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2010 Arkansas Annual Report



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Dear Arkansan,

The Arkansas Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) had a busy and productive year in 2010. We accomplished many great things this year and helped Arkansas landowners improve the environment and their farming operations. Numerous communities also benefited from our work with special initiatives and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Arkansas NRCS staff for their efforts. The work that has been done is truly amazing. The Farm Bill Programs – Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program, Conservation Stewardship (two sign ups), Wetlands Reserve Program and Conservation Reserve Program – were all delivered in an excellent manner. We also provided Conservation Technical Assistance including technical training/workshops, supported Resource Conservation and Development Councils, enhanced soil surveys, developed and transferred plant materials technology, and provided watershed project assistance. On top of all of that, we added:

- 13 Recovery Act Projects – Eight flood plain easements, four watershed repairs and one watershed rehabilitation (first in Arkansas).
- Mississippi River Basin Initiative - additional funding through Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program, Conservation Stewardship and Wetlands Reserve Program for six watershed projects
- Irrigation Projects – assisted with planning and implementation
- Migratory Bird Habitat Initiative – additional funding for enhanced habitat on 65,000 acres in 30 counties
- Energy Initiative – audits/Ag Energy Management Plans funded with Technical Service Providers
- Completion of a state Natural Resources Inventory report
- Illinois and Eucha/Spavinaw watersheds – additional Environmental Quality Incentives Program funding
- Enrolled more than 9,800 acres in the Wetlands Reserve Program and restored more than 11,600 acres.

We have great support from the Arkansas Conservation Partnership – Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC), Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts (AACD), Arkansas Association of Conservation District Employees, Arkansas Resource Conservation and Development Councils Inc., University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the Arkansas Forestry Commission. We made progress improving communication internally between and among employees and between the field, area, and state offices.

We also celebrated the Natural Resources Conservation Service's 75th anniversary and the beginning of the federal commitment to conserving natural resources on private lands. The agency's rich conservation legacy has resulted in many benefits to the nation's citizens - abundant food and fiber, cleaner water, pure air, productive soils and open spaces to use and enjoy.

I know there are many other things that could and should be listed – but these are just a few. They clearly indicate to me, however, that this has been a great year – the information in this document substantiates just how significant our accomplishments have been. I believe our best is yet to come! We will continue to make improvements – making Arkansas NRCS the employer of choice – and delivering outstanding assistance throughout Arkansas helping people help the land!



Mike Sullivan
Arkansas State Conservationist

On the cover are black and white photos of Hugh Hammond Bennett who led the soil conservation movement in the United States in the 1920s and 1930s. He urged the nation to address the “national menace” of soil erosion, and created a new federal agency and served as its first chief — the Soil Conservation Service, now the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Today, NRCS works with our conservation partners and landowners through conservation planning and assistance designed to benefit the soil, water, air, plants, and animals that result in productive lands and healthy ecosystems.

Color photos: (Top) Adrian Barber, ANRC; U.S. Congressman Marion Berry; Andrew Wargo III, AACD; Mike Sullivan, NRCS; and Tom Christensen, NRCS. (Middle) Poteau River Site 5 ARRA project. (Bottom) Wetlands Reserve Program.

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WOW! What a Year!

From the Ozark Mountains to the Mississippi River delta and every county in between, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in Arkansas provided almost \$70 million in financial assistance and \$25.4 million in technical assistance in 2010 to help landowners protect and conserve the Natural State's resources. This money was used to address Arkansas's primary resource concerns: water quality, water quantity, soil erosion, soil condition, plant condition and air quality. Of the 33 million acres in Arkansas, 49,346 farms cover 13.8 million acres and produce over \$8.9 billion in farm sales.

Cleaner Air

Air quality was improved throughout Arkansas by treating poultry litter with alum to reduce ammonia emissions by more than 50 percent. More than 39,000 tons of litter was treated in approximately 178 poultry houses.



Cleaner Water

Farmers and ranchers entered into more than 628 agreements to improve water quality by reducing phosphorous and sediment loads with practices for management of animal waste, cropland, forestry, and grassland amounting to \$17,803,392. Conservation was applied to 90,770 acres of land to improve water quality – an area twice the size of Bull Shoals Lake. Also, 238 comprehensive nutrient management plans were written and applied resulting in reduced pollutants in the surface waters of Arkansas. Poultry producers installed 26 composting facilities to dispose of dead poultry in an environmental friendly method.

Efficient Water Use

In 2010, 13,391 acres of cropland – the equivalent of

10,300 football fields – were precision leveled to reduce the quantity of irrigation water pumped from Arkansas's groundwater.

Arkansas approved 485 agreements totaling \$11,187,022 to improve irrigation water quantity through improved collection, storage, delivery and management. Almost 308,838 feet of underground pipeline – enough to pipe water from Little Rock to Hot Springs – was installed on 220 farms. Also, 308 water control structures were applied to aid in managing water and controlling runoff.

Forty Agricultural Water Enhancement Program contracts were funded for \$754,375.



Disaster Assistance

Six emergency action plans were prepared for high-hazard dams to assist if an event occurs that might endanger the flood water retarding structure and any residents living downstream of the structure. When floods, tornadoes and ice storms devastated Arkansas, NRCS contracted \$2.3 million of work to remove debris from stream channels and bridges and stabilize stream banks.

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Arkansas Resource Conservation and Development Councils, Inc., worked through USDA Rural Development's Rural Energy for America Program to provide grants and loan guarantees to make energy efficient improvements or install renewable energy equipment in agriculture production facilities.

The RC&D Councils in Arkansas made 18 presentations, resulting in 49 REAP grants totaling \$248,437, with a grand total of \$993,748 in project work. Seven energy audit data collectors were trained to conduct energy audits.

The Ag Energy Risk Management Cost Reduction

Strategies program will enable the council to provide 28 workshops to landowners, industry and other agencies on ways to identify energy cost reductions in agriculture production operations.

Approximately 7,000 farms in Arkansas produce poultry. New energy-efficient lighting is being promoted for poultry houses. A limited supply of lights will be distributed to poultry houses with the help of the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts. When these energy improvements are implemented, energy savings will be greater than 20 percent.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program provided funding for 43 contracts totaling \$59,738 for agriculture energy management (Conservation Activity Plans) using technical service providers.

Making Private Forests Healthier

NRCS obligated more than \$1 million to apply 542 forestry practices on private forest land. New forests were created on more than 7,000 acres by planting more than 3 million trees. That's like planting one tree for each person in Arkansas.

Over the next 30 years, these trees will remove approximately 635,000 tons of carbon from the air, improve water quality and provide wildlife habitat. The health and vigor of 2,200 acres of existing forest was also improved by adjusting species composition and density of trees.



More Habitat For Nature's Creatures

Wildlife habitat was established or improved on 83,911 acres, including fence, firebreak and stream bank and shoreline protection. More than 115,223 acres of grazing for livestock was managed to improve the quality and quantity of food on 1,536 farms.

Forage grasses were established on more than 7,310 acres -- enough to plant the fairways on approximately 100 18-hole golf courses -- to improve livestock nutrition and health on 408 farms.

Almost one million feet of fencing was installed to

improve grazing management. That's 190 miles – the distance from Little Rock to Fayetteville.

More than 112,877 feet of pipeline was installed and 316 water facilities were installed to improve grazing management on 240 farms. Improved grazing management benefitted quail, deer, turkeys and migratory birds.

Big Impacts for Small Farmers

Lee Pauley, a limited resource farmer in Mineral Springs received 90 percent cost share for a submersible pump well that pumps 40 gallons of water a minute allowing him to use drip lines for irrigating his family farm.

A farmer in Lonoke is being helped with advanced payment through EQIP to establish grazing land and water sources for his livestock. Advanced payments for Limited Resource Farmers were not available before the 2008 Farm Bill.

Another limited resource row crop farmer was assisted with establishing a reservoir on his farm to catch runoff surface water for irrigation and help save the groundwater.

Migratory Bird Habitat

Mallards, mottled ducks, upland sandpiper and a host of other birds migrating south this year will find more than 65,000 additional acres with enhanced habitat and water in Arkansas.

