



Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Program Ranking Criteria

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Agenda

Requirements

Historic Contracts

Current Applications

FY 2027



Program Eligibility

- All eligible applications will be ranked and considered for funding
- Eligibility
 - Producer
 - Land
 - Resource Concern



NRCS Resource Concern

The resource condition does not meet the minimum acceptable condition levels as established by resource planning criteria shown in the Field Office Technical Guide, Section III. *National Planning Procedures Handbook, H-180-600.2, Definitions*



Soil

Soil erosion, soil quality degradation, or soil health >



Water

Excess water, insufficient water, or water quality issues >



Plants

Reduced health or quality of plants >



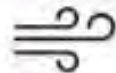
Animals

Inability to meet livestock or wildlife habitat needs >



Energy

Reduced energy efficiency for equipment of field operations >



Air

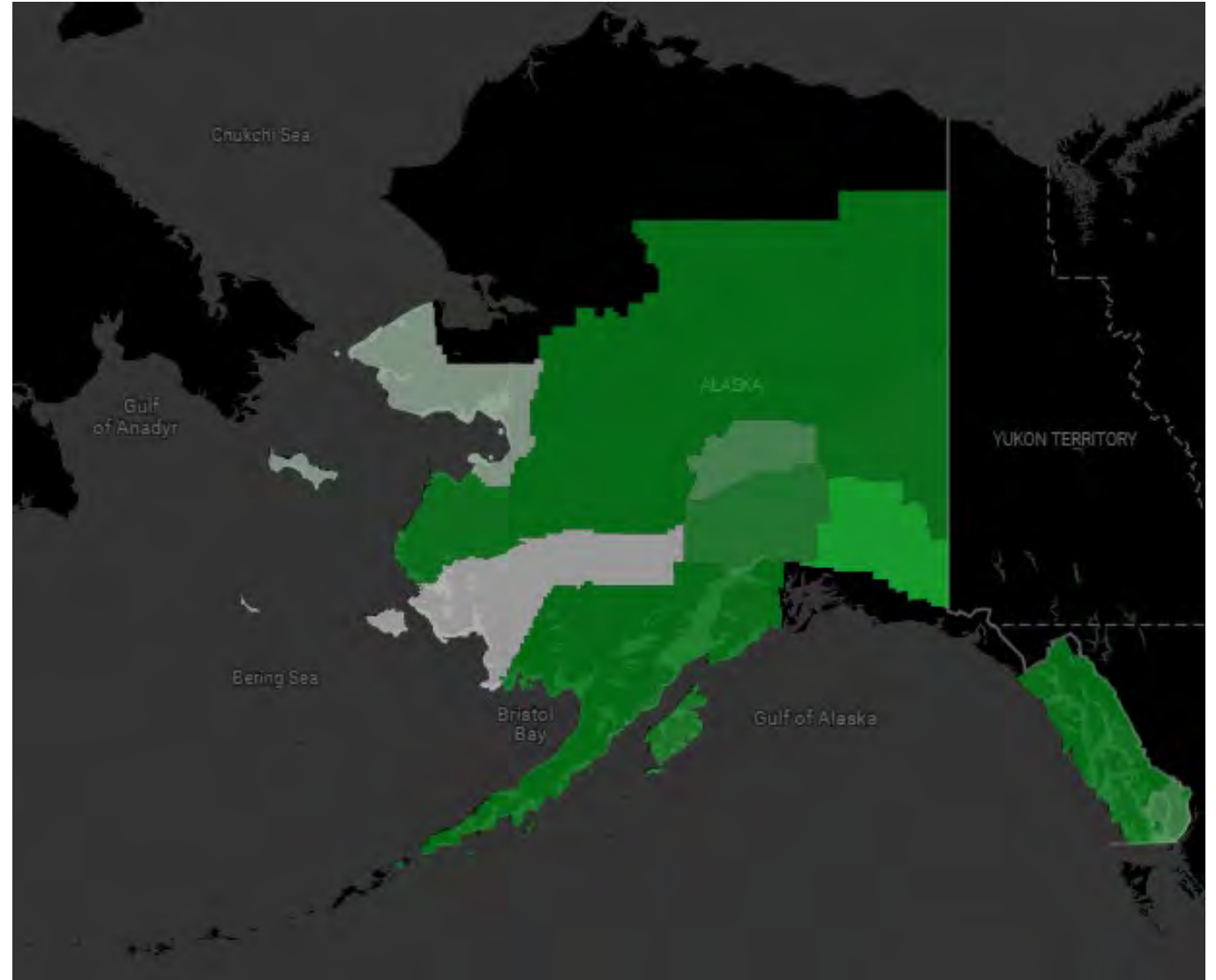
Air quality issues such as greenhouse gases or odors >





