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NM USDA-NRCS

- EQIP 2025 General \$23,880,145
- EQUP IRA \$41,173,369
- Total \$65,053,514
- EQIP 2024-\$54,845,924
- EQIP 2023- \$28,593,452
- Without IRA
- 2022-\$26,320,085
- 2021- \$27,644,095
- 2020- \$20,880,044

Application Statistics

- FY24 1231 applications
- FY 23 1220 applications
- FY 22 608 applications
- Fy 21 533 applications
- Fy 20 applications
- Top 5 EQIP Practices
- Sprinkler Systems
- Brush Management
- Watering Facility
- Irrigation Pipelines
- Fences

Conservation Security Program (CSP)

Classic CSP Applications \$7,475,149

- Ag Land General- 26 applications
- Ag Land BFR 5 applications
- Ag land SD 11 applications

FY 25 CSP Renewal Contracts

- Total funds \$3,674,851
- Ag Land General 15 contracts
- Ag Land SD 7 contracts
- Ag Land BFR 2
- With IRA 15 more contracts

Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)

15 Active Contracts- most in US

Hermits Peak Calf Canyon (HPCC)

As of 4/10/25

- Total Applications Received 2637
- Completed or delivered plans 1649
- Total Reassessments 200
- Reassessment plan amount \$46,887,707
- Acres 162,962
- Total Dollars Planned \$1,143,025,801
- Total active plans that still need site visit 401
- Roughly 900 Total applicants remaining with late additions.

USDA-NRCS FARM BILL DOLLARS

- Successful in getting 15 million dollars to NM for Ranches
- with Federal lands Restoration RCPP
- Partnered with Canadian River SWCD for another 5.4 mil from RCPP
- Successful in getting 7.2 million for Acequia restoration from RCPP
- (only project administered with alternative funding agreement AFA)
- Awarded Eastern Grasslands for 2 million
- Awarded the Ogallala Aquifer RCPP for almost 7 mil

RCPP Projects in New Mexico

RCPP	Program	Expiration	Lead Partner	Fed Funds	Partner Contributions
Canadian River	2015	Completed	Canadian River SWCD/NMACD	2,000,000	5,650,000
Acequia	2015	Completed	NMACD AFA	1,200,000	9,600,000
Restoration	2015	4/30/2021	NMACD	4,000,000	7,600,000
North Central	2015	Completed	Claunch-Pinto SWCD	2,400,000	2,400,000
Acequia	2016	Completed	NMACD AFA	3,000,000	15,200,000
North Central	2016	Completed	Claunch-Pinto SWCD	500,000	500,000
Soil Health	2017	9/30/2022	NMACD	7,000,000	10,700,000
Chama	2017	2/28/2023	East Rio Arriba SWCD	3,420,000	9,510,600
Canadian River	2017	9/30/2022	Ute Creek SWCD/NMACD	3,600,000	4,233,125
Acequia	2017	2/28/2023	NMACD AFA	2,900,000	10,300,000
North Central	2017	9/30/2022	Claunch-Pinto SWCD	970,000	970,000
NFWF	2018	8/31/2023	NFWF/NMACD	1,350,000	1,350,000
North Central	2018	8/31/2023	Claunch-Pinto SWCD	3,420,000	3,420,000
Restoration	2019	Renewal	NMACD	4,000,000	9,320,000
North Central	2019	Renewal	Claunch-Pinto SWCD	2,400,000	2,400,000
Eastern Plains	2019	New	NMACD	2,030,000	10,369,200
San Juan	2019	New	San Juan SWCD	1,040,000	2,500,000
Ogallala	2020	New	NMACD	6,911,311	15,000,000
TOTALS				52,141,311	121,022,925

USDA-
Farm
Service
Agency
(FSA)
Cooperative
Agreement

- 15 MILLION DOLLARS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT with NMACD for Acequia Rehabilitation and Restoration Water Conservation 5-year Grant.
- 1.6 Million to go to Colorado Assn of Conservation Districts for Acequias in Southern Colorado.
- Water Conservation Grant of 30 Million also awarded to EBID from same funding through the Commodity Credit Corporation.
- Other Irrigation Districts in the West also have similar agreements.
- We are told “They are still reviewing these agreements”



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