

Another Conservation Success Story...

Morgan County, Georgia

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Third Generation Farmer Grows Operation with NRCS Assistance

Robert Glosson, Jr. prides himself on being innovative.

While attending high school, the Madison native decided to venture into raising sheep and goats.



Glosson operates a layer farm in Morgan County.

“I bought one and started from there,” Glosson said.

Along the way, Glosson hit a few road blocks in his plan. For starters, he didn’t have an efficient way of getting water to his livestock.

“I was carrying water back and forth from one pasture to another. It was very difficult. I did that for two years,” Glosson said.

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Dennis Brooks has worked with the Glosson family over the years and has seen Robert Glosson, Jr. grow up on the Madison farm. His grandfather operated a Dairy Farm and his father a Poultry Farm.

When Glosson visited the local NRCS office seeking assistance, Brooks said, “I was amazed to see a 3rd generation farmer start a new operation. Usually after the 2nd generation, you don’t see that passion in the 3rd generation,” Brooks explained.

Glosson eventually applied for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Once approved for an EQIP contract,

Glosson was able to address his water concerns.

EQIP funds have helped the young farmer install a well on his property and pipeline to develop an alternative watering system. I’m not carrying water around all the time,” Glosson said.

Critical areas have also been treated on Glosson’s farm. Critical area treatment involves planting grass on land that has a severe erosion problem. The grass helps reduce the loss of topsoil.

“It’s been very helpful financially and technically,” Glosson said.

Now that Glosson doesn’t have to spend nearly as much time getting water to the livestock, he can concentrate on growing his operation and



Robert Glosson, Jr. started his sheep and goat operation with just one animal.

NRCS’s technical expertise to help me grow as a farmer and a conservationist,” Glosson explained.

Today Robert Glosson, Jr. has expanded his goat operation and is also currently running

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learning more about NRCS programs that can assist him in meeting his goals.

“It’s a work in progress. I am looking to do more in the future and I hope I can utilize the

a Poultry operation of his own. He grows layers for egg production and his operation produces 30,000 eggs daily.



Glosson was raised on a cattle and poultry farm. A few years ago he wanted to venture into the goat and sheep business. NRCS helped him improve his livestock watering needs by developing an alternative watering system.

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