

## Payment Schedule Milestones Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022

Month	Responsible Entity	Activities
<b>Fiscal Year 2021</b>		
May 15	National Payment Schedule Core Team and National Cost Team	Update Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Conservation Incentives Contracts (CIC) utilizing fiscal year 2021 EQIP payment schedules, with the addition of all enhancements subject to a 100-percent cap. Perform analysis on practices most likely to be affected by increases in commodity prices due to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in prior year contracts.
<b>Fiscal Year 2022</b>		
May 21	Regional scenario managers	Deadline for submitting regional scenarios.
May 28	Technical leads and national scenario managers	Deadline for conservation planning activities, design and implementation activities, conservation evaluation and monitoring activities, Agricultural Conservation Easement Program-Agricultural Land Easements, new enhancement scenarios for Conservation Stewardship Program and CIC, and RCPP.
June 18	National Cost Team and Financial Assistance Programs Division Programs Team	Deadline for annual component price reviews and existing activity payment rates.
June 25	Technical leads and national scenario managers	Deadline for quality assurance reviews of regional scenarios.
July 30	State payment specialists	Deadline for developing State payment schedules.
August 13	National Payment Schedule Core Team and Financial Assistance Programs Division Programs Team	Deadline for quality assurance review of fiscal year 2022 State payment schedules.
August 27	National Payment Schedule Core Team	Submit report of all state payment rates justification statements to national leadership for review and concurrence.

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September 10	National Payment Schedule Core Team, FPAC Business Center	Publish payment schedules to national State payment schedule website.
October 8	National Payment Schedule Core Team	Transmit payment schedules to approved contracting software.

**Notes:**

- Regional scenario requests are considered “entered” once the request is approved through the region and has moved forward to a national level of concurrence.
- Payment schedules transmittal date on October 8, 2021, is subject to change pending contracting application annual maintenance update.
- RCPP producer contracts may utilize the generic RCPP payment schedule developed per schedule above and/or initiate requests for novel scenarios, project specific payment percentages cap at 100 percent, interim activities in the future.