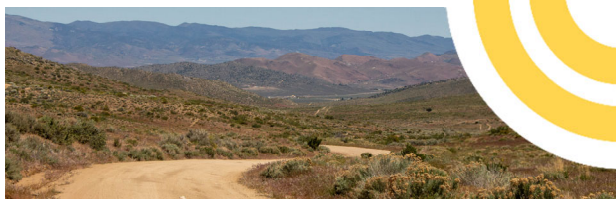




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Allocations and Updates FY25



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FY25 Priority Practices

Practice Code	Practice Name
314	Brush Management
315	Herbaceous Weed Treatment
340	Cover Crop
449	Irrigation Water Management
516	Livestock Pipeline
528	Prescribed Grazing
533	Pumping Plant
550	Range Planting
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment
614	Watering Facility

This is NRCS Nevada's updated priority practice list. These practices received the increased payment rate regardless of HU status.

FY24 list had 7 practices, some of which were not used often.

Feedback received at the June STAC meeting included to increase the list (10 maximum) and to add practices that are frequently used in Nevada.

We also received feedback to include practices that may be utilized by small and urban producers. We identified tree/shrub planting as the practice that had been requested and utilized the most for the program participants.

FY25 Allocations

Program	Allocation Amount		Program	Allocation Amount
ACEP-ALE (GENERAL)	\$ 500,000.00		ACEP-IRA	\$ 1,067,100.00
AMA	\$ 300,000.00		EQIP-IRA	\$ 9,389,635.00
CSP Classic	\$ 1,380,000.00		CSP-IRA	\$ 1,398,000.00
EQIP General	\$ 12,036,537.00		Total	\$ 11,854,735.00
EQIP – NWQI	\$ 96,309.00			
EQIP – SGI	\$ 675,240.00			
EQIP – WSI	\$ 1,547,144.00			
EQIP - NAQI	\$ 1,500,000.00			
Total	\$ 18,035,230.00			

This slide shows Allocations to NRCS-NV for FY25. CSP Classic and EQIP General are the allocations that NRCS NV has the most control over, and STAC and LWG's can provide input to, within Farm Bill rules and limitations.

Notice, NRCS Nevada received \$1.5 million for the National Air Quality Initiative. This is the first year Nevada received these funds. This will fund practices such as 372 Combustion System Improvement.

Water Smart Initiative funds have been doubled for FY25 which will support several irrigation projects in Nevada.

Fund Pools and National Guidance



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The following slides will describe some of the rules NRCS-NV must follow when managing the EQIP-General and CSP classic allocations displayed on the previous slide.

EQIP Allocation Rules: EQIP General Allocation

- **Livestock Related Agriculture** – Minimum 50%
- **Wildlife** - Minimum 10%
- **Socially Disadvantaged and Beginning Farmer and Ranchers** - Minimum 10%
- **EQIP CIC** - 5% to 20%
- **National Organic Initiative** - Required
- **National On-Farm Energy Initiative** - Required
- **Organic Transition Initiative** - Required
- **Urban Agriculture** – Must be prioritized.
- **High Tunnel** – Must be Offered through state initiative or other fund pool.

Statewide Fund Pools FY25

FY25		Sep-24	
Account	Amount	Account	Amount
TOTAL	12,036,536	TOTAL	7,069,670
EQUIP CIC	602,000	EQUIP CIC	0
		EQUIP CIC Crop	0
High Tunnels	5,000	High Tunnels	0
National Organic Initiative	5,000	National Organic Initiative	0
Organic Transition Initiative	5,000	Organic Transition	0
On-Farm Energy	5,000	On-Farm Energy	0
Tribes	1,000,000	Tribes	322,921
Livestock Management	80,171	Livestock Management	0
Source Water Initiative	660,000	Source Water Initiative	652,593
Water Management Entities	500,000	Water Management Entities	599,326
Beginning Farmer/Rancher	602,000	Beginning Farmer/Rancher	332,084
Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher	150,000	Socially Disadvantaged Farmer/Rancher	132,027

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This is Nevada's allocation plan for FY25.

