

At-a-Glance

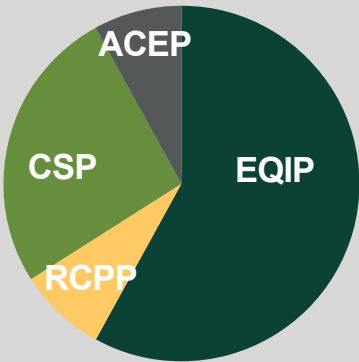
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FY24 Total Program Accomplishments

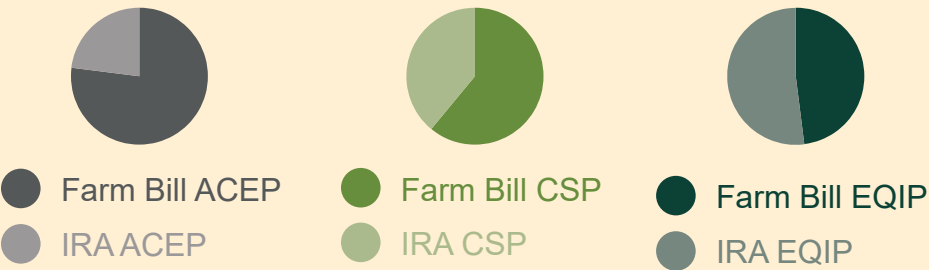
(by Funds Obligated)



CSP	\$29.2 M	204,743 Ac.	594 contracts
ACEP	\$8.5 M	927 Ac.	10 easements
EQIP	\$65.5 M	164,073 Ac.	1,212 contracts
RCPP	\$8.9 M	19,494 Ac.	144 contracts
TOTAL	\$112.1 M	389,237 Ac.	1,960 contracts



Farm Bill vs. Inflation Reduction Act Funds



In addition to traditional Farm Bill funding, the Inflation Reduction Act offers additional conservation funding through ACEP, CSP and EQIP. All projects and practices funded through the Inflation Reduction Act must be utilized by Sept. 30, 2031.

Primary Farm Bill NRCS Conservation Programs

CSP	ACEP	EQIP	RCPP
Conservation Stewardship Program	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	Regional Conservation Partnership Program
Through CSP, NRCS helps proven conservationists helps build on existing stewardship efforts while strengthening operations through many conservation enhancement options.	Through ACEP, NRCS helps to restore, protect, or enhance enrolled easement areas. Landowners retain private ownership of their land, but follow certain land use requirements.	Through EQIP, NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits.	Through RCPP, NRCS co-invests with partners to implement projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to conservation challenges and provide measurable improvements and outcomes.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Landscape Initiatives, Priorities, and Special EQIP Projects

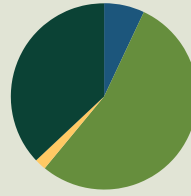
*CPAs, DIAs, CEMAs	\$441,210	9,143 Ac.	54 contracts
EQIP Conservation Incentive Contracts (IRA**)	\$1,058,266	3,005 Ac.	12 contracts
High Tunnel System Initiative	\$1,277,433	202 Ac.	68 contracts
Historically Underserved	\$19,141,053	39,930 Ac.	319 contracts
IRA Climate Smart	\$4,242,435	15,294 Ac.	95 contracts
Mississippi River Basin Health Watersheds Initiative (MRBI)	\$4,548,399	6,927 Ac.	62 contracts
National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)	\$1,761,505	5,096 Ac.	29 contracts
Northern Bobwhite Quail Initiative	\$479,731	3,091 Ac.	33 contracts
On-Farm Energy Initiative (IRA)	\$375,848	130 Ac.	9 contracts
Organic Initiative	\$140,000	72 Ac.	1 contract
Organic Transition Initiative (OTI)	\$3,127,244	3,026 Ac.	34 contracts
Prairie Pothole Water Quality and Wildlife Program	\$385,721	151 Ac.	9 contracts
Prairie Strips Initiative	\$127,016	51 Ac.	9 contracts
Soil Health Initiative (IRA)	\$14,801,978	44,918 Ac.	140 contracts
Source Water Protection	\$6,386,857	21,447 Ac.	90 contracts
Specialty Ag	\$26,489	1.2 Ac.	3 contracts
Wildlife Habitats	\$5,513,592	11,953 Ac.	279 contracts

*CPA (Conservation Planning Activities), DIA (Design and Implementation Activities), CEMA (Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activities)

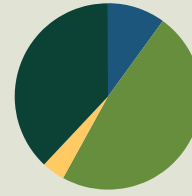
**IRA (Inflation Reduction Act)



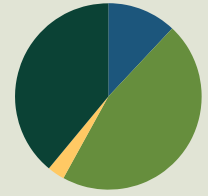
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)



\$1.9 M
\$15.7 M
\$503,369
\$10.9 M



19,518 Ac.
97,896 Ac.
5,670 Ac.
77,952 Ac.



