
**TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDER
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Technical Service Providers

- NRCS has used A&E contracts and geologic investigation services contracts for decades.
 - We also used hundreds of nonfederal professional conservation planners for the planning required by the 1985 farm bill (either through agreements with conservation districts or federal acquisitions).
 - The 1996 farm bill included this concept, then came the 2002 farm bill that provided that we continue using these tools and added another tool to include acquisition of technical services by the producer with reimbursement by NRCS.
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2002 Farm Bill Highlights

- Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, Public Law 107-171
 - Increasing funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
 - Establish Conservation Security Program (CSP)
 - Expanded land retirement programs
 - Grassland Reserve Program is created (GRP)
 - **Encourage use of third party technical service providers**
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Bottom Line

- More on-the-ground conservation
 - No additional NRCS employees
 - Development of Technical Service Providers Initiative
 - TSPs absorb expansion and contraction of field caseload
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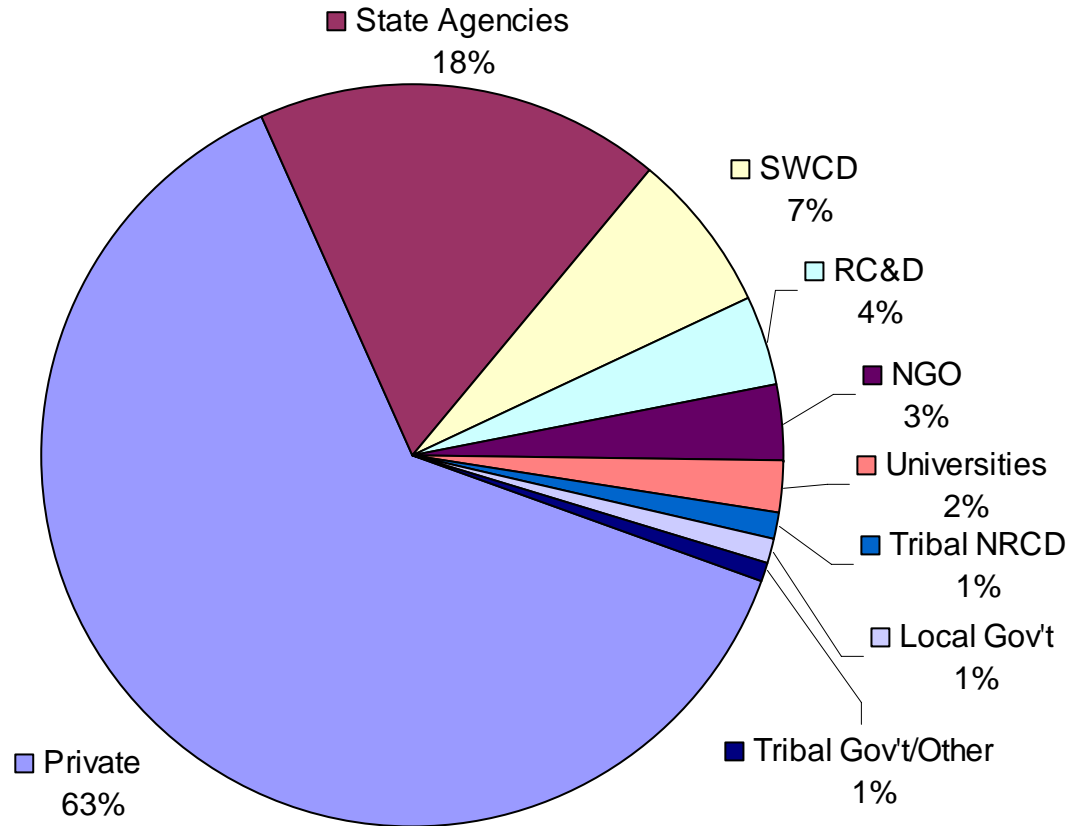
TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDER GOALS-OBLIGATIONS

