



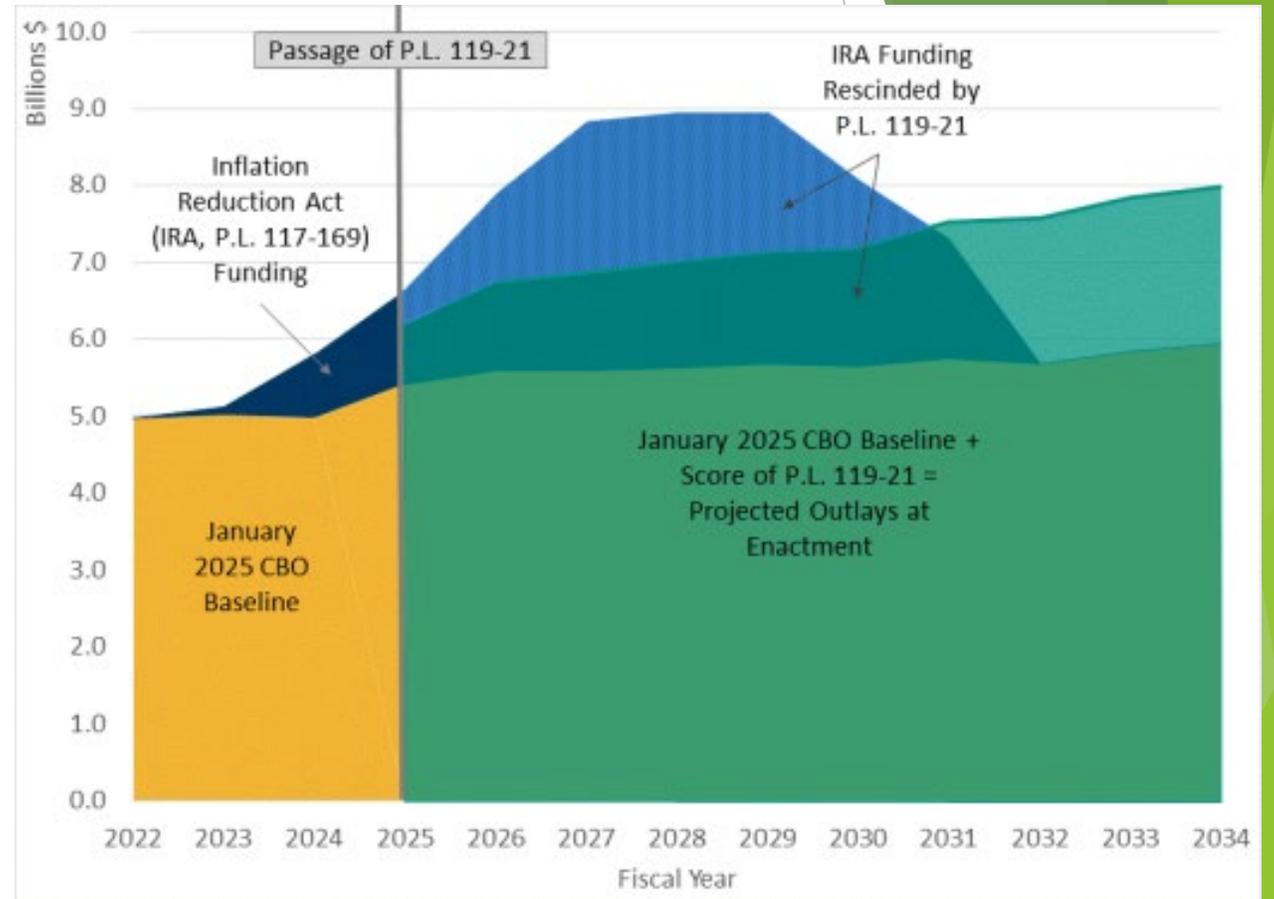
# Farm Foundation

Conservation's Future in a Changing  
Policy Landscape

# Farm Bill Conservation Policy Recap

- ▶ 2022: Inflation Reduction Act Increased funding and extended several Farm Bill Conservation Programs until 2031 (\$19.5 billion)
  - ▶ Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Conservation Security Program, Regional Conservation Partnership Program, Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
- ▶ October 2023: Farm Bill Expires
- ▶ November 2023: One year Farm Bill Extension Passed
- ▶ May 2024: House Ag Committee Farm Bill Markup
- ▶ October 2024: Farm Bill Expires
- ▶ December 2024: One Year Farm Bill Extension Passed
- ▶ July 2025: One Big Beautiful Bill Passed
- ▶ October 2025: Farm Bill Expires
- ▶ October 2025: Government Shutdown
- ▶ November 2025: One year Farm Bill Extension, FY26 Agriculture Appropriations passed (full year funding)

# Funding - IRA & OBBBA



Congressional Budget Office, Congressional Research Service

# One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)

## The Environmental Quality Incentives Program

- \$2,655,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;
- \$2,855,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;
- \$3,255,000,000 for each fiscal year 2028 - 31.