- These funds can be re-allocated to meet demand throughout the FY.
- I included last years spending report to show that this year's allocation amounts try to meet and exceed funds obligated last year in each fund pool. Some fund pools like EQUIP-CIC are at 5% as required by farm bill rules but have had very little interest in FY24, these funds can be re-allocated to other fund pools to meet demand later in the fiscal year.
- The Tribal fund pool was increased significantly. Nevada plans to better manage the socially disadvantaged fund pool to only include non-tribal program participants and fund all tribal members in the tribal fund pool. This will help us better represent our accomplishments in funding tribal program participants and allow for other SD groups to have a better chance of being funded in the SDFR fund pool. We will prioritize adding additional funds to these fund pools, as well as BFR fund pool, throughout the fiscal year.
- Last year all applications eligible for BFR, SDFR, and tribal fund pools were selected for funding.
- Livestock management fund pool is included again in order to provide a fund pool for small rangeland producers with limited resource concerns to compete in.

Local Workgroup Fund Pools FY25

These funds can be re-allocated to meet demand throughout the fiscal year.

FY25		Sep-24	
Elko Local Work Group Areas	925,000	Elko Local Work Group Areas	609,714
Ely Local Work Group Areas	925,000	Ely Local Work Group Areas	357,800
Fallon Local Work Group Areas	925,000	Fallon Local Work Group Areas	495,152
Las Vegas Local Work Group Areas	925,000	Las Vegas Local Work Group Areas	339,934
Lovelock Local Work Group Area	925,000	Lovelock Local Work Group Area	599,927
Minden Local Work Group Areas	925,000	Minden Local Work Group Areas	465,392
Winnemucca Local Work Group Areas	925,000	Winnemucca Local Work Group Areas	612,520
Yerington Local Work Group Areas	925,000	Yerington Local Work Group Areas	804,004

This slide shows initial allocations for LWG fund pools and last years final spending. We are happy to show that all LWG allocations surpass obligation amounts for all fund pools last year.

New Fund Pools, AMA and IRA Fund Pools

These funds can be re-allocated to meet demand throughout the fiscal year.

New Accounts	Amount	IRA Accounts	Amount
Urban Ag Fundpool	100,000	IRA EQIP Statewide	6,695,739.00
State CIG	602,000	Act Now IRA Statewide	500,000.00
		IRA EQIP Cheatgrass Challenge	100,000.00
		IRA Tribes	2,000,000.00
AMA Accounts	Amount		
FY24 RMA-High Tunnel	0.00		
FY 24 AMA_Statewide General	148,500.00		
FY 24 AMA_Statewide High Tunnel	148,500.00		

This slide shows allocation amounts for new fund pools created using EQIP-General funds. Tables also show IRA fund pools and AMA fund pools, these are not apart of EQIP-General.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

- **CSP-Organic:** States must allocate a minimum of \$200,000 of the CSP allocation for organic.
- **CSP-Renewals:** FA allocation will be 40 percent of the remaining funds after the organic allocation.
- **CSP-Classic:** FA allocation will be 60 percent of the remaining funds after the organic allocation.
- **Socially Disadvantaged and Beginning Farmer and Ranchers** - Minimum 10%.



The above slide shows a summary of farm bill rules Nevada must follow when distributing our bulk CSP Classic allocation amounts.

CSP and CSP-IRA Allocations

These funds can be re-allocated to meet demand throughout the FY.

Account	Amount		IRA Account	Amount
CSP Renewal AgLands General	466,480.00		IRA CSP Statewide	830,412.00
CSP Ag Lands - Classic	466,480.00		CSP Ag Lands - BFR	276,804.00
CSP Ag Lands - BFR	116,620.00		CSP Ag Lands - SDFR	276,804.00
CSP Ag Lands - SDFR	116,620.00			
CSP Ag Lands - Organic	200,000.00			

The slide shows the initial allocation amounts NRCS-NV has decided to move forward with in FY25.

State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) and LWG

- How Do These Meetings Fit Together?
 - LWG sets the local priorities (local workgroup fund pools)
 - STAC helps determine state priorities
 - Both identify resource concerns
 - Both determine resource concern priorities



This is how the Local Work Groups and State Technical Advisory Committee help NRCS set state and set local priorities and allocate local funds for conservation programs.