FISCAL YEAR	GOALS	OBLIGATIONS
2003	\$20,000,000	\$24,224,797
2004	\$40,000,000	\$47,493,234
2005	\$45,000,000	\$50,360,256
2006	\$40,000,000	\$59,440,948

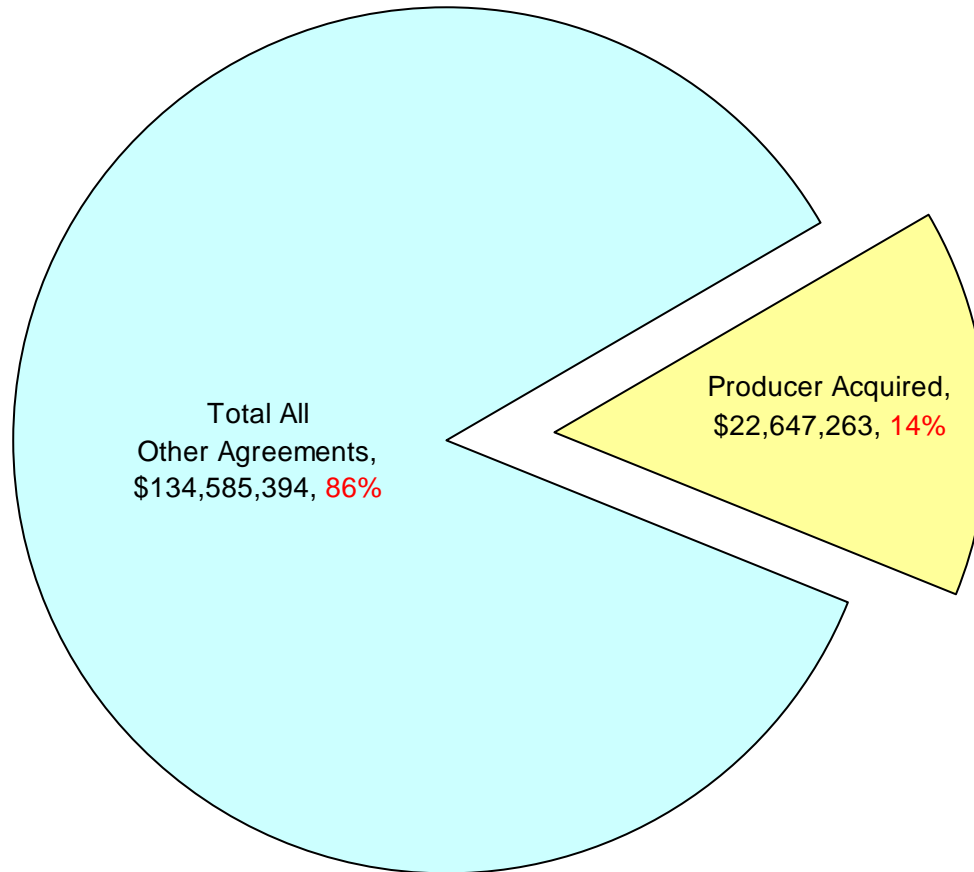
Source: FNM BOC 2595 report dated 9/30/06
 FY 2006 includes all contracts and agreements

AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION ENROLEES/SENIORS (ACES)	
2005	\$809,270
2006	\$3,235,458

