

CONSERVATION LAWS

SOIL CONSERVATION AND DOMESTIC ALLOTMENT ACT

Sec. 1. Purpose	1-1
Sec. 2. Lands on which preventive measures may be taken	1-1
Sec. 3. Benefits for non-Government controlled lands	1-2
Sec. 4. Personnel	1-2
Sec. 6. Appropriation authorized	1-2
Sec. 7. Agricultural conservation policy and enumeration of purposes ..	1-3
Sec. 8. Authority of the Secretary to make payments or grants of aid directly to farmers	1-3
Sec. 9. Surveys, investigations, and reports	1-9
Sec. 10. Definitions	1-9
Sec. 11. Availability of funds	1-10
Sec. 12. Expansion of markets for agricultural commodities and ad- vancing funds to Federal Crop Insurance Corporation	1-10
Sec. 13. Execution of powers of Secretary by Production and Mar- keting Administration	1-11
Sec. 14. Finality of determinations	1-11
Sec. 15. Appropriations, authorizations, and allocations of funds	1-11
Sec. 16A. Payment limitations as to wetlands in certain States	1-11
Sec. 17. Scope of Act; definition of State	1-12

WATER BANK ACT

Sec. 2. Declaration of policy; authority of secretary	2-1
Sec. 3. Conservation agreements	2-1
Sec. 4. Terms of agreement	2-2
Sec. 5. Annual payment	2-3
Sec. 6. Renewal or extension of agreements	2-3
Sec. 7. Termination or modification of agreements	2-3
Sec. 8. Utilization of services and facilities	2-4
Sec. 9. Advisory Board	2-4
Sec. 10. Consultation	2-4
Sec. 11. Authorization of appropriations	2-4
Sec. 12. Regulations	2-5

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT ACT OF 1978

Title IV—Emergency Conservation Program	3-1
---	-----

FOOD SECURITY ACT OF 1985

TITLE XII—CONSERVATION

Subtitle A—Definitions

Sec. 1201. Definitions 4-1

Subtitle B—Highly Erodible Land Conservation

Sec. 1211. Program ineligibility 4-5
 Sec. 1212. Exemptions 4-5
 Sec. 1213. Development and implementation of conservation plans and
 conservation systems. 4-8
 Sec. 1214. Soil surveys 4-10
 Sec. 1215. Notice and investigation of possible compliance deficiencies 4-10

Subtitle C—Wetland Conservation

Sec. 1221. Program ineligibility 4-10
 Sec. 1222. Delineation of wetlands; exemptions 4-11
 Sec. 1223. Affiliated persons 4-16
 Sec. 1224. Fairness of compliance 4-16

Subtitle D—Agricultural Resources Conservation Program

CHAPTER 1—COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1230. Comprehensive conservation enhancement program 4-16

SUBCHAPTER B—CONSERVATION RESERVE

Sec. 1231. Conservation reserve 4-17
 Sec. 1231A. Emergency forestry conservation reserve program 4-20
 Sec. 1231B. Pilot program for enrollment of wetland and buffer acre-
 age in conservation reserve 4-21
 Sec. 1232. Duties of owners and operators 4-24
 Sec. 1233. Duties of the Secretary 4-27
 Sec. 1234. Payments 4-27
 Sec. 1235. Contracts 4-31
 Sec. 1235A. Conversion of land subject to contract to other conserving
 uses 4-34

SUBCHAPTER C—WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM

Sec. 1237. Wetlands reserve program 4-35
 Sec. 1237A. Easements and agreements 4-36
 Sec. 1237B. Duties of owners 4-38
 Sec. 1237C. Duties of the Secretary 4-38
 Sec. 1237D. Payments 4-39
 Sec. 1237E. Changes in ownership; agreement modification; termi-
 nation 4-40
 Sec. 1237F. Administration, and funding 4-41

