



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

CUTTING-EDGE SOLUTIONS

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THROUGH PEOPLE & PARTNERSHIPS

A Tradition of Conservation Excellence

The Natural Resources Conservation Service was created as the Soil Conservation Service in 1935 to combat soil erosion. Over the next half-century, the agency's responsibilities expanded and the name changed to NRCS in 1994 to reflect a broader mission. NRCS' strength is its diverse and technically skilled workforce in 50 States and the Caribbean and Pacific Basin areas. Working with America's landowners, the agency has significantly improved natural resources on private lands.

1930s



Hugh Bennett, Director of the Soil Conservation Service



Conservation planning in a cropland field

1960-1970s



Conservation planning and implementation

1940s-1950s



Conservation planning

1980s-1990s



Working in a cropland area



Conservation planning



Conservation planning



Conservation planning

Improving America's Landscape

NRCS employees spend most of their time on America's working lands—cropland, woodland, pasture, and rangeland. They offer financial and technical assistance to help landowners select the best combination of conservation practices to meet natural resource and land-related management goals.