FY06 Obligations Through 3rd Quarter By Entity

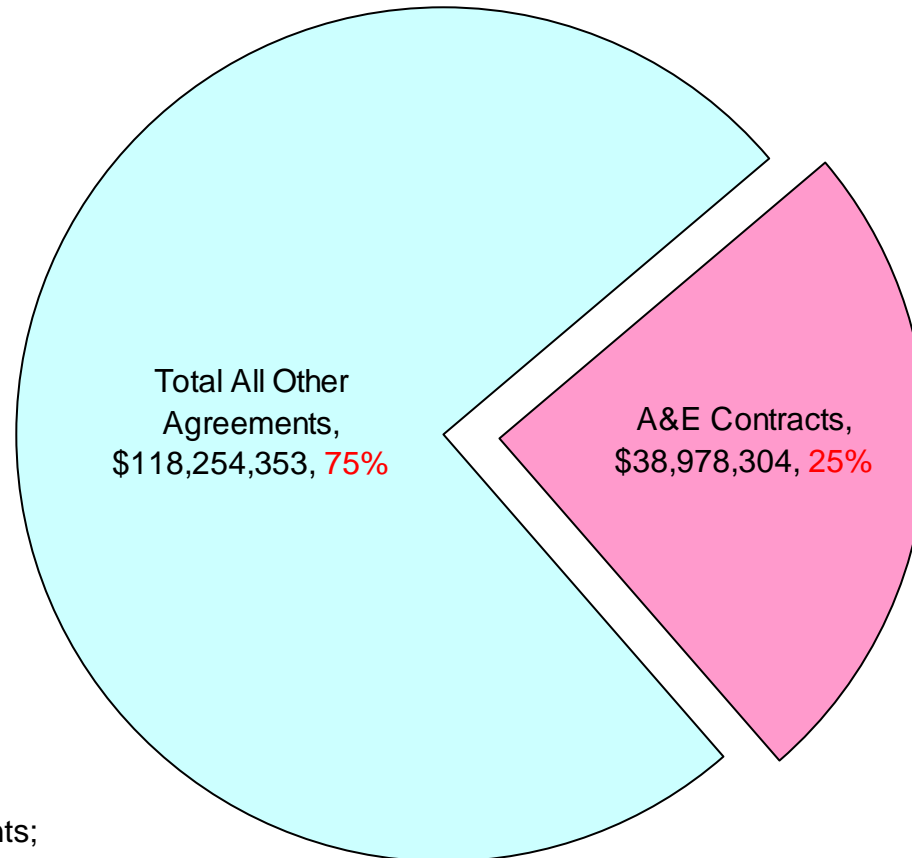


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