Accommodations will include flooded fields and increased vegetation for food and cover. Arkansas is one of eight states participating in the Migratory Bird Habitat Initiative. Landowners in 30 counties submitted 1,881 applications totaling \$42,272,033. We received \$7.22 million and funded 343 contracts.

Soil Quality

This year, 113,196 acres (or 177 square miles) of cropland were treated to improve soil quality. NRCS got its start 75 years ago because of severe soil erosion and we are still improving the land today.

Restoring Arkansas's Wetlands

Landowners and partners in 12 counties placed more than 15,000 acres into Wetlands Reserve Program easements helping Arkansas maintain the No. 2 ranking in the nation with more than 215,000 acres of wetlands created – an area 1/3 the size of Rhode Island.

These restored wetlands provide habitat for waterfowl and wildlife and hosts declining species of bobwhite quail and neo-tropical migratory songbirds. More than 10,000 acres of wetlands were created, restored and enhanced.



Arkansas Conservation Partnership

More than 231 USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employees serve Arkansas’s 75 counties from 61 field service centers throughout the state.

These employees work with private landowners and the Arkansas Conservation Partnership to preserve and maintain the natural resources of Arkansas.

The Arkansas Conservation Partnership is a unique force, combining the strengths of federal, state and local organizations along with educational institutions to help preserve and protect the Natural State. Formed in 1992, the partnership consists of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts, Arkansas Association of Conservation District Employees, Arkansas Resource Conservation and Development Councils Inc., University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the Arkansas Forestry Commission. The various agencies diverse missions complement each other.

Soil Surveys and National Resource Inventory

The Arkansas Soil Survey staff of 14 soil and Geographic Information Systems professionals modernized soils data on 703,817 acres. Interactive Soil Surveys are

available online at <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov> for all counties in Arkansas.

Arkansas NRCS published the Arkansas Natural Resources Inventory Summary from information derived from the 2007 National Resources Inventory Summary Report.

The report is the latest in a series of natural resources inventories conducted by NRCS and provides state consistent data for the 25-year period from 1982 through 2007.

The National Resource Inventory (NRI) is a national program that monitors the conservation efforts of our conservation programs and the trending of our natural resources. The results from this inventory are used to develop environmental policy for program implementation, such as the Farm Bill.

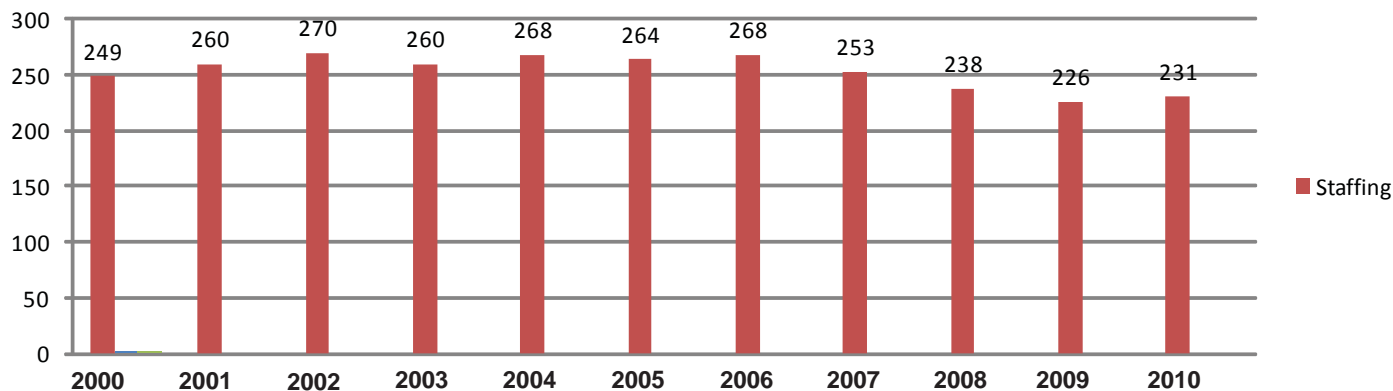
Grazing Lands

Technical assistance for owners and managers of grasslands in Arkansas is an important component of the NRCS program. The Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) was founded to provide high quality technical assistance on privately owned grazing lands on a voluntary basis and to increase the awareness of the importance of grazing land resources.

This year’s successes include collaborating with the Arkansas Forage and Grassland Council on hosting the spring grazing tour, holding two grazing workshops in Monticello and Hope, presenting awards to a producer (Bill Dunham, Booneville) and two educators (LeVonna Uekman, NRCS, and Bob Rhodes, Cooperative Extension Service), holding numerous one-day sessions across the state, funding demonstrations on clover establishment and nutrient management of pastures, and writing monthly articles for the Arkansas Cattlemen’s magazine.

Forty-five grazing lands presentations were conducted, reaching approximately 1,750 people. The presentations included limited resource farmer training with Heifer In-

NRCS Arkansas Staffing Trend 2000-2010



ternational, Iowa Forage and Grassland Council meeting, grazing conferences in Georgia and Louisiana, grazing workshops in southern Arkansas, several fence-building presentations throughout the state, training NRCS and University of Arkansas personnel to conduct grazing trainings, a webinar for Southern Sustainable Ag Workers Group and presentations at their annual meeting, several county meetings of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association and their annual state meeting, the annual Youth Conservation Camp, and the annual Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts meeting.

Considerable effort was put into NRCS personnel training this year through Pasture Ecology I and II as well as an emphasis placed on development of fact sheets and jobs sheets.

Nineteen Grassland Reserve Program contracts were funded for \$1,204,230.



Earth Team

Arkansas has 1,970 active Earth Team volunteers who provided more than 8,434.25 hours of service.

Volunteers throughout the state helped at forestry clinics, field days, fair booths, outreach meetings, Earth Day, Farm Safety Day Camp, Great Outdoors Day, Progressive Agricultural Safety Day Camp and Envirothon contests. Volunteers also assisted with grazing land workshops, surveying, preparing EQIP contract folders, collecting data for farm plans, GPS readings, generating maps for ToolKit, wildlife habitat improvements; put together letters, informational packets and contacted numerous landowners for Migratory Bird Habitat Initiative. Other work activities benefitted such projects as the Mississippi River Basin Incentives Program, Marion Lake project, 319 grants, field surveys and Excel spreadsheets.

Retired NRCS staff worked as volunteers to answer 2008 Farm Bill questions including technical information about programs, wrote letters to participants, helped

with audits and meetings, and facilitated the Eastern Bluebird box activity with volunteers donating more than 50 hours constructing 218 bluebird nesting boxes.

Earth Team volunteers also supported the Resource Conservation and Development Councils (RC&D) as they networked and promoted public awareness of ongoing projects resulting in more local support, and worked with area volunteer fire departments with the grant application process, volunteers provided mechanical help on equipment to operate an alternative crop project, and contributed knowledge in RC&D contract administration and engineering technical advice.

Watershed Program

The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act authorizes the NRCS to provide assistance to local organizations in planning and implementing watershed projects.

In fiscal year 2010, NRCS received approval for the plan supplemental of the Big Slough Watershed, a flood control project in northeast Arkansas near Piggott to spend federal dollars once they become available.

Design and land rights acquisition was in process for the Departee Creek Watershed for dam construction and channel selective clearing and snagging.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds were used to repair four structures in the Poteau River Watershed, Fourche Watershed and Upper Petit Jean Watershed. The Upper Petit Jean Watershed is a rural water supply for Booneville and surrounding communities in west Arkansas.

The first PL-566 Rehabilitation watershed project was completed for the city of Waldron, which is also their water supply.

Three flood water retarding structure assessments related to dam safety for the PL-566 rehabilitation program were performed in the Big Creek Watershed in Craighead County.

Resource Conservation and Development

Arkansas's seven Resource Conservation and Development Councils (RC&D) and sponsoring organizations had another great year. Arkansas was allocated \$886,410 for the RC&D Program in FY 2010 and leveraged those dollars to complete 120 projects valued at \$6,089,772.00.

◆ On the Natural Resources front, Arkansas's RC&D Councils' efforts resulted in 12,848 acres of crop, forest or grazing lands treated, 2,500 acres preserved or protected and 6,370 acres of non-federal fish and wildlife habitat was protected or improved. Eleven rivers or streams were improved.

