

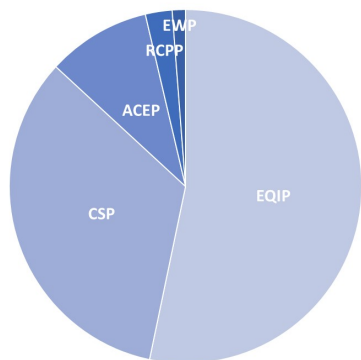
At-a-Glance

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FY 24



FY24 TOTAL PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Note: This graphic is based on contract obligations as listed below.

EQIP—Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Active Contracts: 4,963 Acres: 917,309.9
 New Contracts: 1,965 Acres: 318,939.6
 Active Contract Obligations:
 \$270,214,629

CSP—Conservation Stewardship Program

Active Contracts: 1,686 Acres: 1,381,841.17
 New Contracts: 488 Acres: 443,595.5
 Active Contract Obligations:
 \$201,067,167

ACEP—Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

Easements: 12 Acres: 2,153.3
 Obligations: \$9,821,743

RCPP—Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Contracts: 89 Acres: 13,241.3
 Obligations: \$4,658,904

EQIP—Environmental Quality Incentives Program

SUB ACCOUNT	CONTRACTS	ACRES	OBLIGATIONS
Beginning Farmer/Rancher	4	992.2	\$616 K
Conservation Incentive Contracts	163	33,770.3	\$9.2 M
Forest Service Partnership	20	4,513.7	\$558 K
IRA	624	143,540.5	\$41.8 M
Locally Led	472	56,719.1	\$15.6 M
MRBI	113	21,998.3	\$11 M
National Water Quality	20	4,333.8	\$1.9 M
On-Farm Energy	114	4,171.5	\$429 K
Planning	16	5,107.4	\$67.4 K
Socially Disadvantaged	29	2,767.3	\$3.3 M
State	92	7,885.7	\$6.1 M
Urban Ag/Small Scale	1	2	\$43,302
Wildlife 10%	154	43,673.6	\$8.1 M
Migratory Bird Resurgent Initiative	98	31,131	\$6.6 M



In FY24 Arkansas NRCS worked with
 more than 200 partners to help put
 conservation on the ground.

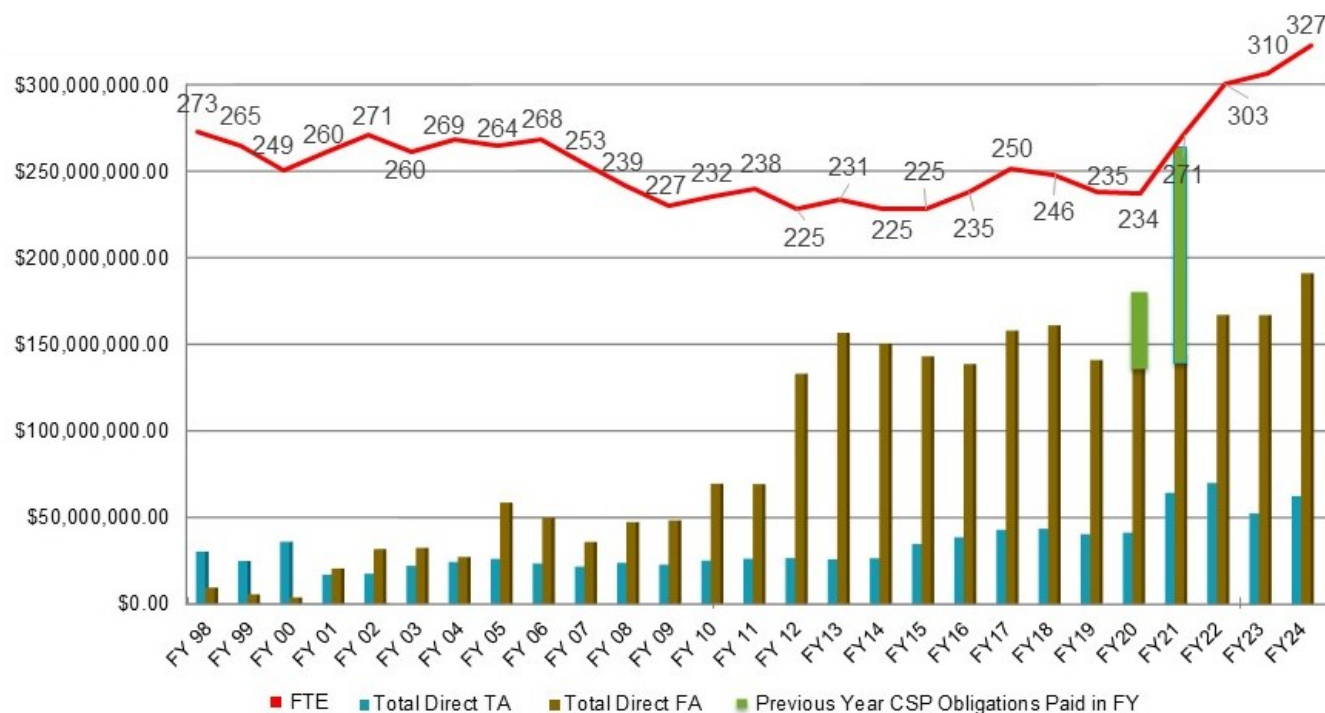
Ongoing Program Workload—Active Contracts, Easements

EQIP: 4,963 contracts
 CSP: 1,686 contracts
 ACEP/WRP: 764
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Total Direct Technical Assistance (TA), Financial Assistance (FA) and Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) FY 1998 through FY 2024 Allocations



Locally Led Work Groups Play Vital Role in Arkansas Conservation

Conservation efforts in Arkansas are most effective when they are driven by the people who know the land best – local farmers, ranchers, foresters, and community members. Locally led conservation empowers these stakeholders to guide natural resource management in a way that meets the needs of both the environment and the communities that depend on it.

At the heart of the process are Locally Led Work Groups (LLWG), which play a critical role in shaping NRCS conservation programs and ensures that resources are used efficiently and effectively. In Arkansas, the local conservation district provides leadership in convening and organizing the local work group in each county. The local work group is an important element of the locally led conservation way of doing business. Locally led work groups are a sub-committee of the State Technical Committee and include:

- Farmers
- Ranchers
- Industry representatives
- Tribal members
- Government officials
- Agency staff

The LLWG process helps NRCS get input at the ground level and align programs like Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Conservation Stewardship Program with what's needed most by local producers, communities and others.

Across Arkansas farmers and ranchers are using NRCS programs to implement cover cropping and precision agriculture techniques that reduce soil erosion and improve water quality. These successes demonstrate the power of locally-led conservation. For more information, visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

