





General Cost Share Updates

Update Meeting

Division staff will host a **program update webinar** on **Tuesday**, **July 29**th **at 10:00 AM**. This webinar will be recorded for those participating in surge week. Use this <u>link</u> to join the meeting.

District Allocations

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

- ACSP Technical Assistance
- ACSP Financial Assistance
- AgWRAP Financial Assistance

Cost share allocations are active in CS2; your district may now enter contracts for FY26.

Forms and Resources

ACSP and AgWRAP Cost List Calculators will be updated soon to reflect cost list updates.

Please continue to use the <u>Cancellation</u> and <u>6-month Extension</u> forms when canceling and extending contracts. Please upload completed forms into CS2.

Program Reviews

The Division will be conducting <u>Program Reviews</u> this year. Selected districts will be contacted by their cost share specialist early in FY26 for scheduling.

New District Employees

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

Extensions

Extensions have been processed in CS2. Please work on completing these contracts. Lisa will be tracking progress and following up throughout the year.



Agriculture Cost Share Program

BMP Updates

New BMP: <u>Use Exclusion Fencing</u> has been added to ACSP as a stream protection measure. This BMP is similar to <u>Livestock Exclusion Fencing</u> with limited flash grazing in the riparian zone. Additionally, the fence setback requirements have been aligned and a policy exception for temporary water supply failures has been added to both BMPs.

<u>Waste and Nutrient Management Measures</u> general policy and twelve BMP policies have been approved by the Commission. The new policies are posted in CS2.

- Concentrated Nutrient Source Management System
- Constructed Wetlands
- Heavy Use Area Protection
 - The stream protection and waste & nutrient management measure policies have been merged.
- Insect Control Practice
- Manure Composting Facility
- Odor Control Management System
- Retrofit of On-going Animal Operations
- Solids Separation from Tank/Raceway-based Aquaculture Production
- Storm Water Management System
- Waste Application Systems
- Waste Impoundment Closure
- Waste Treatment Lagoon/Storage Pond

Additionally, we are continuing to require third-party engineer designs for the Stream Restoration BMP.

Average Cost List

The triennial update to the ACSP <u>Cost List</u> was approved by the Commission with increases applied to most components. New additions to the cost list include:

- DEWATERING
- Various new PIPE sizes

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- ANIMAL GUARD Band type and Inside type
- VEGETATION- mulch netting installed
- FENCE-1-2 strand perm, electric or barbed, incl. Gates
- WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE Automated Valve fully programmable

If you have any questions regarding ACSP, please contact John Beck.



Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program

Average Cost List

The Average Cost list was approved by the Commission with the following changes:

• The payments for Ag Ponds, Pond Repair/Retrofits, Pond Sediment Removal, and well construction in the east have all increased.

Detailed Implementation Plan

Additional text was added to the AgWRAP DIP:

For Water Supply Well contracts, if there are additional water sources under the cooperator's control, the contract must explain why these sources are inadequate to meet the operation's needs.

Regional Application

The AgWRAP <u>Regional Application</u> is now live. Applications are due November 14th. As of right now, there is enough funding for 5-6 projects across the State, 1-2 in each region. Consult the Detailed Implementation Plan for the allocation strategy.

AgWRAP Policy Updates:

- The <u>Water Supply Well Policy</u> has a revision to policy #9
- The <u>Baseflow Interceptor Policy</u> has policy #6 added to remain consistent with other water quantity BMPs.

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



Community Conservation Assistance Program

Average Cost List

The FY26 Cost List was approved by the Commission. There are no changes from the FY25 cost list.

Detailed Implementation Plan

The <u>CCAP DIP</u> was approved with minor revisions to the program goals. Project funding will be awarded through a competitive regional application process. Please refer the <u>Regional Application Process</u> for more information. Note: Third-party engineer designs are still required for the Stream Restoration BMP.

Regional Application

The CCAP Regional Application will open on Monday morning. Applications are due October 1st. This year, the program has enough funding for 10-11 projects across the state, with 3-4 per region. The maximum allocation amount per project is \$50,000 and \$100,000 per district. Project awards will be approved at the January 2026 Commission meeting.

CCAP BMP Revisions

The following BMP Policies were updated last year, and are effective for FY2026:

- 1. Abandoned Well Closure
- 2. Backyard Rain Garden
- 3. Backyard Wetland
- 4. Bioretention Area
- 5. Cistern
- 6. Critical Area Planting
- 7. Structural Stormwater Conveyance
- 8. Impervious Surface
- 9. Pet Waste Receptacle
- 10. Riparian Buffer

If you have any questions regarding CCAP, please contact Julie Henshaw.

Please note that the Division is recruiting a Conservation Program Coordinator to work on CCAP and other items. Look for the posting soon!