

Federal Opportunities for Agriculture and Climate - Overview

- United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Services programs
- Other USDA programs relevant for climate
- Inflation Reduction Act - Climate Smart Agriculture funding
- Ongoing Farm Bill negotiations

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
 - a. High-Tunnel Initiative, Organic Initiative, Air Quality Initiative, On-Farm Energy Initiative
- Conservation Stewardship Program
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- Conservation Reserve Program
- Conservation Innovation Grant

Other USDA Program Helping Producers Fight Climate Change

- Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities
- Rural Energy For America Program
- Whole Farm Revenue Protection Program
 - Crop insurance program accessible for diversified farms
- Biomass Crop Assistance Program (not funded since 2017)
- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program

Inflation Reduction Act funding through NRCS

For fiscal year 2024, California received \$91 million in IRA funding, including:

- \$73.7 million for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- \$9.1 million for the Conservation Stewardship Program
- \$5.6 million for the Conservation Technical Assistance Program
- In 2024, NRCS has increased the number of Climate-Smart Agricultural and Forestry Mitigation Activities eligible for IRA funding through EQIP and CSP

Farm Bill Opportunities and Advocacy

- Protecting the IRA - Climate Smart Agriculture Funding
- Agriculture Resilience Act (H.R. 1840; S. 1016)
- Converting Our Waste Sustainably Act (H.R. 4327; S. 2479)
- Whole Farm Revenue Protection Improvement Act (S. 2598)
- Opportunities in Organic Act (S. 1582)