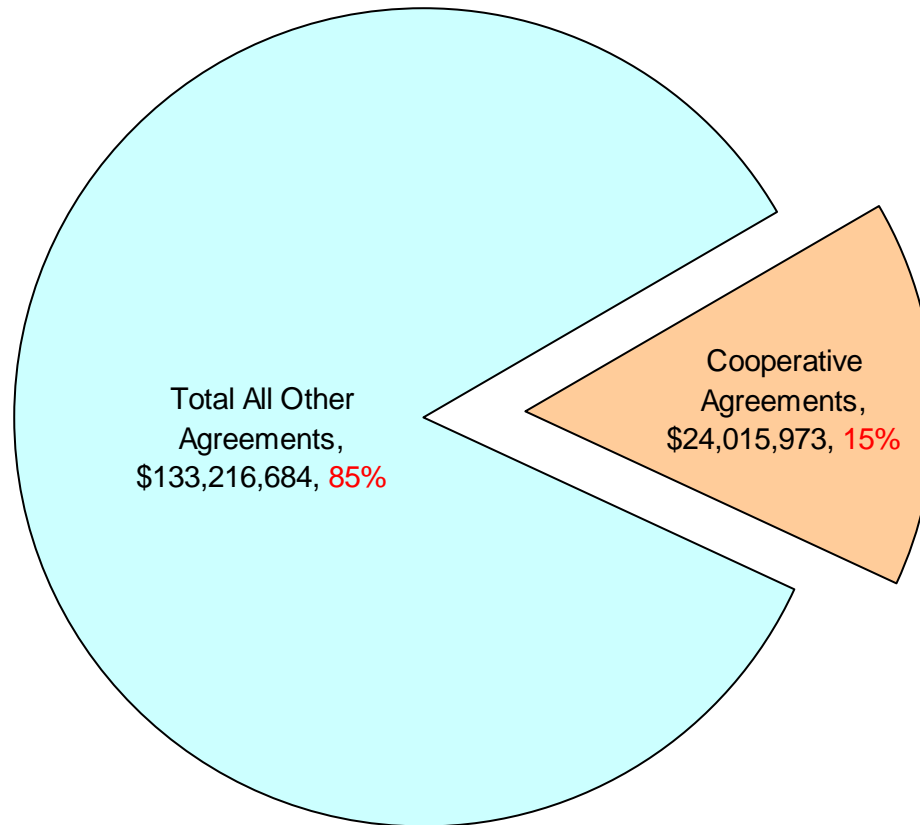
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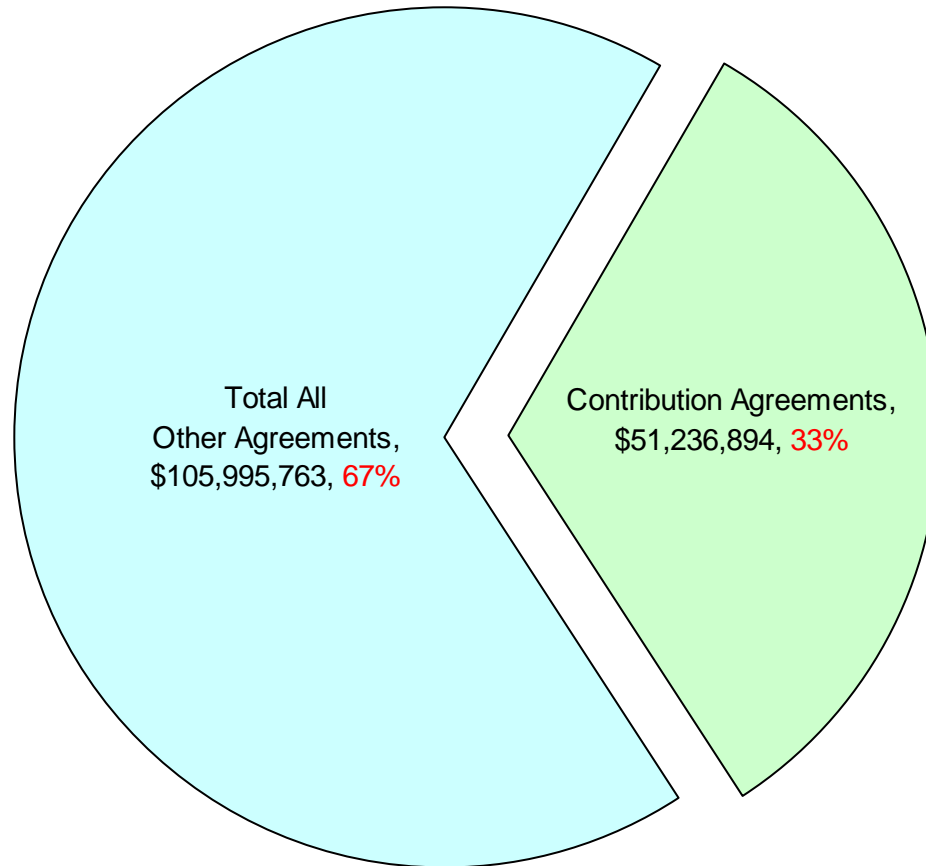