CHAPTER 2—CONSERVATION SECURITY AND FARMLAND PROTECTION

SUBCHAPTER A—CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM

Sec. 1238. Definitions	4-41
Sec. 1238A. Conservation security program	4-43
Sec. 1238B. Duties of producers	4-48
Sec. 1238C. Duties of the Secretary	4-48

SUBCHAPTER B—CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Sec. 1238D. Definitions	4-51
Sec. 1238E. Conservation stewardship program	4-52
Sec. 1238F. Stewardship contracts	4-53
Sec. 1238G. Duties of the Secretary	4-56

SUBCHAPTER C—FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM

Sec. 1238H. Definitions	4-58
Sec. 1238I. Farmland protection program	4-59
Sec. 1238J. Farm viability program	4-61

SUBCHAPTER D—GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM

Sec. 1238N. Grassland reserve program	4-62
Sec. 1238O. Duties of owners and operators	4-63
Sec. 1238P. Duties of Secretary	4-64
Sec. 1238Q. Delegation of duty	4-66

CHAPTER 3—ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT PROGRAM

Sec. 1239. Environmental easement program	4-68
Sec. 1239A. Duties of owners; components of plan	4-69
Sec. 1239B. Duties of the Secretary	4-70
Sec. 1239C. Payments	4-70
Sec. 1239D. Changes in ownership; modification of easement	4-71

CHAPTER 4—ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM

Sec. 1240. Purposes	4-72
Sec. 1240A. Definitions	4-73
Sec. 1240B. Establishment and administration	4-74
Sec. 1240C. Evaluation of applications	4-76
Sec. 1240D. Duties of producers	4-77
Sec. 1240E. Environmental quality incentives program plan	4-77
Sec. 1240F. Duties of the Secretary	4-78
Sec. 1240G. Limitation on payments	4-78
Sec. 1240H. Conservation innovation grants and payments	4-78
Sec. 1240I. Agricultural water enhancement program	4-79

CHAPTER 5—OTHER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Sec. 1240M. Conservation of private grazing land	4-82
Sec. 1240N. Wildlife habitat incentive program	4-85
Sec. 1240O. Grassroots source water protection program	4-85
Sec. 1240P. Great Lakes basin program for soil erosion and sediment control	4-86
Sec. 1240Q. Chesapeake Bay watershed	4-86
Sec. 1240R. Voluntary public access and habitat incentive program	4-87

Subtitle E—Funding and Administration

Sec. 1241. Commodity Credit Corporation	4-88
Sec. 1242. Delivery of technical assistance	4-91
Sec. 1243. Cooperative conservation partnership initiative	4-94
Sec. 1244. Administrative requirements for conservation programs	4-96
Sec. 1245. Environmental services markets	4-100

Subtitle F—Other Conservation Provisions

Sec. 1251. Technical assistance for water resources	4-101
Sec. 1252. Agriculture conservation experienced services program	4-101
Sec. 1256. Tree planting initiative	4-102

Subtitle G—State Technical Committees

Sec. 1261. Establishment of State technical committees	4-103
Sec. 1262. Responsibilities	4-103

**FOOD, AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, AND TRADE ACT
OF 1990**

TITLE XIV—CONSERVATION

Sec. 1401. Short title	5-1
------------------------------	-----

Subtitle C—Agricultural Resources Conservation Program

Sec. 1437. Study of land use for expiring contracts and extension of authority	5-1
---	-----

Subtitle D—Other Conservation Measures

Sec. 1451. Integrated farm management program option	5-2
--	-----

Subtitle E—Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act; Farmland
Protection

CHAPTER 2—FARMLAND PROTECTION

Sec. 1465. Short title, purpose, and definition	5-7
Sec. 1466. Establishment of program	5-8
Sec. 1467. Federal accounts and compliance	5-12
Sec. 1468. Applications and administration	5-12
Sec. 1469. Report	5-13
Sec. 1470. Implementation and effective date	5-13
Sec. 1470A. Comptroller General reports	5-13
Sec. 1470B. Special rules for issuance of stock for 1992	5-13

