

## Preface

This is one in a series of bibliographies developed by the Water Quality Information Center at the National Agricultural Library in support of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP).

The purpose of CEAP is to study the environmental effects of conservation practices implemented through various U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation programs. CEAP will evaluate conservation practices and management systems related to nutrient, manure, and pest management; buffer systems; tillage; irrigation and drainage practices; wetland protection and restoration; and wildlife habitat establishment. More information about CEAP is available at [www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/nri/ceap/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/nri/ceap/).

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## About This Bibliography

This bibliography is a guide to literature examining environmental effects of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) conservation programs. Examples of programs covered are the Conservation Reserve Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program. The purpose of this bibliography is to provide an overview of various environmental outcomes resulting from landowner participation in USDA conservation programs. This information is useful for assessing on-the-ground results of conservation programs from various environmental perspectives.

There are 454 citations with abstracts (when available) in this bibliography. Citations were found through literature searches of the AGRICOLA database, produced by the National Agricultural Library, and several commercial bibliographic databases. Many relevant citations were also found in *Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)*, citation number 416. In addition, Water Quality Information Center staff created citations for documents that were located by various other means. Documents cited were published from 1985 through 2003 (with a few included from early 2004). URLs are provided for online documents that are freely available. The inclusion or omission of a particular citation does not imply endorsement or disapproval.

Citations are grouped in these categories: Climate Change and Air Quality, Soil, Water, Wildlife Habitat, Other Environmental Effects, and Multiple Environmental Effects. Within these sections, citations are arranged alphabetically by title.

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