



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service

NRCS WASHINGTON

BY THE NUMBERS | 2020



SOIL

337,521

acres of cropland
with conservation
applied to improve
soil quality.



WATER

638,010

acres of land with
conservation
applied to
improve water
quality.



LAND

303,178

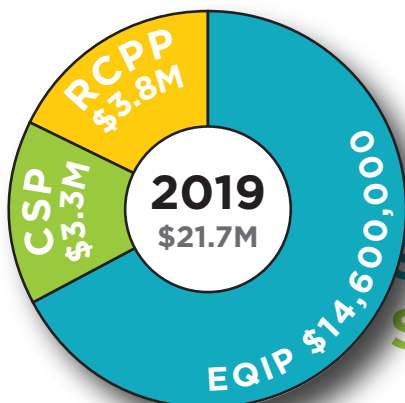
acres of grazing
and forest land
protected through
conservation.

USDA's [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#) provided a wide range of voluntary programs and services to enable Washington landowners to implement conservation practices and management activities in 2020. According to NRCS State Conservationist Roylene Comes At Night, these programs and services are providing Washington landowners with technical and financial resources to help them protect and improve soil, water and air quality, as well as wildlife habitat.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

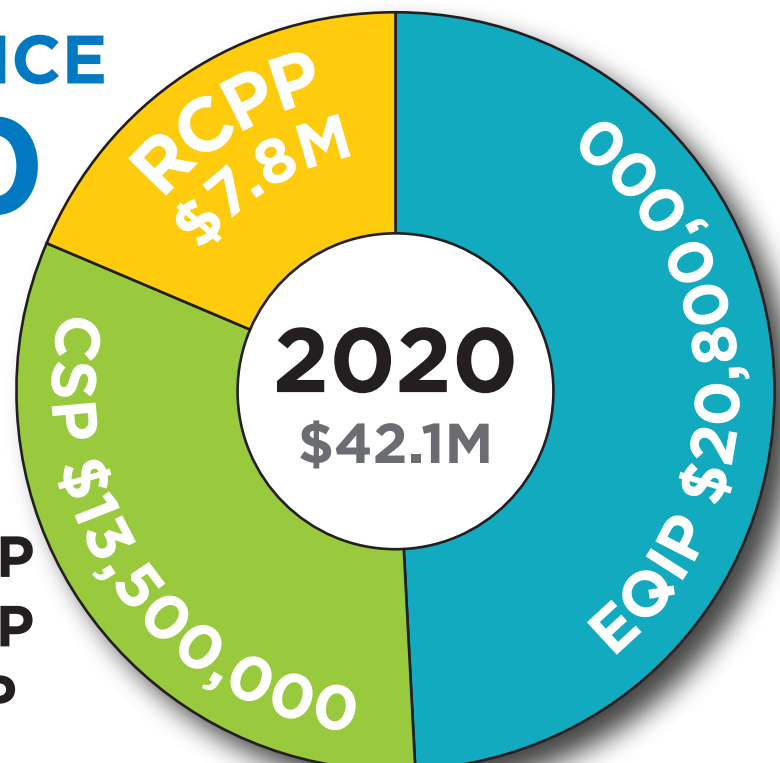
2019 2020

VS



Additional
funds
in 2020

\$6.2m in EQIP
\$10.2m in CSP
\$4m in RCPP



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employer and lender.*

STATUS UPDATE

CSP Annual Payment Rate

NRCS-WA is still waiting on legislators to approve or disapprove our request to increase the CSP Annual payment rate from \$.50 per acre to \$0.75 per acre for grazed forestland. We will notify all interested parties as soon as this information becomes available.

CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE*

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Contracts: **236**

Obligated: **\$20,843,209**

EQIP Sage Grouse Initiative

Contracts: **5**

Financial assistance:

\$1,171,190

EQIP State Sage Grouse Initiative for lands coming out of CRP

New Contracts: **32**

Obligated **\$5,510,556**

EQIP Salmon Recovery

Contracts: **7**

Obligated: **\$1,817,005**

EQIP National Water Quality

Contracts: **1**

Obligated: **\$450,000**

EQIP Olympia Oysters

Contracts: **1**

Obligated **\$145,635**

EQIP National Air Quality

Contracts: **11**

Obligated **\$1,728,746**

Conservation Stewardship

New Contracts: **86**

Obligated: **\$13,523,170**

RCPP (EQIP & CSP)

Contracts: **32**

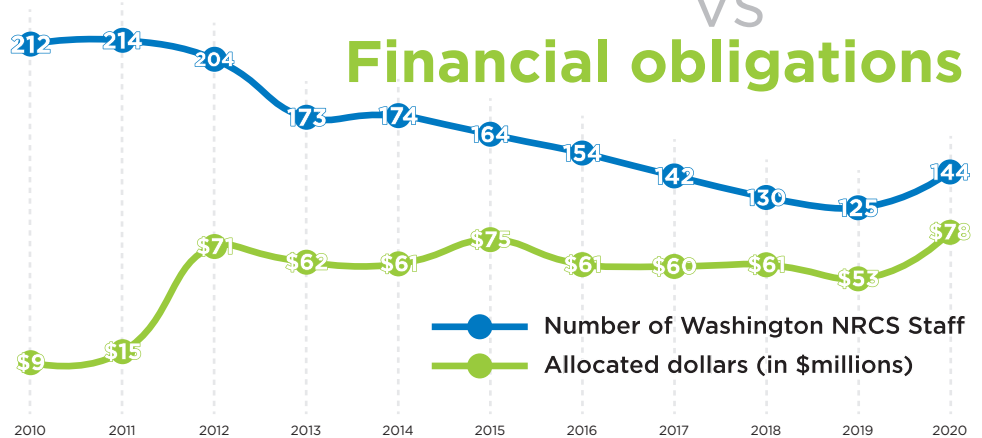
Obligated: **\$5,804,747**

ACEP: Agricultural Lands Easements

Easements Purchased: **4***

**All numbers pulled from Protracts on September 17, 2020 and not considered official.*

Washington NRCS Staff VS Financial obligations



FARM BILL PROGRAMS

The current Farm Bill was enacted in December 2018. NRCS offers voluntary Farm Bill conservation programs that benefit both agricultural producers and the environment. The following is a short description of each program as they currently stand. It is anticipated that the bill will bring changes to these programs.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)

EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers in order to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation or improved or created wildlife habitat.

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP)

CSP helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resource concerns. Participants earn CSP payments for conservation performance — the higher the performance, the higher the payment.

THE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM (ACEP)

ACEP provides financial and technical assistance to help conserve agricultural lands and wetlands and their related benefits. Under the Agricultural Land Easements component, NRCS helps Indian tribes, state and local governments and non-governmental organizations protect working agricultural lands and limit non-agricultural uses of the land. Under the Wetlands Reserve Easements component, NRCS helps to restore, protect and enhance enrolled wetlands.

THE REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (RCPP)

RCPP promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. NRCS provides assistance to producers through partnership agreements and through program contracts or easement agreements. Assistance is delivered in accordance with the rules of EQIP, CSP, ACEP and HFRP; and in certain areas the Watershed Operations and Flood Prevention Program.

Stay tuned and visit www.nrcs.usda.gov for info on NRCS programs.



Conservation Plans
369,245
acres of conservation
plans written.



Environment
729,693
acres of conservation
applied to improve
environmental quality.