◆ Community Services - Administered 61 grants; 50

Rural Fire Department services were improved; three disaster and/or emergency preparedness services were provided or improved; two health care services were provided or improved; and 25 various other community services were provided or improved.

◆ **Business** - Eight new businesses were created, one business retained and two businesses expanded. This in turn resulted in 34 jobs being created and two jobs being retained.

◆ **Outreach** - Conducted 16 workshops, seminars and tours, and led 35 training sessions on leadership development, business development, non-profit management and grant writing. Seventy-seven instructors were involved, providing training to 2,382 participants.

◆ **The Arkansas Association of RC&D Councils (AARC&DC)**, with the assistance of Charles Gangluff, RFPP program manager, wrote 52 Comprehensive Fire Plans and mailed out 128,000 dues notices as part of the FD Billing Services that AARC&DC provides. AARC&DC held two full and three mini ISO Training Workshops, three Rural Water Supply (Tanker) classes and two Fire Fighter Retirement System Presentations. AARC&DC also assisted with the Arkansas Forestry Commission's Annual Fire Show, the Johnson County Fire Safety Parade & KidsFest, and submitted three grant applications.

◆ **Farmers Markets** - Many of the councils have been working to develop markets for non-traditional crops and working with local industry to expand their available products. They are expanding and creating new farmers markets around the state.

◆ **Community Facilities/Services** - Council are assisting communities to improve and make available health care facilities, senior citizen centers, offering Alzheimer Caregiver Workshops, conducting "Teen Summits" to educate about the dangers and consequences of risky behaviors, restoration of historic sites, and creating recreational facilities and parks.

◆ **Natural Resource and Conservation Management** - Councils provide timber management by promoting the steward plans with the Arkansas Forestry Commission, assistance with rural water supplies, drainage improvements, conservation education, outdoor classrooms, wetland restoration, expansion of a sweet potato co-op and processing facility and disposal of hazardous household chemicals. To benefit both game and non-game species and encourage elk to stay within the park boundaries, the Northwest Arkansas RC&D is assisting several cooperating agencies with restoration and expansion of large mammal habitat in the Buffalo National River.

◆ **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy** - RC&D promoted NRCS' Ag Energy Management Plans and Rural Development's Rural Energy for America Program.

RC&Ds are also working on other Energy Efficiency Collaborative Projects. The "Ag Energy Risk Management Cost Reduction Strategies Program" has enabled councils to provide 28 workshops to landowners, industry and other agencies on ways to identify energy cost reductions in agriculture production operations. The "Deployment of Advanced Lighting Technology to Poultry Growers" Project funded by the Arkansas Energy Office will enable the councils to introduce more energy efficient lighting for poultry production.

Arkansas's RC&D Councils have also entered into an agreement with NRCS to do outreach and education associated with NRCS' "Agricultural Energy Conservation and Efficiency Initiative."



Plant Materials Center

As part of a national network of Plant Materials Centers (PMC) that provide vegetative solutions to conservation problems the Booneville PMC serves 54 million acres in Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

The five member staff provided 32 hours of new employee training, 160 hours of service to 235 customers, and conducted 15 tours. The Booneville Center has released 'Bumpers' eastern gamagrass, Hampton big bluestem, and OH-370 big bluestem for use in conservation systems in the Southern Ozarks, Boston Mountains, Arkansas River Valley, Ouachita Mountains, and Southern Blackland Prairie.

To provide information on production and management of native warm-season grasses, the staff conducted 30 evaluations on 19 center studies and 12 field plantings, made 15 oral presentations, provided information to four news agencies, and wrote six technical documents.

The center has developed partnerships with Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, U.S. Forest Service, Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and Pine Bluff, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, and the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission. The PMC provides assistance to the East Arkansas Enterprise Community and the National Black Growers Council.

Conservation Stewardship Program

The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is a voluntary program providing financial and technical assistance promoting the conservation and improvement of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life, and other conservation purposes on Tribal and private working lands.

The 2008 Farm Bill replaced the Conservation Security Program with the new Conservation Stewardship Program for fiscal years 2009 through 2017. The program may

enroll more than 12.7 million acres each fiscal year. Acreage will be allocated based primarily on each state's or area's proportion of eligible acres to the total number of all eligible acres.

The 2008 Farm Bill provides for funding for all current Conservation Security Program contracts. In 2010, \$7,523,824 was paid on 828 Conservation Security Program contracts.

County	2010 Contracts Obligated	Acres	2010 Obligation Amount
Arkansas	48	45,159	\$1,298,188
Baxter	8	1,741	\$24,447
Benton	4	3,751	\$154,795
Boone	7	3,740	\$49,107
Bradley	1	1,036	\$9,171
Calhoun	2	729	\$2,403
Carroll	4	1,592	\$24,100
Chicot	1	740	\$17,414
Clark	1	91	\$1,818
Clay	39	54,015	\$1,282,460
Cleburne	8	6,351	\$32,799
Columbia	3	700	\$2,604
Conway	4	3,421	\$54,644
Craighead	46	52,987	\$1,182,108
Crittenden	14	17,351	\$768,210
Cross	11	18,507	\$294,017
Drew	2	309	\$3,895
Faulkner	5	2,615	\$70,451
Fulton	14	5,599	\$79,761
Garland	1	254	\$3,374
Greene	34	37,255	\$1,524,908
Hempstead	3	394	\$1,835
Independence	4	1,436	\$39,570
Izard	6	2,290	\$18,024
Jackson	7	8,122	\$179,815
Jefferson	16	16,368	\$929,524

County	2010 Contracts Obligated	Acres	2010 Obligation Amount
Johnson	3	312	\$5,320
Lawrence	42	22,371	\$466,054
Lee	12	32,086	\$555,976
Lonoke	23	37,445	\$693,298
Marion	23	9,050	\$131,890
Miller	2	393	\$1,838
Mississippi	49	55,224	\$2,213,266
Monroe	3	3,180	\$47,639
Nevada	2	1,300	\$2,587
Perry	1	1,569	\$62,461
Phillips	12	23,170	\$343,806
Pike	4	4,063	\$24,780
Poinsett	10	14,327	\$260,723
Pope	8	2,436	\$22,401
Prairie	34	29,795	\$1,313,582
Randolph	18	9,905	\$345,712
Searcy	14	4,214	\$66,884
Sharp	25	9,612	\$112,730
Stone	19	10,949	\$117,218
Van Buren	5	2,162	\$19,965
Washington	6	2,045	\$32,066
White	4	1,497	\$29,062
Woodruff	4	2,645	\$85,264
Yell	4	2,334	\$25,015
Total	620	568,638	\$15,028,979

Data from NRCS ProTracts, Nov. 16, 2010

Environmental Quality Incentives Program



Through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provides a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to promote agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals.

EQIP priorities in Arkansas are to reduce erosion; reduce pollution from animal wastes, nutrients and sediments; improve irrigation and reduce dependence on ground water for irrigation; forest improvements; improve grazing lands; and improve wildlife habitat.

Conservation Practice	Practices Installed	Amount Installed
Above Ground, Multi-Outlet Pipeline	9	8,283 feet
Access Control	11	329 acres
Access Road	4	1,700 feet
Amendments for the Treatment of Agricultural Waste	50	30,473 animal units
Animal Mortality Facility	28	28 facilities
Brush Management	264	6,222 acres
Composting Facility	23	24 facilities
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Applied	78	78 plans
CNMP - Written	86	86 plans
Conservation Crop Rotation	55	3,167 acres
Critical Area Planting	50	138 acres
Dike	5	21,500 feet
Fence	681	1,169,502 feet
Firebreak	131	625,129 feet
Forage and Biomass Planting	446	7,909 acres
Forage Harvest Management	56	1,161 acres
Forest Slash Treatment	11	1,243 acres
Forest Stand Improvement	45	1,527 acres
Grade Stabilization Structure	42	86 structures
Heavy Use Area Protection	235	631 acres
Integrated Pest Management	202	6,994 acres
Irrigation Land Leveling	249	39,879 acres
Irrigation Regulating Reservoir	42	42 reservoirs

