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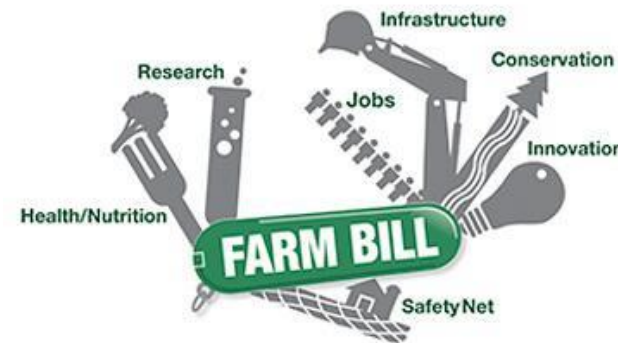
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Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Non-Regulatory Agency under USDA-Farm Production and Conservation mission area.
- April 27, 1935 Congress passed Public Law 74-46. Developing the Soil Conservation Service.
- NRCS provides farmers, rancher, and forestland owners with financial and technical assistance to voluntary put conservation on the ground, not only helping the environment but the operation as well.
- Funding comes from Farm Bill (Current: 2018 Farm Bill)



“It’s like a Swiss Army knife.”

- President Obama 2/14

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Programs Available



Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

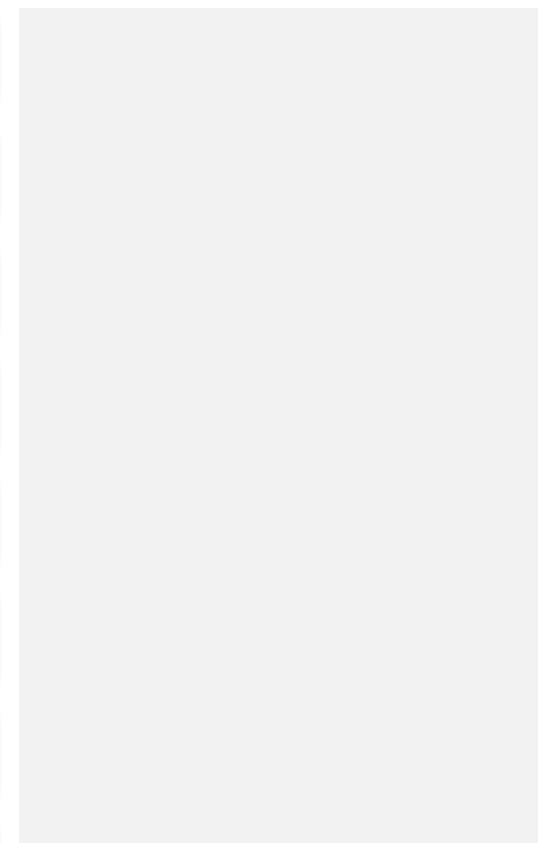
Emergency Watershed Protection Program

Wetlands Reserve Program

Grassland Reserve Program

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program

And much more...



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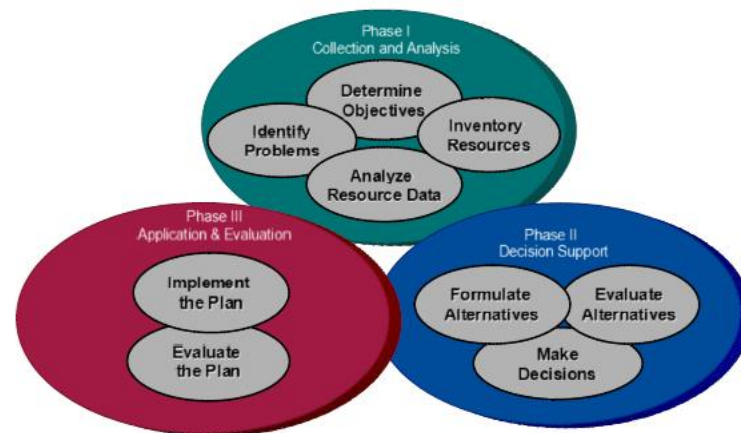
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Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)


- NRCS provides conservation technical assistance to individuals and groups of decision makers, communities, conservation districts, State and local government, tribes, and other Federal agencies, to help them voluntarily conserve, maintain, and improve natural resources.
- National Handbooks
- Electronic Field Office Technical Guides (eFOTG)
- Web Soil Survey (WSS)
- The Product: Conservation Plan