71 contracts
274 contracts
18 contracts
230 contracts

● CSP Renewals

● CSP IRA Renewals

● CSP Classic

● CSP IRA

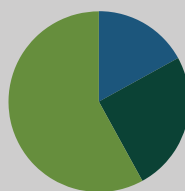
Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP18) Project Summary

ISACD Iowa Systems Approach to Conservation Drainage	\$1,442,629	18 contracts
Midwest Agriculture Water Quality Partnership	\$1,039,381	11 contracts
North Raccoon Partnership for Soil and Water	\$2,519,429	28 contracts
Turkey River Watershed Partnership	\$237,286	5 contracts
Southeast Iowa Watershed Partnership	\$1,094,656	22 contracts
Floyd River Water Quality Partnership	\$370,778	23 contracts
Cedar River Source Water Partnership	\$1,518,136	17 contracts
Innovative Conservation Agriculture	\$90,656	13 contracts
W. Nishnabotna Water Quality	\$643,365	7 contracts
TOTAL	\$8,956,316	144 contracts

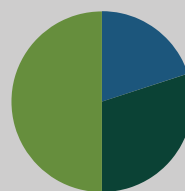




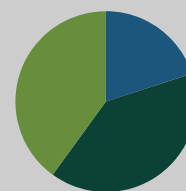
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)



\$1.43 M
\$2.11 M
\$4.42 M



181 Ac.
277 Ac.
469 Ac.



2 easements
4 easements
4 easements

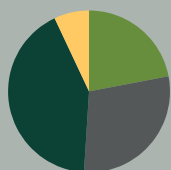
● ACEP-WRE
(Wetland Reserve)

● IRA ACEP-WRE
(Wetland Easements)

● ACEP-WREP
(Wetland Reserve
Enhancements)

Ongoing Program Workload

Active Contracts, Easements & Acres



1,272 contracts
2,494 contracts
1,724 easements
409 contracts

● CSP

● EQIP

● Easements

● RCP



481,148 acres
359,820 acres
197,627 acres
59,008 acres

Other Conservation Activities

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)*

Active Contracts: 103,788

Acres: 1,674,300

State Cost-Share (IDALS)*

Funds: \$25.82 M

Practices Funded: 6,620

Conservation Plans*

Written: 23,020

Acres Planned: 2,009,267

*See maps for more details.

FY24 Iowa Partners for Conservation (IPC)

These funds will be used to help support Iowa NRCS mission areas and increase partner staff in local field offices.

Dubuque Soil and Water Conservation District

(Conservation Agronomist):

Build farmer to farmer networking group in Delaware, Dubuque, and Jones Counties by staffing an agronomist to collaborate with ag-retail conservation agronomists and other organizations to increase conservation adoption and showcase agronomic conservation practices. (\$949,881)

Conservation Districts of Iowa (Hire 15 Conservation Professionals):

Fund boots on the ground conservation professionals to provide high quality technical services to help landowners. Includes hiring of five wetland specialists, five wetland engineering technicians, and five land and water conservationists. (\$2.79 million)

Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources (Forestry Assistance):

Iowa DNR forestry experts will lead implementation of forestry management plans leading to practices such as tree planting, riparian buffers, forest stand improvement, and wildlife habitat. (\$991,604)

Iowa Soybean Association (Stacked Conservation Benefits):

Provide technical assistance to Iowa farmers to accelerate the adoption of stacked conservation benefits, promoting both in-field and edge-of-field practices. (\$859,150)

The Nature Conservancy (Building Capacity of Biodiversity):

TNC will hire a Floodplain Habitat Coordinator to take on restoration planning and assessment, seeding planning, practice certification, invasive species mitigation, forestry, and habitat assessment. (\$464,299)

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