

About the Agricultural Wildlife Conservation Center Projects

The NRCS Agricultural Wildlife Conservation Center— *More than a Decade of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Technology Development*

The AWCC and its technology development for fish and wildlife conservation began in 1996, when the NRCS established the WHMI.

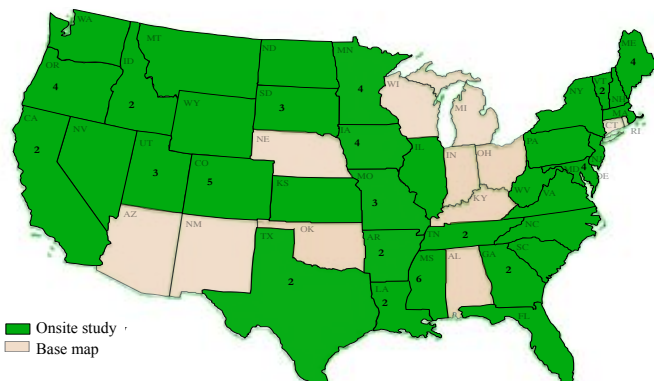
Technology development projects were undertaken with one objective in mind: using highly respected fish and wildlife scientists to develop the best information possible on fish and wildlife habitat needs on private lands and transfer that information to NRCS field offices and others in a form that they can easily use as they work with private landowners in comprehensive conservation planning.

An NRCS reorganization in 2003 resulted in a delay of some projects and cancellation of others, as well as WHMI staff dispersal to serve other NRCS needs.

The AWCC officially opened in June of 2006. This report reflects all project work since the WHMI was established. It includes:

- Summarized results of 82 completed projects, including new technology and information materials
- Guidelines and recommendations of AWCC staff for conservation program options based on the fish and wildlife technology developed
- Technical information on multiple projects aimed at restoring northern bobwhite and sage-grouse
- A listing of 19 projects currently underway/continuing
- A listing of resources, publications, tools, and other AWCC materials resulting from work over the past 10 to 12 years
- An addendum with one-page summaries of results from more than 60 completed projects

Sites of AWCC Fish and Wildlife Technology Development Projects



States in green currently have onsite work within that State or have completed projects. States with multiple studies have numbers indicating total projects in that State.

AWCC Mission

Develop new fish and wildlife habitat technology and transfer it through:

- Local NRCS offices
- Conservation districts
- Fish and wildlife agencies
- Farm and wildlife groups

AWCC Grants Program

Annual competitive grants for conservation partners, including research institutions and others, to improve fish and wildlife conservation technology:

- Develop it
- Test it
- Transfer it
- Help it work on farms, ranches, and urban areas