## The Conservation Stewardship Program

- \$1,300,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;
- \$1,325,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;
- \$1,350,000,000 for fiscal year 2028;
- \$1,375,000,000 for each fiscal year 2029 - 31.

## The Regional Conservation Partnership Program

- \$425,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;
- \$450,000,000 for each fiscal year 2027 - 31

## Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

- \$625,000,000 for fiscal year 2026
- \$650,000,000 for fiscal year 2027
- \$675,000,000 for fiscal year 2028
- \$700,000,000 for fiscal year 2029-31

# Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment

Enrollment as of June 2025: 25,854,163 acres

- General: 7,760,327 acres
- Continuous: 8,403,175 acres
- Grasslands: 9,690,662 acres

Expired September 30

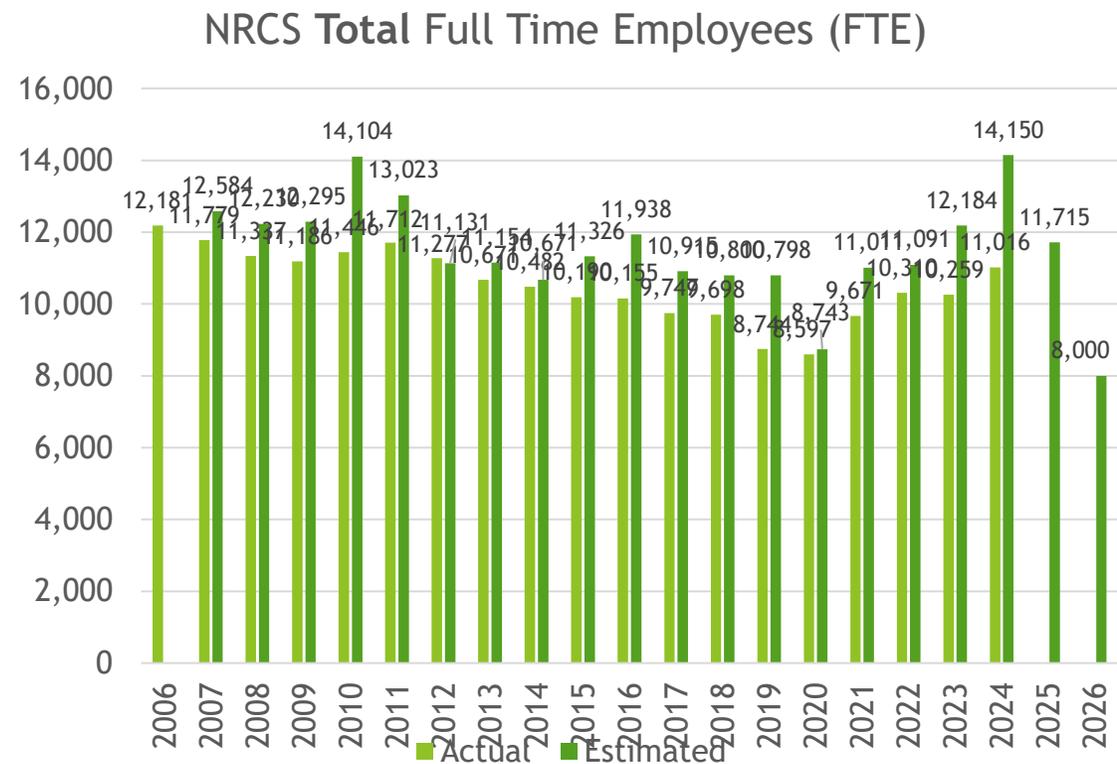
- 955,795 acres

Accepted during 2025 enrollments

- 1,780,000 acres
  - 810,422 acres of Grasslands
  - 203,283 acres of General
  - 770,000 acres of Continuous

Approx 26.6 million acres in FY2026

# Timeline of NRCS Permanent Positions by FTEs



► *Source: USDA NRCS Explanatory Notes of 2008-2026*

# **Knight Ranch**





# Partners in Conservation at Knight ranch

USFWS

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