Fund Pool Example:

Yerington Local Work Group FY24

USDA Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool: FY24 Yerington Local Working group areas
 Program: EQIP
 Template: EQIP General National Ranking Template -
 Last Modified By: Trina Johnson

Pool Status: Draft
 Status: Active
 Last Modified: 12/08/2022
 Modified: 3

States: NV (Admin)

Land Uses and Modifiers

Land Use	Grazed	Wildlife	Irrigated	Hayed	Drained	Organic	Water Feature	Protected	Urban	Aquaculture
Associated Ag Land	--	--	--	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Crop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Farmstead	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Forest	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Pasture	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Range	--	--	N/A	--	N/A	--	--	--	--	--
Water	N/A	--	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	--	--	--	--

Resource Concern Categories

Categories	Min %	Default %	Max %
Air quality emissions	0	5	100
Aquatic habitat	0	5	100
Concentrated erosion	0	10	100
Degraded plant condition	0	5	100
Field pesticide loss	0	5	100
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	0	5	100
Fire management	0	5	100
Inefficient energy use	0	5	100
Livestock production limitation	0	5	100
Pest pressure	0	5	100
Soil losses to water	0	5	100
Soil quality limitations	0	5	100
Source water depletion	0	10	100

This is an example of a fund pool from Yerington office.

By LWG's providing input to their local DC's they can influence which applications receive higher ranking in their respective fund pools.

LWG's can identify which land uses (and land use modifiers, ie. irrigated) to include in your LWG fund pool.

LWG's can also guide which RC's to include, or exclude in each LWG fund pool. LWG's can also provide input on how to weight these RC's against each other (ie giving 20% to Degraded Plant Condition, 40% to Livestock Production Limitation, and 40% to Pest Pressure).

Fund Pool Example Continued...

Section: Resources Questions*			Ranking & Score Legend			
Question	Answer Choices	Points				
Which of the following non-irrigated practices are included with this application?	Conservation treatment in the EQIP schedule of operations that results in implementation of structural, vegetative and management practices to improve range conditions (all three practice types).	15	Which of the following high priority practices are included with this application?	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	2	
	Conservation treatment in the EQIP schedule of operations that results in implementation of two of the above practice types (structural, vegetative, management).	12		Cover Crop	2	
	Conservation treatment in the EQIP schedule of operations results in implementation of a Management practice to improve range conditions (Prescribed grazing, Upland wildlife habitat management, etc.).	9		Firebreak	2	
	Conservation treatment in the EQIP schedule of operations results in implementation of a structural practice to improve range conditions (Fence, Water system components, Structures for wildlife, etc.).	5		Heavy Use Protection	2	
	Conservation treatment in the EQIP schedule of operations results in implementation of a vegetative practice to improve range conditions (Brush management, Range planting, Herbaceous weed treatment, etc.).	5		Nutrient Management	2	
Which of the following non-irrigated practices are included with this application?	Not applicable.	0	How many local work group resource concerns are being addressed with this application?	Integrated Pest Management	2	
				Irrigation Water Management	2	
				None of the above.	0	
				Water quantity: Irrigation Water efficiency	3	
				Water quality: Sediment in surface water	3	
Which of the following non-irrigated practices are included with this application?			Is the applicant including wildlife practices in their plan and plan of operations?	Water quality flooding	3	
				Plants: Wildfire Hazard	3	
				Soil Erosion Streambanks	3	
				Plants: Noxious Weeds	3	
				None of the above.	0	
Which of the following non-irrigated practices are included with this application?			Is the applicant including wildlife practices in their plan and plan of operations?	YES	6	
				NO	0	

LWG's can also provide input on ranking questions that are included on the LWG ranking criteria.

The above slide shows questions that were incorporated into the LWG fund pool ranking questions based on input provided by the LWG.

FY25 ACT NOW-IRA Practices

- 315 Herbaceous Weed Treatment
- 314 Brush Management
- 550 Range Seeding
- 612 Tree/Shrub Establishment
- 422 Hedgerow Planting
- 391 Riparian Forest Buffer
- 327 Conservation Cover
- 512 Pasture and Hay Planting
- 340 Cover Crop

This fund pool is meant to allow applications to be obligated (become contracts) quickly. If an application meets the 'threshold-score' established by NV state office the application will be selected for funding and can be obligated by the field office.

We selected these practices as they are typically time sensitive (IE: cover crop in the fall, herbaceous weed treatment in the spring), and can typically make it through NEPA quickly. STAC can certainly provide feedback on this practice list for FY26 at the June meeting.

Urban Agriculture Fund Pool FY24

- Urban - Used when land is located in a landscape predominated by residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation uses.
- Additional guidance includes applications in Indian Reservations or a designated community garden.
- Example priorities include wildlife, soil health, energy efficiency. As well as first time applicants, deferred applicants, HU applicants.