Subtitle F—Administration of Environmental Programs

Sec. 1471. Establishment of the Agricultural Council on Environ- mental Quality	5-14
Sec. 1472. Office of Agricultural Environmental Quality	5-14
Sec. 1473. Environmental quality policy statement	5-15

**FEDERAL AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT AND REFORM
ACT OF 1996**

TITLE III—CONSERVATION

Subtitle B—Highly Erodible Land Conservation

Sec. 317. Wind erosion estimation pilot project 6-1

Subtitle C—Wetland Conservation

Sec. 325. Clarification of definition of agricultural lands in memo-
randum of agreement 6-1

Subtitle E—Conservation Funding and Administration

Sec. 343. Public notice and comment for revisions to certain State
technical guides 6-2

Subtitle F—National Natural Resources Conservation Foundation

Sec. 351. Short title 6-2
 Sec. 352. Definitions 6-2
 Sec. 353. National Natural Resources Conservation Foundation 6-2
 Sec. 354. Composition and operation 6-3
 Sec. 355. Officers and employees 6-4
 Sec. 356. Corporate powers and obligations of the Foundation 6-5
 Sec. 357. Administrative services and support 6-7
 Sec. 358. Audits and petition of Attorney General for equitable relief 6-6
 Sec. 359. Release from liability 6-7
 Sec. 360. Authorization of appropriations 6-7

Subtitle H—Miscellaneous Conservation Provisions

Sec. 385. Flood risk reduction 6-7
 Sec. 389. Interim moratorium on bypass flows 6-8
 Sec. 390. Everglades ecosystem restoration 6-10
 Sec. 391. Agricultural air quality research oversight 6-13

FARM SECURITY AND RURAL INVESTMENT ACT OF 2002

TITLE II—CONSERVATION

Subtitle F—Other Conservation Programs

Sec. 2507. Desert Terminal Lakes 7-1

Subtitle G—Conservation Corridor Demonstration Program

Sec. 2601. Definitions 7-1
 Sec. 2602. Conservation corridor demonstration program 7-2
 Sec. 2603. Implementation of conservation corridor plan 7-3
 Sec. 2604. Funding requirements 7-4

TITLE X—MISCELLANEOUS

Subtitle G—Specialty Crops

Sec. 10608. Cranberry acreage reserve program 7-4

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD ACT OF 1981

TITLE XV—RESOURCE CONSERVATION

Subtitle G—Volunteers for Department of Agriculture Programs

Sec. 1526. Establishment of program	8-1
Sec. 1527. Authorization for appropriations	8-1

Subtitle H—Resource Conservation and Development Program

Sec. 1528. Definitions	8-1
Sec. 1529. Resource conservation and development program	8-3
Sec. 1530. Selection of designated areas	8-4
Sec. 1531. Powers of the Secretary	8-4
Sec. 1532. Eligibility; terms and conditions	8-4
Sec. 1533. Resource Conservation and Development Policy Advisory Board	8-5
Sec. 1535. Limitation on assistance	8-5
Sec. 1536. Supplemental authority of the Secretary	8-5
Sec. 1537. Authorization of appropriations	8-5

Subtitle I—Farmland Protection Policy Act

Sec. 1539. Short title	8-6
Sec. 1540. Findings, purpose, and definitions	8-6
Sec. 1541. Farmland protection policy	8-7
Sec. 1542. Existing policies and procedures	8-8
Sec. 1543. Technical assistance	8-8
Sec. 1544. Farmland resource information	8-8
Sec. 1545. Grants; contracts	8-8
Sec. 1546. Report	8-8
Sec. 1547. Statement of limitation	8-9
Sec. 1548. Prohibition	8-9
Sec. 1549. Effective date	8-9

Subtitle J—Miscellaneous Provisions

Sec. 1550. Local search and rescue operations	8-9
Sec. 1551. Reclamation	8-9
Sec. 1552. Payments for land removed from production for conserva- tion purposes	8-9
Sec. 1553. Conservation tillage	8-10
Sec. 1554. Regulations	8-10