



Food, Conservation & Energy Act of 2008

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Farm Bill Programs

- Address most major natural resource concerns including; soil , water, air, plants and animals.
- Reaffirms conservation work on nonindustrial private forest lands
- Expanded to include energy conservation and organic farming benefits associated with conservation practices



Key Conservation Program to Engage Partners

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

- Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative
- Agricultural Water Enhancement Program
- Conservation Innovation Grants
- Technical Service Providers



Others Conservation Easement Programs to Explore

- Grassland Reserve Program
- Wetland Reserve Program
- Healthy Forest Reserve Program



Basic Process to Apply for Conservation Program for Assistance

- Applicant must be an agricultural producer
- Complete certification process at the USDA Service Center Office with Farm Service Agency
- Applicant submit application to NRCS
- Applicant must be in compliance with land and producer eligibility
- Application will be processed and reviewed by NRCS for determination
- Conservation contracts will be developed for selected and approved application



Sign up FY 10

- Watershed initiatives will have individual ranking process.
- Funds account will be established for each initiatives
- Sign up process will open soon
- Application are accepted all year around



Conservation Program Information

- All rules and notices on the NRCS Farm Bill website:
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2008/index.html>
- Caribbean Area NRCS Programs:
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