2014 - 2026

County and State	# Contracts	
ALEUTIANS EAST, Alaska	1	\$126,287,855
ANCHORAGE, Alaska	9	Obligation
BETHEL, Alaska	9	
BRISTOL BAY, Alaska	1	
COPPER RIVER, Alaska	24	
DENALI, Alaska	5	
DILLINGHAM, Alaska	5	\$93,853,536
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR, Alaska	40	Payments
HAINES, Alaska	17	
HOONAH-ANGOON, Alaska	14	
JUNEAU, Alaska	35	
KENAI PENINSULA, Alaska	379	
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY, Alaska	14	
KODIAK ISLAND, Alaska	68	3,169,964
KUSILVAK, Alaska	4	Total Acres
LAKE AND PENINSULA, Alaska	6	
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA, Alaska	130	
NOME, Alaska	7	
PETERSBURG, Alaska	9	
PRINCE OF WALES-HYDER, Alaska	41	912
SITKA, Alaska	4	# Contracts
SOUTHEAST FAIRBANKS, Alaska	74	
VALDEZ-CORDOVA, Alaska	1	
WRANGELL, Alaska	4	
YUKON-KOYUKUK, Alaska	11	





54

Contracts

\$29,030,217

FA Obligation

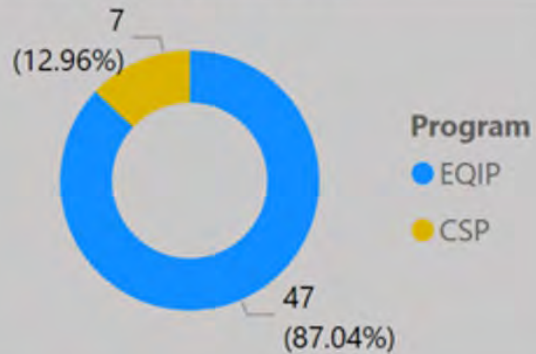
2,317,846

Acres Contracted

FA Obligation and Allocation



Contracts by Program

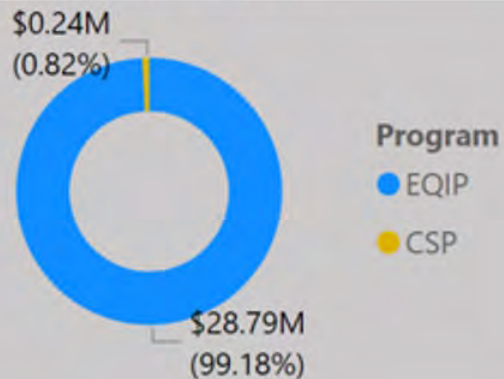


96%
Obligation
Rate

99.0%
% Obligated (EQIP)

33.9%
% Obligated (CSP)

