



Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

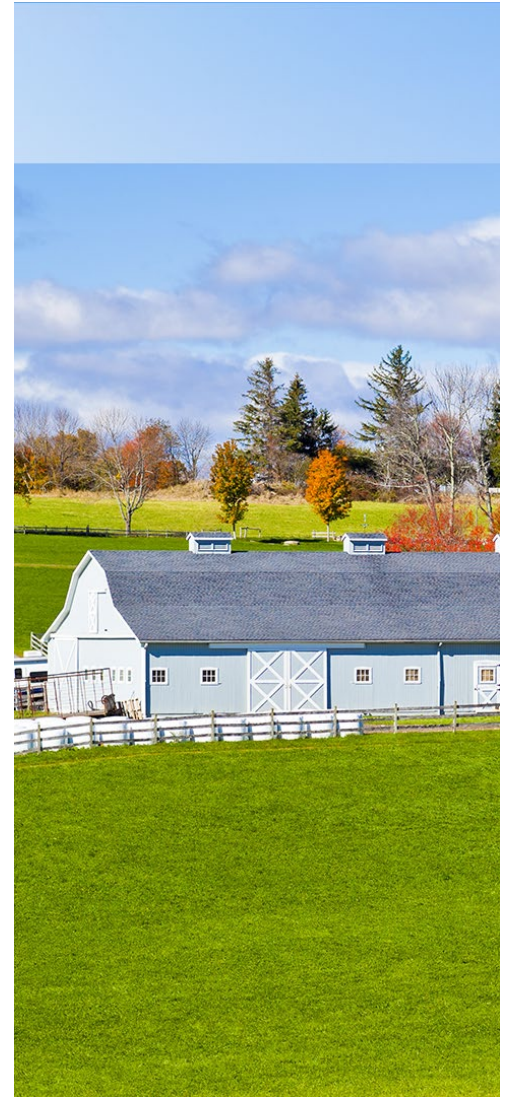
NRCS Programs Update



FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION
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Farm Bill

- A new Farm Bill is in the works
- IRA money was stopped with the passing of Public Law 119-21 (2025 Budget Reconciliation Act)
- EQIP and CSP (including other Farm Bill programs) currently don't have personal payment limitations.
- Regenerative Pilot Program has been introduced for FY26 for both EQIP and CSP



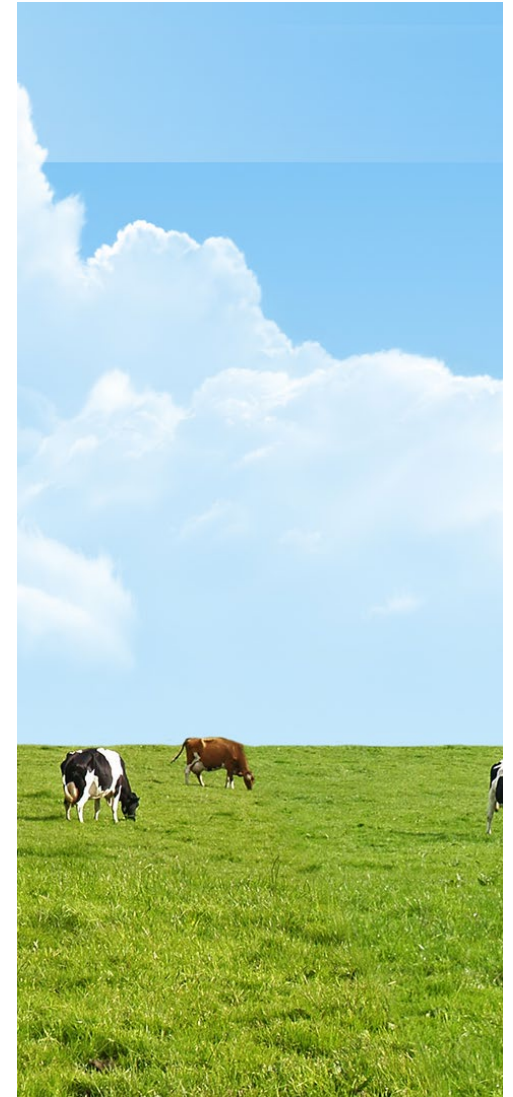
Policy Updates

- Contract Limits with person or legal entity is limited to \$450,000
- Group contracts may have a contract limit of \$900,000 with FAPD (Financial Assistant Programs Division) approval
- Starting in FY 2025, Public Law 119–21 established an exception to the AGI limitation.
 - If 75 percent or more of the individual or legal entity's AGI is derived from farming, ranching, or silviculture activities, then the AGI limitation does not apply. NRCS follows the FSA determination for applying AGI limitation provisions, including the exception