The above shows the information we used to create Nevada's first Urban Agriculture fund pool.

STAC can provide input on priority areas and ranking questions as this is a state level funding pool. A STAC working group was proposed at the last STAC meeting.

NRCS-NV urban ag specialists Jasmine Wilson and Max Kittel are currently working with urban ag representatives on this topic but we can certainly expand to ensure that STAC is guiding this fund pool.

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.

The above slide is a summary of a state-level Conservation Innovation Grant.

Nevada funded Conservation Innovation Grant (Classic)

- Nevada Has Selected to Prioritize Vegetation Management Innovations and Urban Agriculture
- Funds for a state funded CIG come from our General EQIP allocation. **\$602,000**

These are the resource concerns we will prioritize with this year's CIG program. States are restricted to a max of 5% of our general EQIP allocation. STAC can help guide these resource concerns. Input at the June meeting will be appropriate timing for the FY26 CIG.

Time-lines for NRCS

- **April 25** - National deadline to propose changes to payment schedules
- **August** - National deadline to submit State Priority Practice list (Practices with higher payments)
- **October** - State deadline to submit CIG Resource Concern Priorities.
- **November** - State deadline to develop rankings and include Priority resource concerns

The deadlines above are NRCS's deadlines to provide input to national

Time-lines for LWG and STAC

- **March 28** - LWG and STAC deadline to propose changes to payment schedules
- **Spring/Summer** - STAC meeting – Input on Priority Practices, CIG priority Resource Concerns, and any other State managed fund pool such as Urban Ag, Tribal, and livestock management.
- **September** - Local Work Group ranking input deadline.

The deadlines above are deadlines for STAC and/or LWG's to provide their input so NRCS-NV can act on the feedback in a timely manner.

Nevada Programs Calendar FY-25

Action Required By:

Application Deadlines

- November 22, 2024 EQIP Classic, EQIP IRA, and AMA - 1st Sign up
- February 28, 2025 EQIP OTI, EQIP CIC
- June 13, 2025 EQIP IRA, SGI, Fund pools with remaining funds - 2nd Sign up
- May 23, 2025 CSP Classic and CSP IRA
- November 21, 2024 Act Now - 1st sign up (Pending Budget and program guidance)
- January 30, 2025 Act Now - 2nd sign up
- March 14, 2025 Act Now - 3rd sign up
- August 14, 2025 Act Now - 4th sign up

Eligibility and Ranking Deadlines

- January 17, 2025 AMA - 1st Sign up
- February 28, 2025 EQIP Classic and EQIP IRA - 1st Sign up
- March 28, 2025 EQIP OTI, EQIP CIC
- June 27, 2025 CSP Classic and CSP IRA
- July 11, 2025 EQIP IRA, SGI, fund pools with remaining funds - 2nd Sign up
- July 11, 2025 Field Verification CSP Classic and CSP IRA
- November 22, 2024 Act Now - 1st sign up
- January 31, 2025 Act Now - 2nd sign up
- March 14, 2025 Act Now - 3rd sign up
- August 15, 2025 Act Now - 4th sign up

Obligation Deadlines

- May 30, 2025 AMA - 1st Sign up
- June 27, 2025 EQIP Classic and EQIP IRA - 1st Sign up
- August 15, 2025 EQIP Classic, EQIP IRA, SGI - 2nd Sign up
- September 5, 2025 CSP Classic and CSP IRA, EQIP OTI, EQIP CIC
- December 13, 2024 Act Now - 1st sign up
- February 21, 2025 Act now - 2nd sign up
- April 4th, 2025 Act Now - 3rd sign up
- September 5th, 2025 Act Now - 4th sign up

• Additional or updated deadlines will be announced as needed.

• [Program dates 2025.xlsx](#) For an excel version of the dates.

The above listed dates show NRCS-NV's program calendar. This is an FYI but also something STAC can provide feedback on if desired.

NRCS-Nevada sets these dates based on best timing for field offices and program participants, but also in order to meet deadlines set by national through out the fiscal year. An example is that July 30th is the national deadline to send unused funds back to national to re-allocate to other states. NRCS NV decided to make the final ranking deadline for 6/27. This gives NRCS NV a month to get a fairly accurate estimate of how much funds to send back to national if we need to.



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