NRCS Planning Process





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

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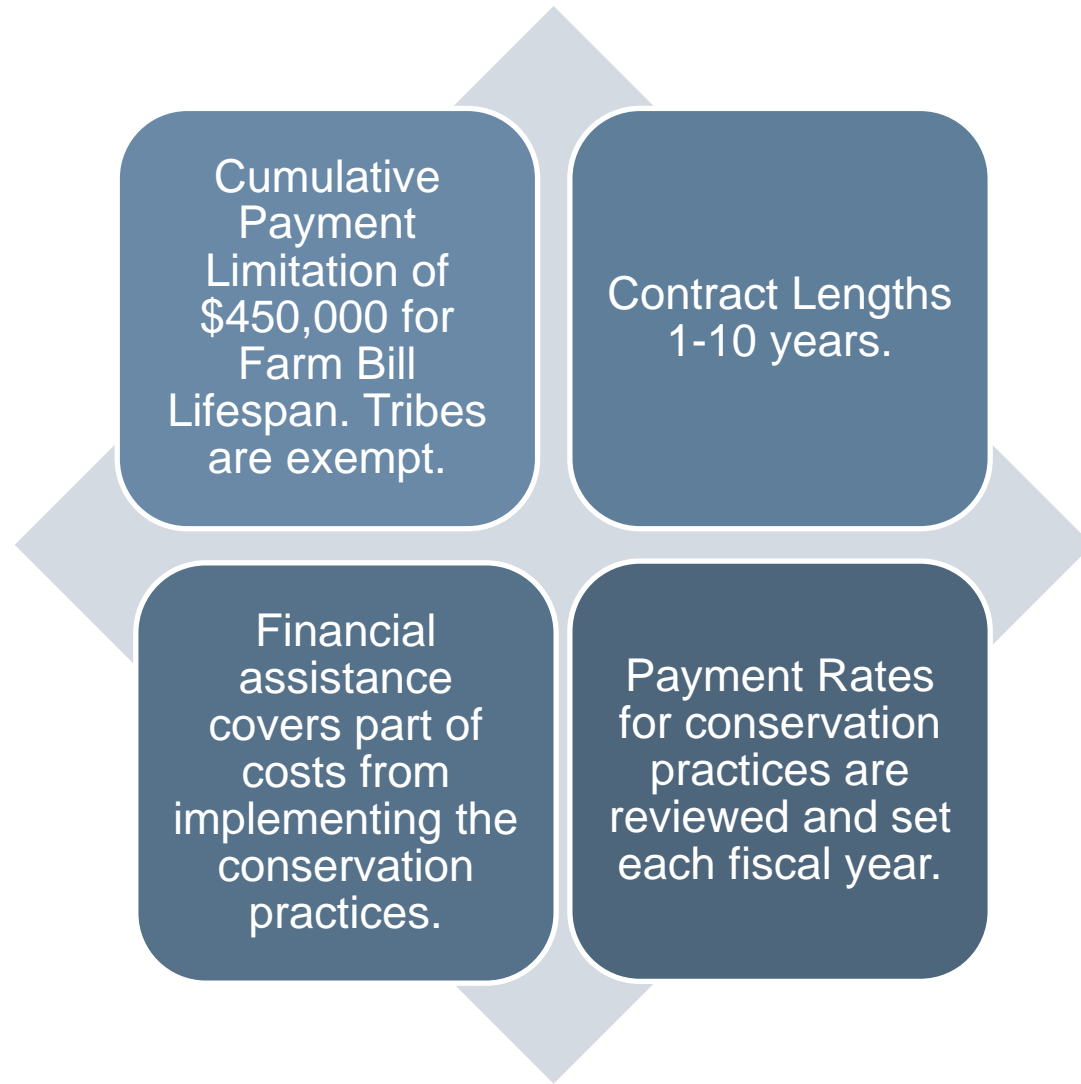
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Area of Interest Interactive Map

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Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)



EQIP Eligibility

Have to address at least one identified resource concern. 47 Listed Resource Concerns.

Must meet Producer and Land Eligibility

Must meet conservation compliance provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, for "Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification.