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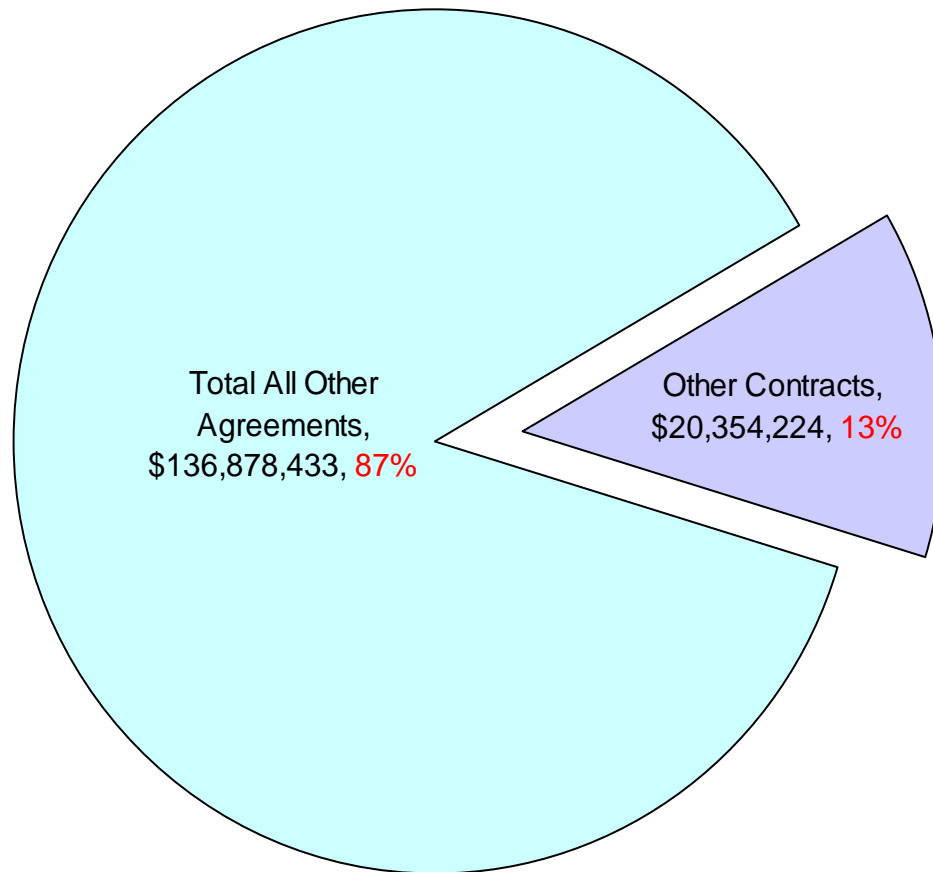
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