

# FY24 Soil and Water Conservation Commission Cost Share Program Updates

# General Cost Share Program Updates

#### **District Allocations**

Technical and Financial Assistance Allocations have been approved by the Commission. You can find your district's allocation here:

- ACSP Technical Assistance
- ACSP Financial Assistance (BMPs CS and II)
- AgWRAP Financial Assistance (BMPs AG and TVA).

Cost share allocations are active in **CS2**; your district may now enter contracts for FY24. The **CCAP** and **AgWRAP** Regional Applications are open.

#### Forms and Resources

Please continue to use the **Cancellation** and **6-month Extension** forms when canceling and extending contracts. Please upload completed forms into CS2. Example cost share program approval and denial letters are available for district use on each Program's Tools and Resources Webpage.

#### New Cost Share Specialist Assignments

**Cost Share Specialist** assignments have changed for this fiscal year. Please consult the assignments and contact your new specialist with any cost share program related questions.

#### **Program Reviews**

The Division will be conducting **Program Reviews** this year. Selected districts will be contacted by their cost share specialist early in the FY for scheduling.

## New District Employees

Please continue to complete the **New Employee Welcome Form** when your district makes a new hire. Division staff will schedule training shortly after their start date.

## Coming Soon

The following tools are under development and will be available soon:

- Example narratives for CS2 resource concern questions
- Contracting cost estimate tool
- Contract folder checklist



# Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)

#### BMP Updates

Updates for Cropland Conversion, Land Smoothing, and Pasture Renovation were approved by the Commission.

- The Cropland Conversion BMP has been reorganized for clarity and tree planting policies were revised.
- Land Smoothing has been renamed **Precision Land Forming and Smoothing** and a new ACSP **Implementation Requirement** sheet is provided.
- The maintenance period for Pasture Renovation was reduced to five years.

#### Average Cost List

The Average Cost List was approved by the Commission with a few changes.

- The Land Smoothing-heavy component has been replaced with Precision Land Forming. The most appropriate grading component will be used in place of the Land Smoothing-light component. Details are provided in the new BMP policy.
- Tree planting components have been consolidated into a single 'Tree-planting' component.
- An additional livestock watering tank was added for small ruminants (TANK-watering (fixed)/Pressurized 1- or 2-Hole Watering Tank (<15 gal.)).
- Flap gates were added for water control structures.

#### Common components

Common component tables have been developed for all ACSP BMPs. They are found on the BMP page below the practice summary table. These tables are intended to provide guidance for contract development and may not constitute an exhaustive list of allowable components for each practice.



# Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP)

#### Average Cost List

The Average Cost list was approved by the Commission without any changes for FY24.

## **Detailed Implementation Plan**

Additional text was added to the **AgWRAP DIP** clarifying the following items:

- AgWRAP components cannot be combined with ACSP or CCAP components in the same contract.
- Cooperators cannot submit multiple AgWRAP applications within the same year. Additional applications can be submitted in subsequent years, but only if all existing AgWRAP contracts are complete.

## **Regional Application**

The AgWRAP **Regional Application** is now live. Applications are due November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please consult the Detailed Implementation Plan for the allocation strategy.

If you have any questions about AgWRAP please contact Lorien Deaton.



# Conservation Community Assistance Program (CCAP)

#### Average Cost List

The Average Cost list was approved by the Commission without any changes for FY24.

## **Regional Application**

The **Regional Application** is now live. This year we are back to regular state appropriations. Applications are due October 6th. Maximum allocation amounts per project of \$35,000 and \$70,000 per district and repairs capped at \$5,000 per project are stated in the **DIP**. Projects will be awarded at the November 2023 Commission meeting.



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