

Conservation Assistance Overview

"FSA and NRCS are here to help you each step of the way. Always feel free to reach out whenever you have questions!"



ASK YOURSELF

Contact FSA here

Are you already registered with FSA?
AND
Are you already in contact with your NRCS office?

Contact NRCS here



Find out if you have any eligibility paperwork to complete for NRCS and/or FSA
Ask FSA about your farm and tract number

CLICK HERE for the eligibility forms you will need
COMPLETE PAPERWORK with FSA and/or NRCS

FSA and NRCS are here to help you complete your paperwork... just reach out!



Schedule a Site Visit with a NRCS Conservation Planner
During your visit, you and the planner will determine if you are looking for Technical Assistance, Financial Assistance, or BOTH.

Your Conservation Planner will work with you to identify what projects you would like to undertake on your farm based on your resource concerns.

I am looking for Technical Assistance ONLY

I am looking for Technical Assistance and Financial Assistance

Continue Collaboration with your Conservation Planner

Complete and Submit an Application

Your Conservation Planner can help you fill this out!

Wait for Notice of Project Obligation

NRCS Reviews Applications

Your Conservation Planner will inform you of when Application Selection should occur and help you complete Contract Documents.

Begin Project Activities
Notify NRCS when each project item is completed



When all practices are complete and certified the Contract is complete

Producer is paid for each completed practice

Producer fills out completion paperwork

NRCS completes site visit certification and certifies activities



Glossary of Terms

NRCS: Natural Resources Conservation Service

FSA: Farm Service Agency

Technical Assistance: Free personalized advice and information, based on the latest science and research, to help producers make informed decisions.

Financial Assistance: Voluntary applications for cost-sharing assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns.

Conservation Planner: An NRCS representative who is assigned to assist you with conservation need and help clarify this process generally.