Data from NRCS Integrated Data for Enterprise Analysis Report

Irrigation Reservoir	27	3,259 acre-feet
Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery	7	7 systems
Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline, High-Pressure, Underground, Plastic	249	313,394 feet
Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline, Steel	10	828 feet
Irrigation Water Management	172	12,360 acres
Nutrient Management	200	7,337 acres
Pipeline	152	143,582 feet
Pond	118	122 ponds
Prescribed Burning	191	9,521 acres
Prescribed Grazing	1,000	19,794 acres
Pumping Plant	126	129 pumping plants
Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed	28	1,904 acres
Residue Management, Mulch Till	5	154 acres
Residue Management, Seasonal	10	681 acres
Shallow Water Development and Management	47	1,766 acres
Stream Crossing	8	15 crossings
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	5	1,924 feet
Structure for Water Control	205	382 structures
Surface Drain, Main or Lateral	4	24,820 feet
Tree/Shrub Establishment	143	4,585 acres
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	143	5,428 acres
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	102	3,438 acres
Waste Storage Facility	70	70 facilities
Waste Transfer	64	822 transfers
Waste Treatment Lagoon	8	8 lagoons
Waste Utilization	70	2,311 acres
Water Well	31	31 wells
Watering Facility	241	339 facilities

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

General, Ag Energy and Illinois/Spavinaw Funding

County	2010 Contracts Obligated	2010 Obligation Amount
Arkansas	2	\$248,057
Ashley	5	\$122,090
Baxter	3	\$25,759
Benton**	19	\$97,621
Boone*	43	\$472,253
Bradley	11	\$84,359
Calhoun	2	\$12,631
Carroll*	31	\$286,452
Chicot	5	\$135,466
Clark	6	\$93,706
Clay	8	\$114,924
Cleburne*	23	\$210,033
Cleveland*	6	\$115,497
Columbia	12	\$120,431
Conway*	12	\$185,473
Craighead	3	\$286,192
Crawford	2	\$34,219
Crittenden	6	\$134,500
Cross	4	\$151,135
Dallas	3	\$27,243
Desha	5	\$85,198
Drew*	21	\$208,733
Faulkner	10	\$370,260
Franklin	7	\$96,619
Fulton	49	\$620,001
Garland*	6	\$20,354
Grant	3	\$15,611
Greene	11	\$139,247
Hempstead	16	\$226,239
Hot Spring*	7	\$24,768
Howard	11	\$84,705
Independence*	12	\$98,355
Izard	38	\$439,325
Jackson	10	\$85,399
Jefferson	24	\$1,411,245
Johnson*	9	\$65,478
Lafayette*	8	\$154,512
Lawrence	21	\$247,692

County	2010 Contracts Obligated	2010 Obligation Amount
Lee*	7	\$138,998
Lincoln	9	\$309,402
Little River	3	\$34,978
Logan	8	\$188,477
Lonoke	12	\$733,802
Madison	36	\$319,998
Marion	6	\$111,934
Miller	1	\$5,204
Mississippi	5	\$81,896
Monroe	5	\$131,791
Montgomery	5	\$111,887
Nevada	1	\$9,000
Newton	12	\$82,922
Ouachita	5	\$55,291
Perry	3	\$89,059
Phillips	10	\$202,289
Pike*	5	\$58,362
Poinsett	6	\$277,933
Polk*	33	\$303,449
Pope	16	\$228,936
Prairie	8	\$851,159
Pulaski	2	\$94,646
Randolph	19	\$177,031
Saline	3	\$20,353
Scott	0	\$0
Searcy	17	\$232,111
Sebastian*	1	\$1,125
Sevier	6	\$66,877
Sharp*	17	\$201,165
St. Francis	11	\$109,557
Stone	25	\$365,438
Union	8	\$113,750
Van Buren	7	\$82,014
Washington**	43	\$572,504
White	9	\$422,385
Woodruff	4	\$126,298
Yell	24	\$512,160
Total	866	\$14,775,963

* General and Ag Energy ** General, Ag Energy and Illinois/Spavinaw

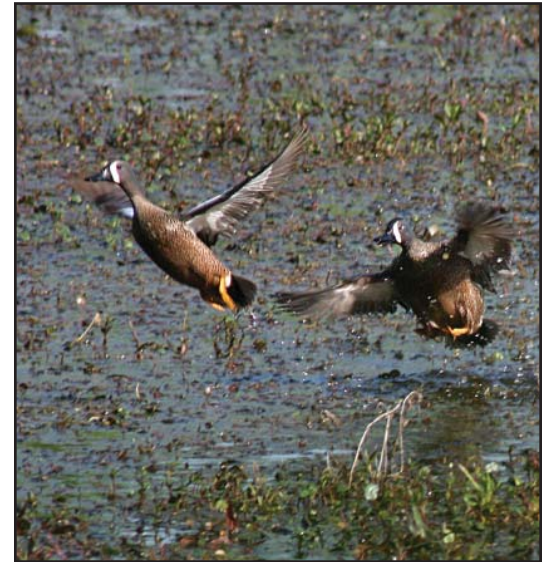
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Wetlands Reserve Program

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical and financial support to help landowners with wetland restoration. The NRCS goal is to achieve the greatest wetland functions and values, along with optimum wildlife habitat.

This program offers landowners an opportunity to establish long-term conservation and wildlife practices and protection. Arkansas ranks second in the nation in number of acres enrolled.



County	Easements Funded		Dollar Value		2010 Acres Enrolled
	2009	2010	2009	2010	
Ashley	1	n/a	\$581,800	n/a	n/a
Arkansas	n/a	2	n/a	\$596,060	532
Conway	2	3	\$2,269,000	\$352,000	320
Craighead	n/a	1	n/a	\$63,800	58
Crawford	3	n/a	\$530,000	n/a	n/a
Cross	n/a	1	n/a	\$110,000	100
Dallas	1	n/a	\$327,000	n/a	n/a
Desha	n/a	1	n/a	\$245,300	223
Greene	1	1	\$701,000	\$202,400	184
Independence	n/a	1	n/a	\$94,600	86
Jackson	1	n/a	n/a	\$151,000	n/a
Johnson	1	n/a	\$33,000	n/a	n/a
Lafayette	2	n/a	\$363,000	n/a	n/a
Lee	2	1	\$132,000	\$123,600	101
Lonoke	1		\$239,000	n/a	n/a
Mississippi	n/a	1	n/a	\$229,460	209
Monroe	3	7	\$1,194,000	\$1,703,220	1,509
Phillips	n/a	3	n/a	\$961,720	847
Pope	n/a	1	n/a	\$81,400	74
Prairie	n/a	9	n/a	\$3,995,290	3,614
St. Francis	n/a	2	n/a	\$135,300	123
White	1	4	\$54,000	\$648,300	467
Woodruff	n/a	5	n/a	\$1,538,347	1,362
Total	19	43	\$6,574,800	\$11,080,797	9,809

Conservation Practice	Practices Installed	Amount Installed
Early Successional Habitat Development/Management	2	40 acres
Restoration/Management of Rare and Declining Habitats	8	79 acres
Shallow Water Development and Management	34	540 acres
Shallow Water Habitat	2	72 acres
Tree/Shrub Establishment	76	3,023 acres
Tree/Shrub Site Prep	3	285 acres
Wetland Restoration	30	11,662 acres
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	20	365 acres

Data from NRCS Integrated Data for Enterprise Analysis Report

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program

The Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land.

Emphasis is on declining species: bobwhite quail, elk, neo-tropical migratory songbirds and threatened or endangered species. Good habitats are also being developed and managed for numerous game and non-game species.



