

## Payment Schedule Milestones Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022

| Month                       | Responsible Entity  | Activities   |
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| <b>Fiscal Year<br/>2021</b> |   |  |
| February 1–3                | Technical leads, regional economists, national scenario managers, and National Payment Schedule Core Team | National Payment Schedules Refresher Training, parts 1–3.  |
| February 28                 | National Payment Schedule Core Team   | 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.   |
| <b>Fiscal Year<br/>2022</b> |   |  |
| March 1, 2021               | National Payment Schedule Core Team   | Open payment schedule cycle for new components and scenarios, component price reconsiderations, and update of existing scenarios.  |
| March 19                    | National and regional scenario managers   | Deadline for new components and component price reconsiderations requests.   |
| April 2                     | Technical leads, national scenario managers, National Cost Team, and National Payment Schedule Core Team  | Deadline for national scenario requests and updates. All new component prices are finalized. Release master practice list.   |
| April 16                    | Regional scenario managers  | Deadline for submitting regional scenarios.  |
| April 30                    | 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 Regional Conservation Partnership Program. |
| May 1                       | National Cost Team and Financial Assistance Programs Division Programs Team                               | Deadline for annual component price reviews and existing activity payment rates.   |

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| May 7     | Technical leads and national scenario managers            | Deadline for quality assurance reviews of regional scenarios.         |
| June 11   | State payment specialists                                 | Deadline for developing State payment schedules.                      |
| July 1    | 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.