

Sign up now for conservation programs

Look for Farm Conservation Needs

Many farmers don't realize that most of the USDA conservation programs are open for sign-up at any time, continuously, not just for a few weeks each year. Most of the programs offered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are open year-round for applications.

Fall is a great time to visit NRCS

With the crops off the field, NRCS staff can see the land and better assess what's needed. NRCS can also help you figure out which program best meets your needs, whether it's the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) or the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) or other options.

Both of those programs are open all year for farmers to sign up. Applications are held until an annual ranking date is announced, then all applications that NRCS has received to date are ranked for funding that year.

Conservation for Soil Health and Drought Resiliency

Conservation practices help build soil health and drought resiliency, as seen this summer in the Wisconsin and many other Midwestern states. Cover crops, crop residue management, and other erosion reduction practices will help reduce compaction, build soil structure, increase organic matter content, and improve moisture holding capacity.

Call now for an appointment to talk about conservation options for your farm.

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program *Open all year*
- Conservation Stewardship Program *Open all year*
- Wetlands Reserve Program *Open all year*
- Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program *Signup depends on local easement program*
- Conservation Technical Assistance *Available free at any time*
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) - USDA Farm Service Agency program *Signup at specific times*
- CRP variations (CREP, continuous CRP and SAFE) *Open at any time*



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