County	2010 Contracts	2010 Obligation Amount
Arkansas	1	\$5,482
Carroll	1	\$2,163
Conway	1	\$14,537
Crittenden	1	\$5,319
Drew	1	\$5,348
Faulkner	3	\$46,337
Franklin	2	\$25,319
Fulton	3	\$23,273
Izard	3	\$25,774
Johnson	1	\$1,702
Logan	2	\$25,467
Madison	5	\$37,927
Marion	1	\$23,209
Newton	3	\$39,645
Polk	4	\$14,006
Randolph	8	\$62,411
Searcy	3	\$11,768
Sebastian	2	\$12,760
Sharp	5	\$29,079
Stone	13	\$116,819
Van Buren	1	\$10,014
Washington	3	\$22,284
White	4	\$40,472
Total	71	\$601,115

Conservation Practice	Practices Installed	Amount Installed
Access Control	3	107 acres
Conservation Cover	1	7 acres
Dike	1	5,266 feet
Early Successional Habitat Development/Management	70	426 acres
Fence	11	22,834 feet
Field Border	3	1,525 acres
Firebreak	74	250,775 feet
Forest Stand Improvement	42	1,289 acres
Land Clearing	46	123 acres
Prescribed Burning	135	5,830 acres
Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats	27	162 acres
Shallow Water Development and Management	23	887 acres
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	2	650 feet
Structure for Water Control	1	1 structure
Tree/Shrub Establishment	18	65 acres
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	11	78 acres
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	149	2,261 acres
Watering Facility	10	11 facilities
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	7	247 acres

Data from NRCS ProTracts, Nov. 16, 2010

Data from NRCS Integrated Data for Enterprise Analysis Report

Conservation Technical Assistance



The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) Program provides technical assistance supported by science-based technology and tools to help people conserve, maintain, and improve natural resources on their land.

The CTA program provides the technical capability, including conservation planning, design, and implementation assistance, that helps people plan and apply conservation on the land.

This assistance is provided to individuals, groups, and communities who make natural resource management decisions on private, tribal, and other non-federal lands. NRCS, through the CTA Program, provides conservation technical assistance to address state and national natural resource conservation issues.

Conservation Practice	Practices Installed	Amount Installed
Brush Management	131	3,668 acres
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Written	141	141 plans
Conservation Cover	48	527 acres
Conservation Crop Rotation	941	63,879 acres
Drainage Water Management	69	5,120 acres
Fence	37	55,312 feet
Field Border	20	54 acres
Filter Strip	42	153 acres
Firebreak	19	94,889 feet
Forage and Biomass Planting	17	414 acres
Forage Harvest Management	379	8,966 acres
Forest Stand Improvement	152	11,084 acres
Heavy Use Area Protection	41	218 acres
Integrated Pest Management	2296	88,448 acres
Irrigation Land Leveling	94	4,400 acres
Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface	11	512 acres
Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline, High-Pressure, Underground, Plastic	21	70,098 feet
Irrigation Water Management	659	41,929 acres

Highlights – 2010

- ◆ 487,506 acres of conservation plans written
- ◆ 106,740 acres of cropland with conservation applied to improve soil quality
- ◆ 206,700 acres of land with conservation applied to improve water quality
- ◆ 136 Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMP) written
- ◆ 123 CNMPs applied
- ◆ 46,460 acres of land with conservation applied to improve irrigation efficiency
- ◆ 70,661 acres of grazing and forest land with conservation applied to protect and improve the resource base
- ◆ 40,416 acres of non-federal land with conservation applied to improve fish and wildlife habitat quality
- ◆ 801 acres of wetlands created, restored or enhanced
- ◆ 27,309 acres of forestland with conservation applied to protect and improve vegetative condition

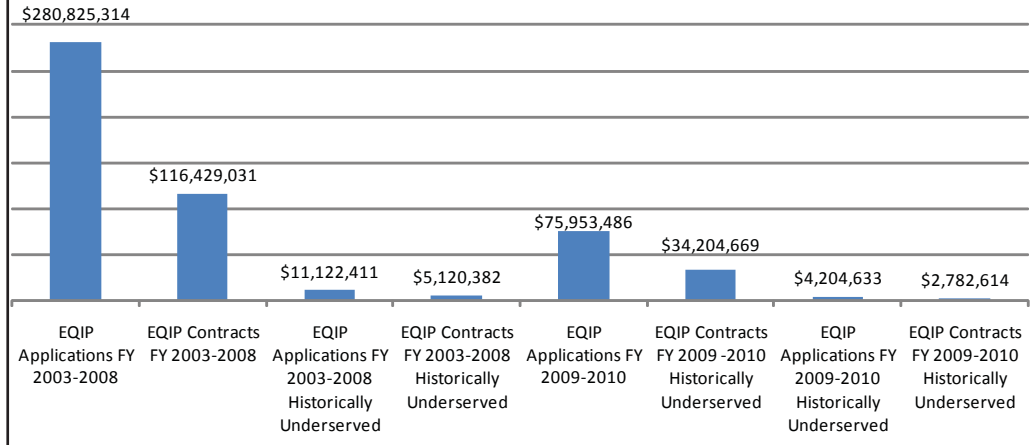
Nutrient Management	2766	94,859 acres
Prescribed Burning	34	1,767 acres
Prescribed Grazing	809	22,099 acres
Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till	23	1,611 acres
Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed	83	5,435 acres
Residue Management, Mulch Till	55	2,170 acres
Residue Management, No-Till/Strip Till	57	2,545 acres
Residue Management, Seasonal	332	23,342 acres
Riparian Forest Buffer	20	554 acres
Structure for Water Control	18	25 structures
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	625	28,743 acres
Waste Utilization	885	19,393 acres
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management	90	5,992 acres

Data from NRCS Integrated Data for Enterprise Analysis Report

Outreach in Arkansas



EQIP (2003-2010)



Highlights 2010

◆ Limited resource, traditionally underserved, female and beginning farmers or ranchers received more than \$3,222,000 through EQIP, WHIP and CSP contracts.

◆ Program Outreach - 20 meetings were held with a total of 2,426 limited resource and traditionally underserved farmers attending

◆ Farmers Markets - provided marketing opportunities for organic and other niche product producers

◆ NRCS staff attended meetings at Arkansas Land and Farm Cooperation to discuss Farm Bill updates

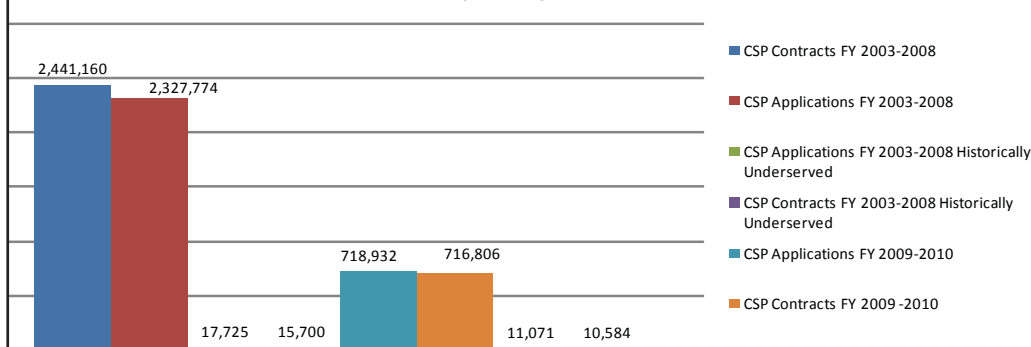
◆ Provided a display and information at the Women in Agriculture Conference

◆ Limited Resource Farmers and minority needs were addressed through specific funding categories

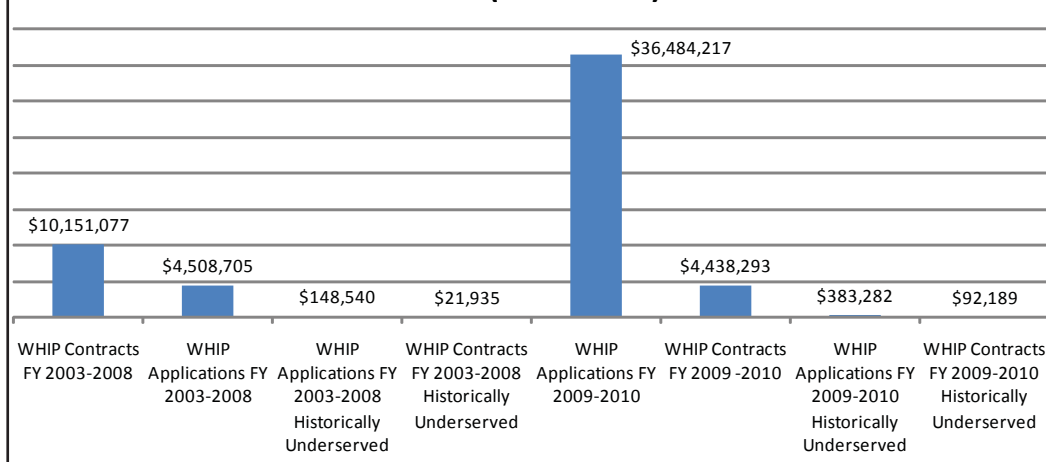
◆ Provided program training workshops at University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Rural Life Conference and Arkansas Land Farm Development Corporation

