



National Association of Conservation Districts

Programs & Grants Update

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**Welcome to
Washington, DC!!**

Status of NRCS Programs: Farm Bill Programs (Part 1)

New Obligations				Payments on Existing Obligations		
Program	Funding Source	Partner Contracts & Agreements	Producer FA Contracts	Partner Contracts & Agreements	Producer (FA)	As of 3/21/2025
EQIP	Farm Bill	Under Review	OK	OK	OK	(1) Hold includes Tribal AFAs.
	IRA	Under Review	Under Review	Paused	OK	* All activities completed prior to 2/25/2025 may be paid.
EQIP-CIG	Farm Bill	Under Review	Under Review	OK	OK	
	IRA	Under Review	Under Review	OK up to 2/25/2025	OK up to 2/25/2025	
CSP	Farm Bill	Under Review	OK	OK	OK	
	IRA	Under Review	Under Review	Paused	OK	
ACEP	Farm Bill	See Ancillary table	OK	OK	OK	
	IRA	Under Review	Under Review	Paused	OK	

Status of NRCS Programs: Farm Bill Programs (Part 2)

New Obligations				Payments on Existing Obligations		
Program	Funding Source	Partner Contracts & Agreements	Producer FA Contracts	Partner Contracts & Agreements	Producer (FA)	As of 3/21/2025
RCPP	Farm Bill Classic	Under Review	OK	OK	OK	(2) The hold includes supplemental agreements.
	Farm Bill AFA	Under Review	N/A	OK	OK	
	IRA	Under Review	Under Review	OK up to 2/25/2025	OK up to 2/25/2025	* All activities completed prior to 2/25/2025 may be paid. (2) The hold includes supplemental agreements.
	IRA AFA	Under Review	N/A	OK up to 2/25/2025	OK up to 2/25/2025	* All activities completed prior to 2/25/2025 may be paid.
CTA	Annual Appropriation	Under Review	N/A	OK	N/A	
	IRA	Under Review	N/A	Paused	N/A	
PCSC	CCC	Under Review	N/A	Paused	Paused	Awaiting additional guidance. For further questions contact Katina Hanson or her staff.

All IJA funds on hold.

Status of NRCS Programs: Watershed Programs

Program Fund	New Obligations, Amendments	Payments	Non-Cost Extension
EWPP – IJAE	NO	NO	NO
EWPP – EFCA	YES	YES	YES
EWPP – EG08	YES	YES	YES
EWPP – EK05	YES	YES	YES
EWPP – EKSP	YES	YES	YES
EWPP – ES13	YES	YES	YES
EWPP – EWMP	YES	YES	YES
WFPO – IJAW	NO	NO	NO
WFPO – FPOP	YES	YES	YES
WFPO – RWOP	YES	YES	YES
WFPO – WPFP	YES	YES	YES
WFPO – WSOP	YES	YES	YES
REHAB – IJAR	NO	NO	NO
REHAB – WSRP	YES	YES	YES
REHAB – SWRP	YES	YES	YES
REHAB – WPFP	YES	YES	YES

As of 3/21/2025. All CDS are cleared to proceed per guidance provided on 2/28/2025.

Natural Resources District TA Grantees

Total Funds

Since 2018

Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District	\$ 420,405
Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District	\$ 59,571
Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District	\$ 259,997
Lower Niobrara Natural Resources District	\$ 95,204
Lower Platte South Natural Resources District	\$ 393,800
Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District	\$ 928,900
Nemaha Natural Resources District	\$ 40,000
Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District	\$ 159,520
Upper Big Blue Natural Resource District	\$ 50,000

Total TA Funds	\$ 2,407,397
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NACD Grant Program	Existing District Grants	New District Grants
Technical Assistance	Payments from USDA have been delayed, but otherwise no impacts.	TA 2024 expected to be awarded (Funds obligated; Farm Bill and COTA \$\$)
Urban & Community Conservation		TA 2025 on pause (Funds obligated; IRA \$\$)
Perimeter Fencing		UAC 2025 on pause (Funds not obligated; new obligations on pause)
		N/A
Climate Smart Commodities	N/A	USDA has not approved district grants, but review is ongoing. Future of program uncertain.



APPENDIX

Status of NRCS Programs: ACEP Ancillary

		Unobligated easement application services for preliminary title, appraisals, appraisal technical review and environmental records searches		Existing ACEP obligations services for boundary surveys, final title opinions and closing services; and restoration services							
		Ancillary ACEP FA services needed for due diligence and post closing restoration	Contracted through IAS	Use of a GPC	New contracts through IAS	Use of a GPC	Payments on IAS or GPC	New G&A	G&A No cost extensions	G&A Payments	Conservation Program Contracts
ACEP	IRA Funded	Under Review	Under Review	Ok (for existing enrollments)	OK	OK	Under Review	OK	Paused unless NRCS staff assures that it is in alignment with EOs	OK	
	Farm Bill Funded	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	Under Review	OK	Paused unless NRCS staff assures that it is in alignment with EOs	OK	

Status as of 3/21/2025

Status of NRCS Programs: Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production

OUAIP Directed Farm Bill Programs

Program Fund	New Obligations/NOFO	Modifications	Non-Cost Extension	Payment
CFWR	NO	YES	YES	YES
UAIP	NO	YES	YES	YES

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