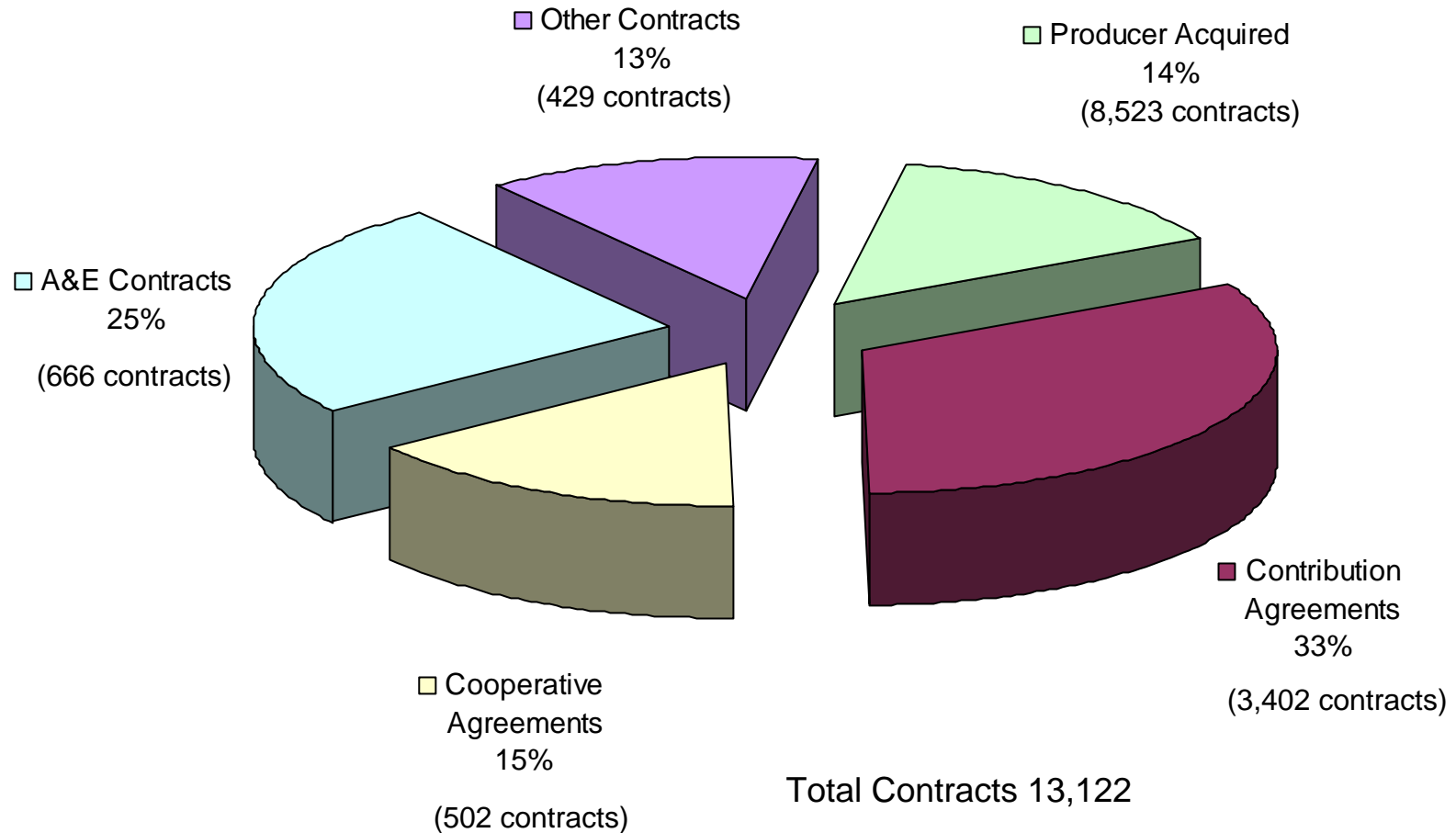
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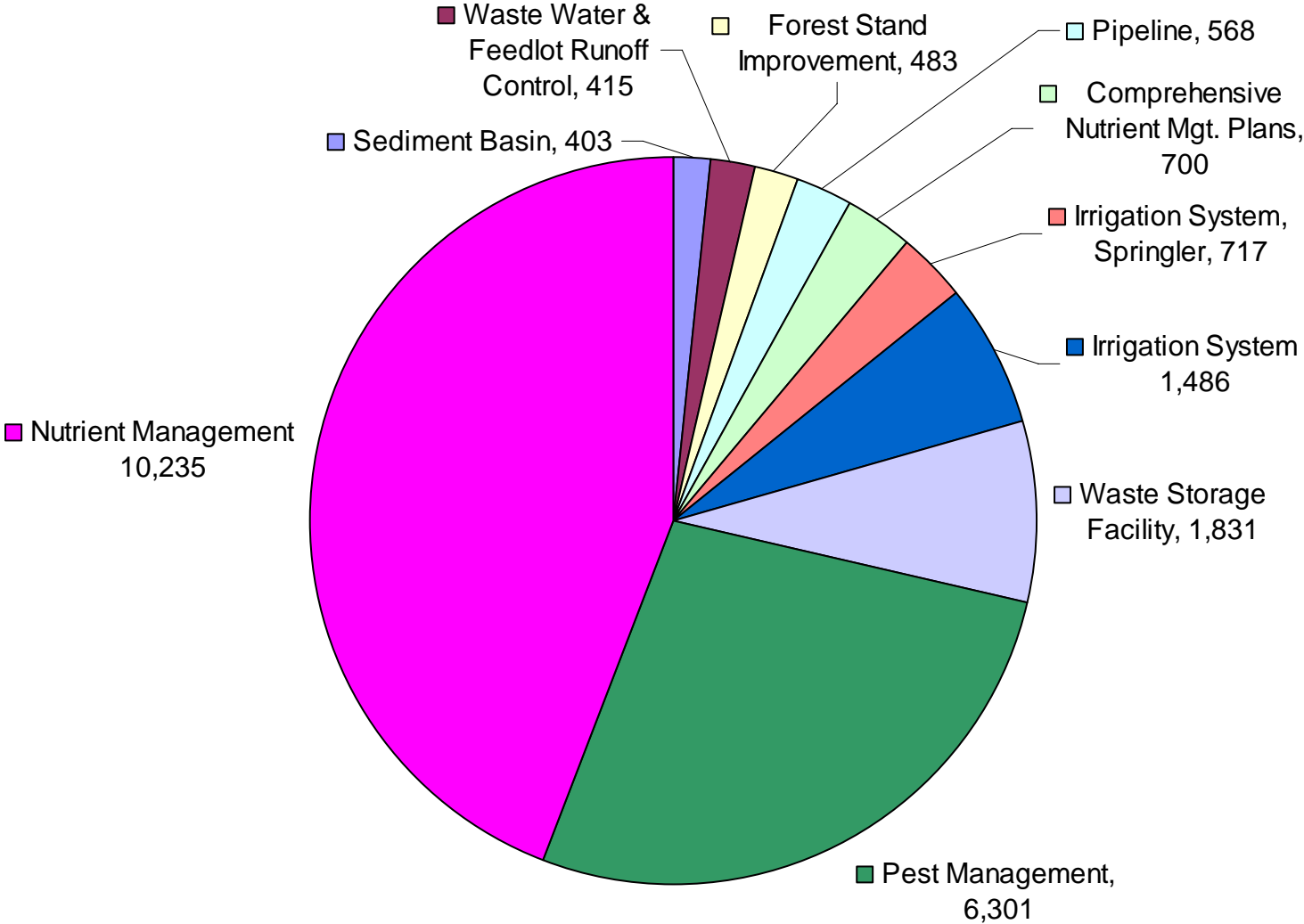