◆ State Civil Rights Committee members attended four college career days to provide information on employment with NRCS

Conservation Security Program (2003-2008) Conservation Stewardship Program (2009-2010) (Acres)



WHIP (2003-2010)



CSP, EQIP & WHIP Funding 1996-2010



County	1996-2010 Contracts	1996-2010 Obligations
Arkansas	217	\$7,035,933
Ashley	65	\$1,012,300
Baxter	167	\$1,380,279
Benton	436	\$5,228,320
Boone	201	\$1,822,542
Bradley	93	\$971,894
Calhoun	71	\$420,167
Carroll	204	\$2,876,005
Chicot	71	\$1,446,042
Clark	87	\$1,067,511
Clay	303	\$4,500,541
Cleburne	310	\$3,355,016
Cleveland	148	\$2,051,563
Columbia	72	\$654,060
Conway	227	\$3,752,072
Craighead	317	\$11,427,868
Crawford	58	\$653,707
Crittenden	147	\$8,259,935
Cross	83	\$2,862,020
Dallas	32	\$223,828
Desha	84	\$1,902,799
Drew	149	\$1,283,193
Faulkner	148	\$3,012,238
Franklin	143	\$1,853,873
Fulton	483	\$3,867,193
Garland	42	\$219,209
Grant	30	\$223,249
Greene	419	\$6,757,926
Hempstead	115	\$1,451,795
Hot Spring	64	\$379,008
Howard	160	\$1,706,414
Independence	259	\$2,946,267
Izard	275	\$2,845,705
Jackson	133	\$3,791,773
Jefferson	347	\$15,364,169
Johnson	92	\$1,242,458
Lafayette	73	\$1,035,351
Lawrence	298	\$5,726,972

County	1996-2010 Contracts	1996-2010 Obligations
Lee	219	\$4,144,344
Lincoln	195	\$2,289,543
Little River	64	\$1,162,635
Logan	202	\$2,112,692
Lonoke	256	\$15,409,206
Madison	179	\$1,758,476
Marion	242	\$1,729,845
Miller	41	\$503,584
Mississippi	390	\$22,540,543
Monroe	119	\$2,469,536
Montgomery	47	\$409,083
Nevada	44	\$418,562
Newton	102	\$603,670
Ouachita	93	\$596,614
Perry	76	\$1,577,116
Phillips	367	\$2,427,026
Pike	92	\$983,715
Poinsett	169	\$12,190,572
Polk	178	\$1,704,130
Pope	132	\$1,691,405
Prairie	234	\$11,851,529
Pulaski	91	\$1,039,140
Randolph	427	\$5,513,236
Saline	27	\$219,927
Scott	65	\$637,010
Searcy	287	\$2,929,690
Sebastian	77	\$768,172
Sevier	153	\$1,699,962
Sharp	283	\$2,346,805
St. Francis	104	\$1,680,072
Stone	289	\$2,415,390
Union	137	\$1,127,228
Van Buren	173	\$1,572,264
Washington	197	\$2,810,908
White	199	\$5,108,207
Woodruff	78	\$1,540,659
Yell	116	\$1,763,603
Total	12,767	\$238,357,292

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects



The NRCS staff in Arkansas has been making steady progress on more than \$5 million worth of projects in Arkansas funded through ARRA. Arkansas's projects include:

- ◆ A \$1.7 million flood control and water supply structure rehabilitation project in Scott County is designed to provide added flood prevention for the city of Waldron. The rehabilitation work will extend the service life of the structure another 100 years allowing it to continue to provide flood

prevention benefits, meet current safety requirements and increase storage space for drinking water. The Poteau River Multipurpose Dam No. 5 and reservoir is the city's primary source of water for approximately 4,000 people in a 17-square-mile area. The project is on track to be completed by Nov. 11, 2010.

- ◆ Ozan Creek Site 1: The 50-acre reservoir provides flood protection for three farms and 2,926 acres in the watershed.

Watershed Operations					
	Contract Award Date	Construction Start Date	Construction Completion	Final Payment Date	Construction Cost
Upper Petit Jean Site 9	8/18/2009	9/14/2009	7/13/2010	8/2/2010	\$113,427
Ozan Creek Site 11	4/26/2010	6/7/2010	7/6/2010	7/24/2010	\$52,711.12
Poteau River Site 4	6/25/2010	7/17/2010	8/13/2010	8/26/2010	\$90,156
South Fourche Site 1	6/04/2010	6/22/2010	7/1/2010	7/21/2010	\$82,588
Watershed Rehabilitation					
	Contract Award Date	Construction Start Date	Expected Construction Completion	Expected Final Payment Date	Estimated Construction Cost
Poteau River Site 5	5/12/2010	6/4/2010	11/1/2010	12/30/2010	\$1.2 million
Emergency Watershed Program – Floodplain Easements					
	Option to Purchase	Easement Closing	Easement Cost	Restoration Cost	Restoration Complete/Cert.
Whiting Farms	8/12/2009	9/23/2010	\$238,550	\$59,532	
Eubanks	8/7/2009	6/16/2010	\$15,400	\$3,000	
Clancy	8/15/2009	10/18/2010	\$52,000	\$9,962	
Kirkland	8/15/2009	10/20/2010	\$130,000	\$23,741	
Holland Bottoms	8/26/2009	6/16/2010	\$376,550	\$54,458	
Seven Lakes	9/5/2009	8/5/2010	\$606,880	\$269,609	
Brown Farm	4/15/2010	10/30/2010	\$1,057,000	\$149,279	
American Land Conservancy	4/15/2010	10/20/2010	\$500,000	\$0	
Project Implementation					
	Appropriated	Obligated Dollars	Obligated By %	Disbursed in Dollars	Disbursed By %
Watershed Ops	\$338,882.12	\$338,882.12	100	\$338,88.12	100
Watershed Rehab	\$1,105,000.18	\$1,105,000.18	100	\$480,000	43
FPE	\$3,452,000	\$2,976,380	88	\$998,830	29
Total	\$5,088,000	\$4,155,424	82	\$123,425	3

The project consisted of repairing a diversion around the upper end of the auxiliary spillway by constructing a riprap chute to stabilize a large overfall at the end of the diversion. The project was completed in July 2010 with a final cost of \$52,711.

♦ Poteau River Site 4: The 36-acre reservoir provides flood protection for the City of Waldron, nine farms and 1,440 acres in the watershed. Site 4 is directly upstream of Site 5, a rural water supply reservoir, and can provide additional water for the area if needed. The project consisted of repairing the principal spillway outlet structure. The principal spillway pipe was repaired by slip lining the existing pipe with a high strength polyethylene pipe. The project was completed in August 2010 with a final cost of \$90,156.

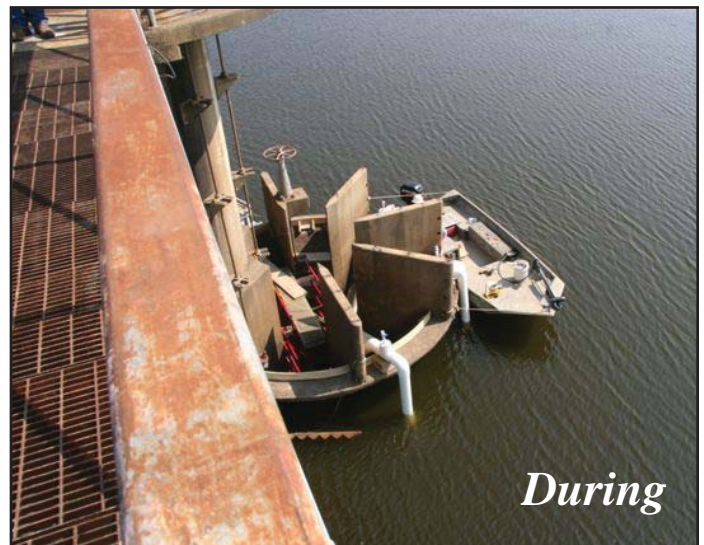
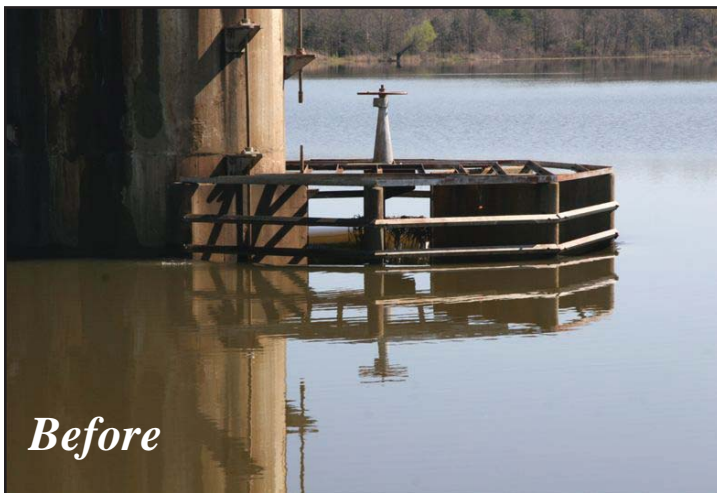
♦ South Fourche Site 1: The 65-acre reservoir provides flood protection for 93 farms and 17,949 acres in the watershed. The project consisted of enlarging and reconstructing