Policy Updates

Water Management Entities

- Starting in FY25 Water Management Entities may have contract limits up to \$900,000 with no waiver
- Water Management Entities may enter into contracts for up to \$1,800,000 with an approved waiver
- Payment limitations are not applicable to contracts obligated during FY25



Water Management Entities

Defined as a state irrigation district, ground water management district, acequia, land grant-merced, or similar entity that has jurisdiction or responsibilities related to water delivery or management on eligible lands. Water management entities may enter into an EQIP contract if all the following criteria can be met

Water Management Entities

- (1) The water management entity is a public or semi-public agency or organization (i.e., a private or public company that serves a public purpose, such as a public utility).
- (2) The water management entity's purpose is to assist private agricultural producers with managing water distribution or conservation systems.
- (3) The water conservation or irrigation practices support a water conservation project that will effectively conserve water, provide fish and wildlife habitat, or provide for drought-related environmental mitigation.

Top ten applied practices in FY 2025

Practice	Applied	Applied Count	Average size per application
Grazing Management (528) (Ac)	644,288	1,024	629
Nutrient Management (590) (Ac)	21,404	993	22
Herbaceous Weed Treatment (315) (Ac)	17,319	618	28
Irrigation Water Management (449) (Ac)	12,164	581	21
Brush Management (314) (Ac)	15,581	251	62
Irrigation Pipeline (430) (Ft)	212,094	224	947
Sprinkler System (442) (Ac)	2,697	201	13
Cover Crop (340) (Ac)	3,724	166	22
Structure for Water Control (587) (No)	NA	166	NA
Watering Facility (614) (No)	NA	136	NA

FY25 obligations

- Conservation Stewardship Program
 - 110 obligated CSP contracts
 - \$10,720,658
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
 - 243 Contracts EQIP contracts.
 - \$21,060,427

Strategic Fund Proposals - \$10,125,200

Largest SFP's obligation wise for Utah

(This is not an all inclusive SFP list)

- Bear River Water Optimization \$2,157,6010
- West Weber Irrigation \$1,488,900
- Great Salt Lake Water Optimization \$591,000
- Headwaters of the Virgin River \$417,500
- Juab Irrigation \$497,800
- Delta Irrigation \$658,100
- Parowan Watershed Improvement \$654,000
- Beaver River Watershed Health \$374,500
- South Kamas Washington Pipeline \$900,000
- Wayne County Irrigation \$332,135

National Initiatives FY25

- **NWQI**

- \$1,908,530
- 12 Contracts obligated

- **WaterSMART** (Final year of this specific WaterSMART project)

- \$80,086
- 3 contracts obligated

- **Greater Sage Grouse**

- \$2,150,746
- 25 Contracts Obligated

State Initiatives FY25

- **On Farm Energy**

- \$72,359
- 3 Contracts obligated

- **Organic**

- \$134,064
- 2 contracts obligated

- **AFO/CAFO**

- \$931,166
- 3 Contracts obligated

FY25 Salinity

- FY25 obligated Uintah Basin \$2,584,649
 - 28 contracts total
 - All Uintah Basin unit
- FY25 Obligated Price San Rafael \$2,949,377
 - 15 contracts total
 - 1 Muddy Creek
 - 1 Green River
 - 13 Price San Rafael

Utah FY 2026 EQIP Allocations

UTAH FY26		Total
EQIP	Strategic Fund Proposals	\$10,565,000
	Regenerative Ag Pilot Program	\$14,113,514
	Beginning Farmer	\$2,071,993
	Socially Disadvantaged	\$2,071,993
	Water-Smart	\$1,710,000
	National Water Quality Initiative	\$1,981,700
	Salinity Control Program	\$4,753,000
	Sage Grouse Initiative	\$3,097,800
	Joint Chiefs (Vernal)	\$28,000
	Forestry	\$1,000,000
	On Farm Energy Initiative	\$25,000
	AFO/CAFO	\$1,900,000
	Source Water Protection	\$25,000
	Big Game Migration	\$1,000,000
	High Tunnel	\$1,500,000
	Disaster/Reserve/ER	\$350,000
	EQIP TOTAL	\$46,193,000

Utah FY 2026 CSP Allocations

UTAH FY26		
		Total
CSP	General	\$8,494,006
	Regenerative Ag Pilot Program	\$2,897,994
	Non-industrial Private Forest	\$200,000
CSP TOTAL		\$11,592,000



Questions?