Obligations by Program



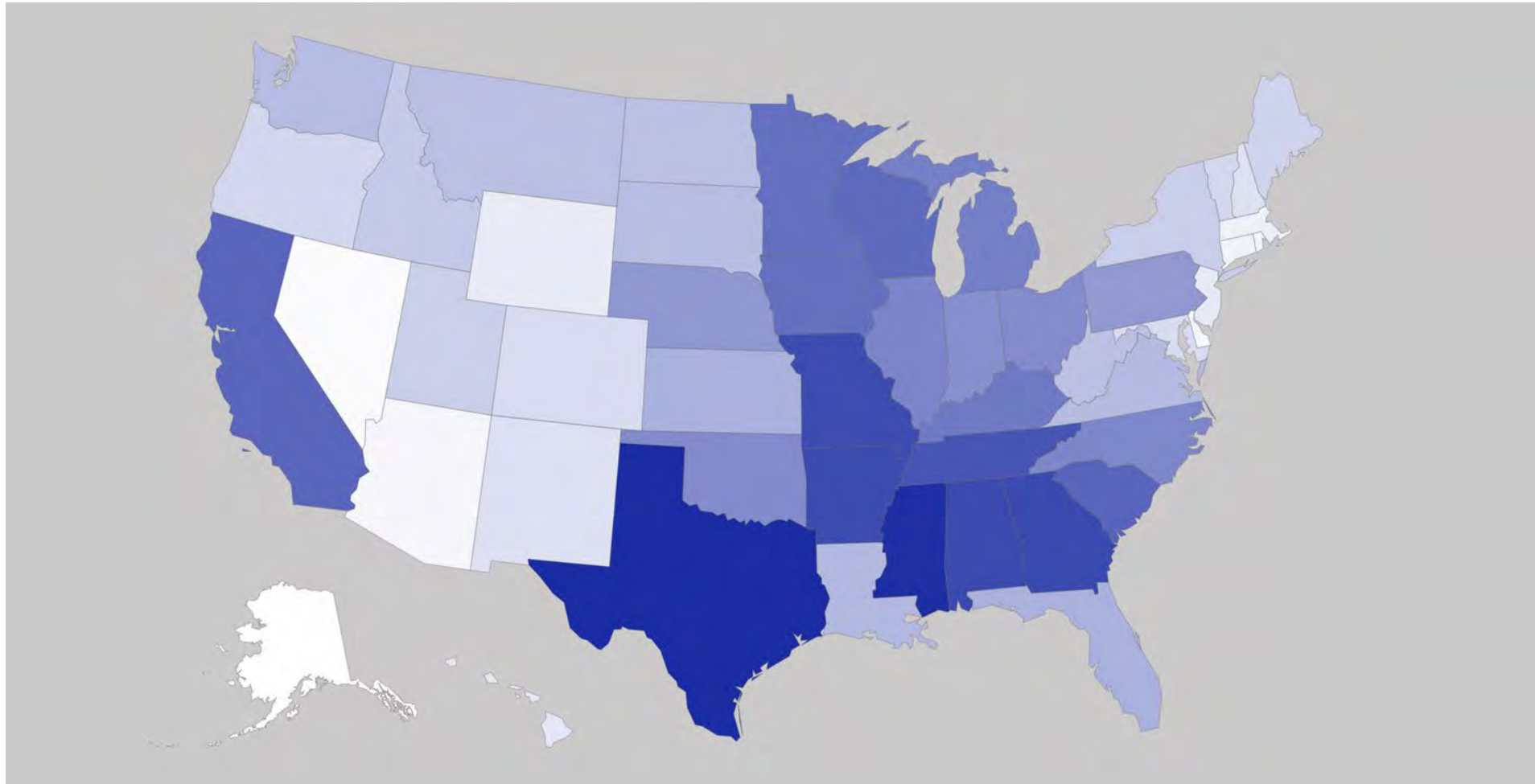
Obligations by FY and Funding Source

Funding Source ● Farm Bill ● IRA



FY 2025 Nationwide

- 100,279 applications
- 39,765 Contracts
- 28%



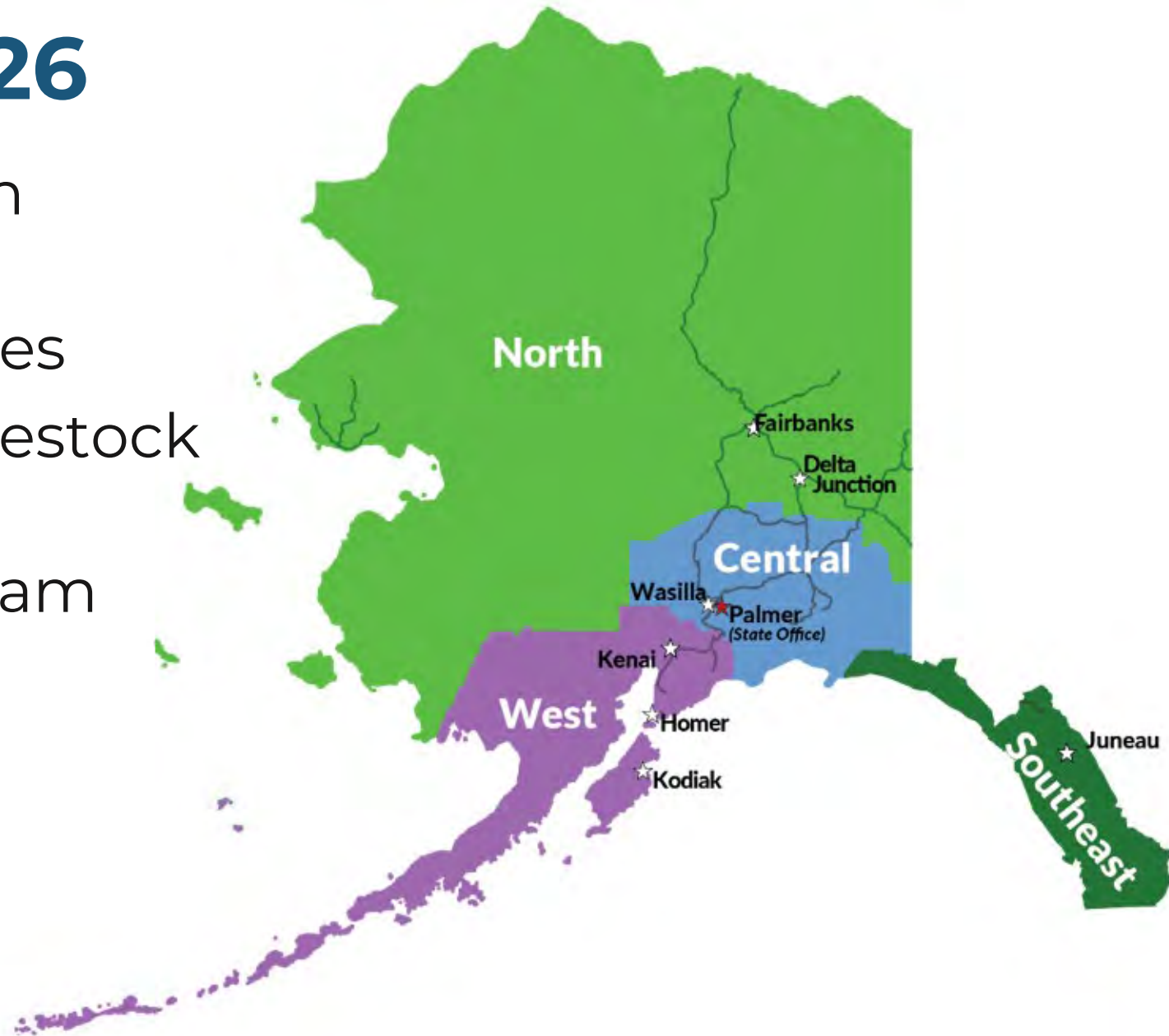
Continuity for FY 2026

- Eligibility
- Application sign up period
- State Priorities
- CART
 - Vulnerability
 - Planned Practice Effects
 - Cost Efficiency
 - **Resource Priorities**
 - **Program Priorities**
- Field staff on hand to help!



Changes for FY 2026

- 5 fund pools per program
- Categories that support identified priority practices
- No obligation to meet livestock requirements
- Regenerative Pilot Program
- Funding





FY 26 Applications

96 Total Applications

79 Eligible Applications

- 18 Pending
- 29 Eligible
- 19 PreApproved
- 16 Approved

3 Contracts

FY 2027

- Regenerative Pilot Program
- We expect comparable funding to FY 26
- Geographically tied funding pools
- Integrate LWG priorities into fund pool categories
- Integrate LWG priorities into ranking questions



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