a portion of the plunge pool. The sides were armored with riprap. The project was completed in July 2010 with a final cost of \$82,588.

♦ Upper Petit Jean Site 9: The 310-acre reservoir provides flood control and water for 4,500 people in the City of Booneville and other areas of Logan County. The project used a chemical grout to seal and bond stress cracks between the principal spillway inlet structure and outlet pipe. The project was completed in July 2010 with a final cost of \$113,427.

♦ Eight easements were chosen in Arkansas on more than 3,470 acres in Arkansas, Clay, Jefferson, Phillips, Prairie, Pulaski and Yell counties. More than \$2.97 million have been spent on purchasing the easements to restore flood-prone areas to their natural state. Restoration of these sites is expected to cost almost \$400,000. The projects are scheduled to be completed between December 2010 and March 2011.

Poteau River Site 5



South Fourche Site 1



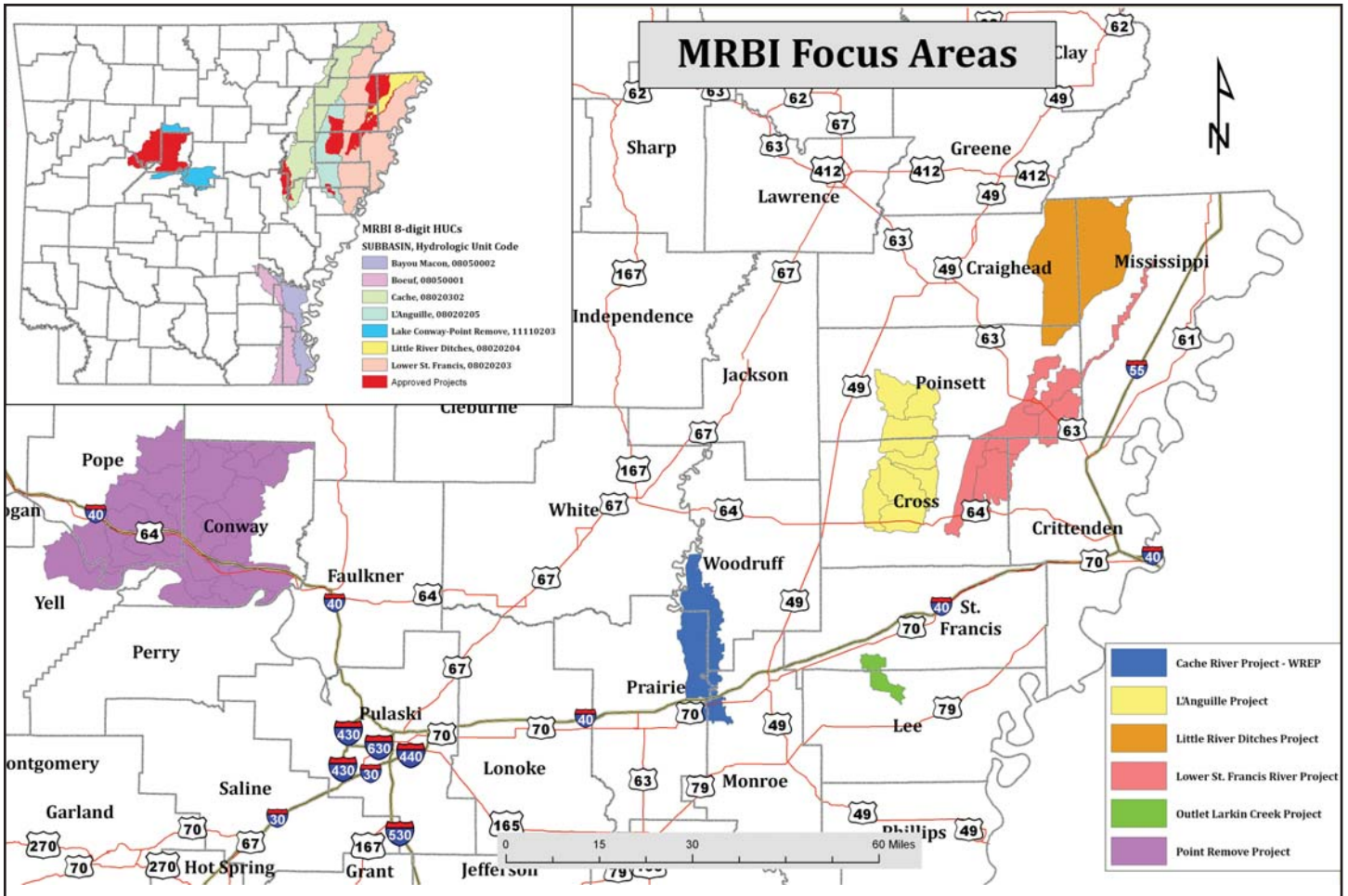
Poteau River Site 4



Ozan Creek Site 11



Mississippi River Basin Initiative



Six Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watershed Initiative projects were selected for funding in Arkansas - five Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) and one Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program (WREP). Arkansas funded 51 contracts on 24,871 acres for more than \$5.3 million.

Overall, more than \$22 million nationally in CCPI funds will be administered through the Conservation Stewardship Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program.

Arkansas's CCPI projects and funding for FY 10 were:

- L'Anguille River Watershed Coalition, \$540,000

- Lake Conway-Point Remove Wetlands Reclamation and Irrigation District, \$1,025,000
- St. Francis County and Lee County Conservation Districts, Outlet Larkin Creek, \$224,000
- Northeast Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts, Little River Ditches (funding begins in Fiscal Year 2011)
- Northeast Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts, Lower St. Francis (funding begins in Fiscal Year 2011)

A Wetlands Restoration in the Cache River Watershed WREP project by The Nature Conservancy was also selected to receive more than \$2 million.

Mississippi River Basin Initiative

L'Anguille River - CCPI

Program - County	Acres	Applications Funded	Funds Obligated
EQIP - Cross	958	5	\$420,850
WHIP - Cross	88	2	\$30,440
CSP - Cross	5,728	4	\$99,633
CSP - Poinsett	4,764	2	\$75,679
Total	11,538	13	\$626,602

Data from NRCS ProTracts, Nov. 16, 2010

Outlet Larkin Creek - CCPI

Project - County	Acres	Applications Funded	Funds Obligated
EQIP - Lee	89	1	\$53,160
EQIP - St. Francis	939	8	\$401,443
Total	1,028	9	\$454,603

Data from NRCS ProTracts, Nov. 16, 2010

Point Remove - CCPI

Project - County	Acres	Applications Funded	Funds Obligated
EQIP - Conway	5,806	13	\$849,721
EQIP - Pope	4,404	11	\$1,325,060
EQIP - Yell	237	1	\$35,625
Total	10,447	25	\$2,210,406

Data from NRCS ProTracts, Nov. 16, 2010

Cache River - WREP

County	Acres	Applications Funded	Funds Obligated
Monroe	1,165	1	\$1,281,500
Prairie	694	3	\$763,400
Total	1,859	4	\$2,044,900

Total MRBI = \$5,336,511

Total Acres = 24,872

Migratory Bird Habitat Initiative



Birds migrating south this year will find more than 65,000 additional acres with enhanced habitat and water in Arkansas. Landowners in 30 counties submitted 1,881 applications totaling \$42,272,033. We received \$7.22 million and funded 343 contracts through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program and Wetlands Reserve Program.