Have control of the land for the term of the contract period*

Be in compliance with adjusted gross income (AGI) requirements. Less than \$900,000 of the past 3 years average.

Be in compliance with the provisions for protecting the interests of tenants and sharecroppers, including the provisions for sharing EQIP payments on a fair and equitable basis.

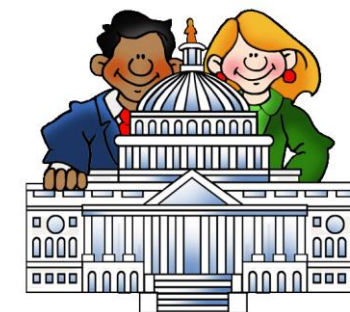


Ineligible Participants.

- A producer is ineligible for USDA program benefits if engaged in controlled substance activities, including growing marijuana on any part of their agricultural operation in violation of Federal law, even if the requested assistance does not relate to the part of the agricultural operation used for the production of the controlled substance. See section 530.21D, in this subpart, for guidance on hemp production.
- Federal, State, county, and local governments, and political subdivisions of State government (e.g., school districts, conservation districts, etc.) and entities with members of units of government or subdivisions, are not eligible. See to subpart R, section 530.402, “EQIP Eligibility,” of this manual for exceptions to this policy.



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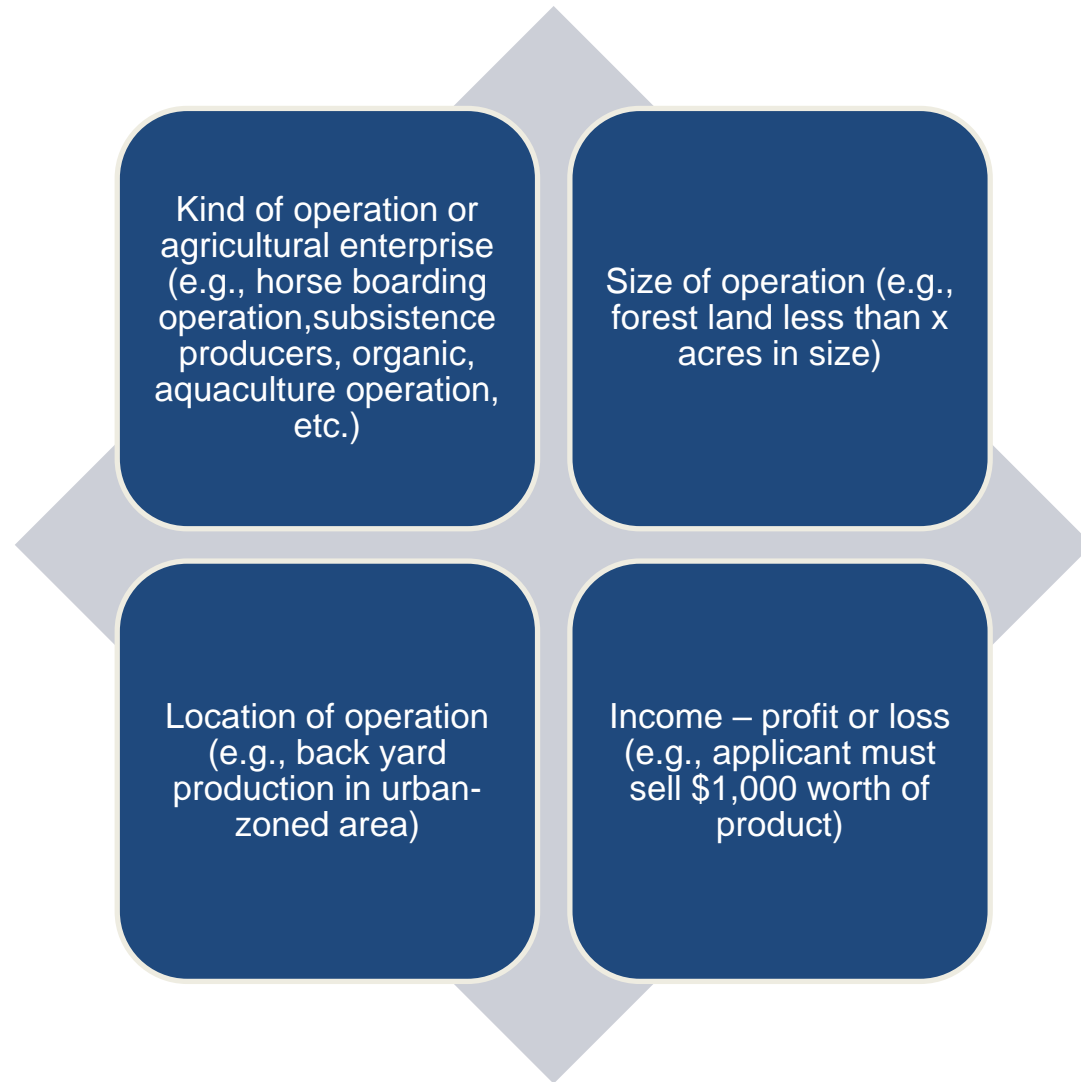