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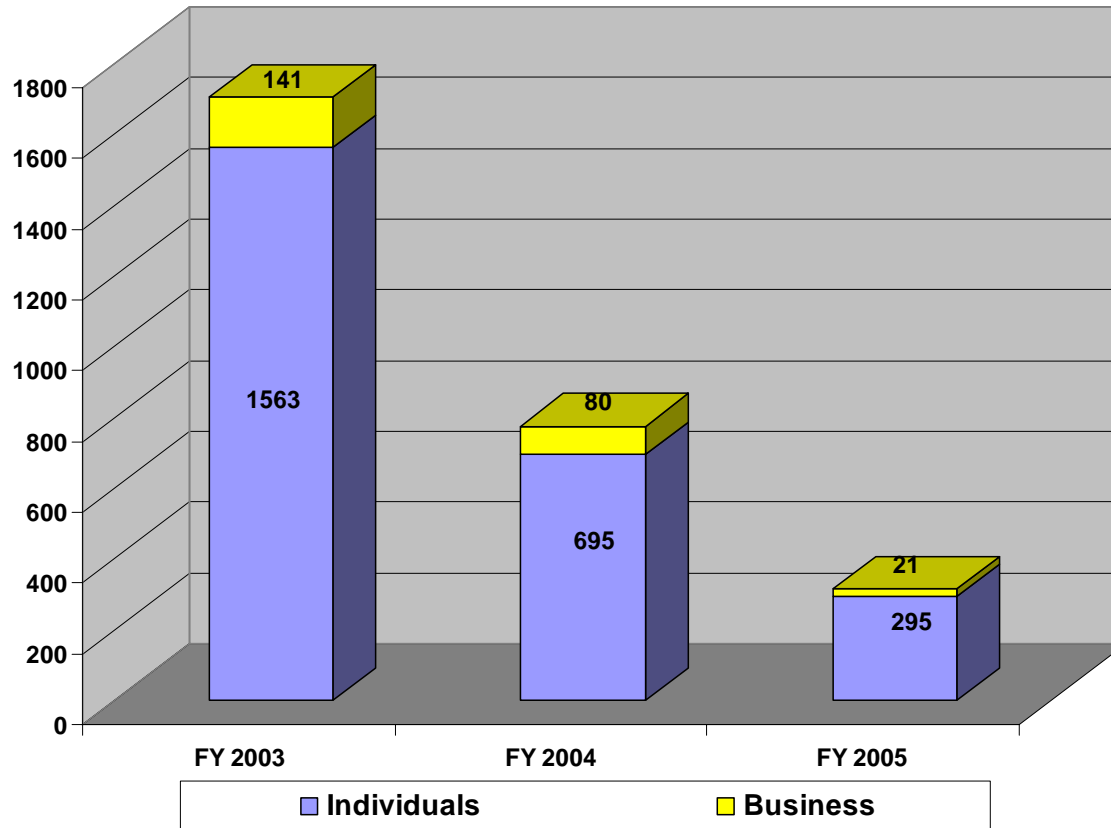
Most Common Producer Acquired TSP Assisted Practices