Arkansas is one of eight states selected to participate in the Migratory Bird Habitat Initiative with 30 counties in the eastern and southwest areas. The initiative was available in Arkansas, Ashley, Chicot, Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Desha, Drew, Greene, Independence, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Lonoke, Miller, Mississippi, Monroe, Phillips, Poinsett, Prairie, Pulaski, Randolph, St. Francis, White and Woodruff counties. Other states in the initiative are Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Texas.

NRCS provided financial and technical resources to agricultural producers to install practices which control water levels and enhance habitat to attract migratory birds. Arkansas landowners are receiving payments to flood existing farmed wetlands, cropland previously converted to wetlands and other land that can provide immediate habitat for these birds. The rice fields of eastern Arkansas are particularly well-suited for this program.

Arkansas has coordinated and worked successfully with its partners including Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.



Environmental Quality Incentives Program

County	Acres	Applications Funded	Funds Obligated
Arkansas	54	1	\$7,344
Ashley	501	1	\$67,569
Chicot	68	1	\$9,091
Clay	289	1	\$38,979
Crittenden	642	2	\$85,161
Drew	280	2	\$42,195
Greene	648	4	\$68,892
Independence	286	1	\$38,579
Lawrence	1,757	4	\$68,730
Lee	336	2	\$23,075
Monroe	1,504	6	\$65,912
Phillips	736	4	\$48,992
Prairie	612	3	\$50,832
Pulaski	255	1	\$25,260
St Francis	1,883	8	\$82,189
Woodruff	581	2	\$78,423
Total	10,432	43	\$801,223



Migratory Bird Habitat Initiative

Wetlands Reserve Program

County	Acres	Applications Funded	Funds Obligated
Arkansas	89	2	\$27,816
Chicot	382	4	\$15,000
Craighead	110	1	\$16,715
Desha	115	1	\$12,595
Independence	146	3	\$22,245
Jackson	537	6	\$81,658
Jefferson	111	1	\$22,033
Lee	2,645	14	\$618,025
Little River	207	2	\$8,900
Lonoke	121	1	\$30,234
Miller	2,214	9	\$91,300
Monroe	2,368	4	\$851,513
Phillips	361	4	\$125,882
Poinsett	328	1	\$49,804
Prairie	1,381	8	\$427,476
Pulaski	1,071	7	\$346,449
Randolph	107	1	\$16,207
St. Francis	1,966	18	\$622,396
White	1,179	6	\$204,730
Woodruff	235	7	\$38,354
Total	15,673	100	\$3,629,332

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program

County	Acres	Applications Funded	Funds Obligated
Arkansas	1,329	9	\$105,555
Ashley	842	2	\$90,195
Chicot	1,101	9	\$99,371
Clay	1,902	22	\$115,155
Craighead	1,187	7	\$107,290
Crittenden	731	6	\$105,870
Cross	1,334	13	\$104,798
Desha	1,222	7	\$127,071
Drew	399	3	\$41,676
Greene	2,902	21	\$93,172
Independence	213	1	\$40,084
Jackson	4,001	9	\$261,939
Jefferson	1,050	11	\$90,638
Lawrence	6,410	5	\$200,490
Lee	1,832	7	\$94,121
Lincoln	744	6	\$100,440
Lonoke	752	4	\$101,454
Mississippi	863	2	\$116,562
Monroe	2,125	12	\$95,883
Phillips	994	9	\$77,403
Poinsett	1,370	4	\$142,629
Prairie	1,271	6	\$76,246
Pulaski	456	3	\$77,745
Randolph	1,127	4	\$76,755
St Francis	717	6	\$83,954
White	1,139	9	\$75,639
Woodruff	969	3	\$96,924
Total	38,982	200	\$2,799,059



Data from NRCS ProTracts, Nov. 16, 2010

Total MBHI = \$7,228,614
Total Acres = 65,087

75th Anniversary



2010 marked the 75th anniversary of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the beginning of the federal commitment to conserving natural resources on private lands.

In honor of the occasion, a 75th Anniversary Commemoration program was held April 27, 2010, at the Arkansas State Capitol in Little Rock.

The event featured NRCS Central Region Regional Conservationist Tom Christensen, Arkansas First Congressional District U.S. Representative Marion Berry and Arkansas State Conservationist Mike Sullivan.

Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe also read a proclamation declaring April 27 as Natural Resources Conservation Service Day in Arkansas.

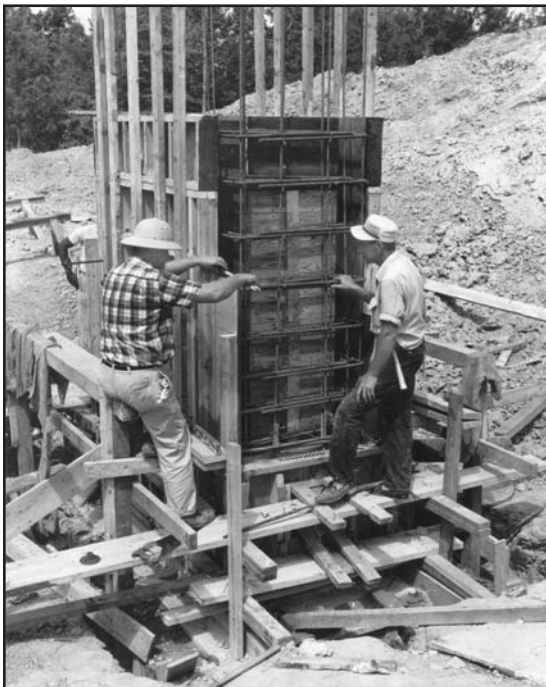
NRCS was created as the Soil Conservation Service within the USDA on April 27, 1935, in response to the devastation of the Dust Bowl on the nation's agricultural land. The agency's primary mission then was to conserve soil on agricultural land. It became NRCS in 1994 to better reflect its expanded role of servicing other natural resources such



(Left to Right) NRCS Central Region Regional Conservationist Tom Christensen, Arkansas First Congressional District U.S. Representative Marion Berry and Arkansas State Conservationist Mike Sullivan

as soil, water, air, plants and animals on private and tribal lands.

In honor of the agency's 75th anniversary, the Arkansas Secretary of State's Office hosted an exhibit in the first floor galleries of the State Capitol entitled, "Helping People Help the Land." The exhibit offered a glimpse into the origins of the agency as the Soil Conservation Service, historical photos, conservation programs and practices, conservation tools and current programs including American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects.



75
Years

A Legacy of Conservation

Helping People Help the Land

Farm Bill Program Funding - 2010

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Congressional District	Applications Funded	Funds Obligated	Applications Unfunded	Dollars Unfunded
First	388	\$7,962,648	869	\$15,910,700
Second	85	\$2,686,956	102	\$2,522,223
Third	236	\$3,695,121	162	\$1,521,586
Fourth	239	\$4,318,320	274	\$3,965,216
Total	948	\$18,663,045	1,407	\$23,919,725

Includes General EQIP, MRBI and MBHI

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program

Congressional District	Applications Funded	Funds Obligated	Applications Unfunded	Dollars Unfunded
First	189	\$2,406,649	767	\$28,731,174
Second	22	\$287,953	14	\$127,509
Third	17	\$141,800	10	\$110,511
Fourth	45	\$594,212	125	\$3,697,294
Total	273	\$3,430,614	916	\$32,666,488

Includes General WHIP, MRBI and MBHI

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Conservation Stewardship Program

Congressional District	Applications Funded	Funds Obligated
First	504	\$13,346,459
Second	23	\$261,598
Third	55	\$419,679
Fourth	38	\$1,001,243
Total	620	\$15,028,979

Wetlands Reserve Program

Congressional District	Easements Funded	Dollar Value
First	108	\$14,727,022
Second	20	\$1,551,479
Third	1	\$81,400
Fourth	18	\$395,128
Total	147	\$16,755,029

Includes MBHI Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program and MRBI