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Common Conservation Practices in Coachella Valley

Combustion System Improvement (372)

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Mulching (484)

Cover Crop (340)

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Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Fiscal Year 2022



Code	Practice	Component	Units	Unit Cost
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	Design- Dairy greater than 300 AU and less than 700 AU with Land Application	No	\$8,495.72
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	HU-Design- Dairy greater than 300 AU and less than 700 AU with Land Application	No	\$10,194.86
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	Design- Dairy greater than or equal to 700 AU with Land Application	No	\$9,442.56
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	HU-Design- Dairy greater than or equal to 700 AU with Land Application	No	\$11,331.07
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	Design- Dairy less than 300 AU Land Application	No	\$8,495.72
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	HU-Design- Dairy less than 300 AU Land Application	No	\$10,194.86
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	Design- Livestock Operations greater than 300 AU without Land Application	No	\$5,798.11
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	HU-Design- Livestock Operations greater than 300 AU without Land Application	No	\$6,957.73
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	Design- Livestock Operations greater than 300 AU without Land Application and Minimal Engineering	No	\$3,643.34
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	HU-Design- Livestock Operations greater than 300 AU without Land Application and Minimal Engineering	No	\$4,372.01
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	Design- Livestock Operations less than or equal to 300 AU without Land Application and Minimal Engineering	No	\$4,890.04
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	HU-Design- Livestock Operations less than or equal to 300 AU without Land Application and Minimal Engineering	No	\$5,868.05
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	Design- Non Dairy Operation greater 700 AU with Land Application	No	\$9,610.21
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	HU-Design- Non Dairy Operation greater 700 AU with Land Application	No	\$11,532.26
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	Design- Non Dairy Operation greater than 300 AU and less than 700 AU with Land Application	No	\$8,004.57
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	HU-Design- Non Dairy Operation greater than 300 AU and less than 700 AU with Land Application	No	\$9,605.49
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	Design- Non Dairy Operation Less than 300 AU with Land Application	No	\$7,094.29
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	HU-Design- Non Dairy Operation Less than 300 AU with Land Application	No	\$8,513.15
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	Design- Small Livestock Operations greater than 300 AU with Land Application and Minimal Engineering	No	\$6,352.76
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	HU-Design- Small Livestock Operations greater than 300 AU with Land Application and Minimal Engineering	No	\$7,623.32
101	CNMP Design and Implementation Activity	Design- Small Livestock Operations less than 300 AU with Land Application and Minimal Engineering	No	\$5,045.88



Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

5 Year Contract

Cumulative Payment Limitation of \$200,000. \$40,000 per year. Can be renewed once.

Applicant receives an Annual Payment with additional payments for enhancements completed per year. Minimum Annual Payment of \$1,500

Payments based on two components:

- To maintain existing conservation based on operation type and number of resource concerns that are meeting stewardship level at the time of application.
- Payment to implement additional conservation activities

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Steps to Assistance

How to Get Assistance from NRCS for Farms, Ranches and Forests

1

PLANNING

Visit your local NRCS field office to discuss your goals and work with staff on a conservation plan.

2

APPLICATION

With the help of NRCS, complete an application for financial assistance programs.

3

ELIGIBILITY

As part of applying, we'll file paperwork to ensure you're eligible for assistance.

4

RANKING

NRCS ranks applications according to local resource concerns.

5

IMPLEMENTING

Put conservation to work by signing a contract and implementing conservation practices.



Indio Service Area

Write a description for your map.

Legend

- CA
- Mountain



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