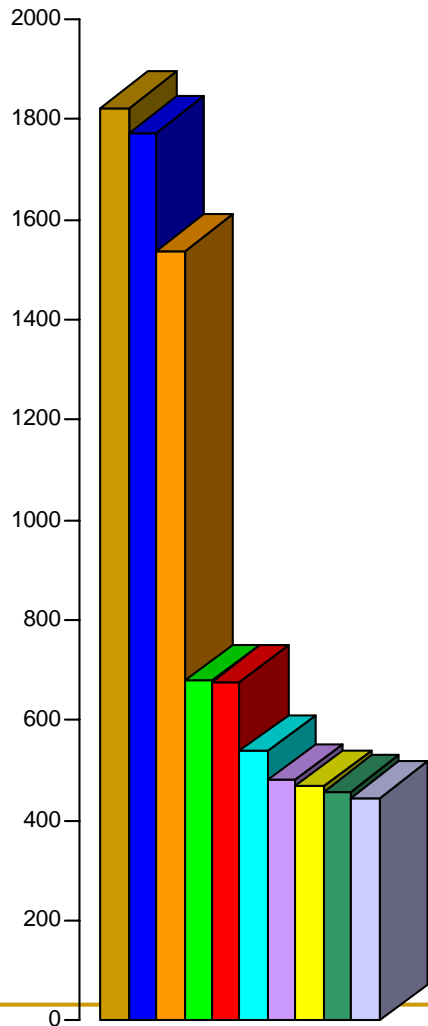
TSP Certification

- NRCS States certify TSPs in 42 categories
 - Each category contains several practices
 - The process is web-based
 - The resident State certifies TSPs meeting the qualifications for one or more category
 - The certification must be renewed every three years
 - Recommending Organization MOUs
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TSP's Certified by Year



Top 10 TSP Certification Categories



- Land Treatment Tillage & Erosion
- Nutrient Management
- Pest Management
- Land Treatment - Vegetative
- Land Treatment - Buffer
- Wetlands
- Certified Conservation Planning
- CNMP - Nutrient Management
- Channel & Streambank Stabilization
- CNMP - Total Plan

Memorandum of Understanding

- Establishes a relationship with NRCS
 - No money is associated with an MOU
 - Institution(s) recommends its members for NRCS Certification
 - Listed as an option on TechReg
 - Signature Ceremony
 - Promotion by all sides
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