

# **Conservation Stewardship** Program Checklist Work with a local USDA Service Center to create a

comprehensive conservation plan unique to your operation













## **Bring the following documents:**

Ш	Existing Conservation Plans (grazing management, nutrient management, etc.)
	List of Potential Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Activities Under Consideration
	Farm/Forestry Operation Maps
	Farm/Forestry Management Records
	Soil Tests (if available)

## Be prepared to discuss the following:

	Land Control (the applicant must control the ground being offered for enrollment either by lease agreement or deed)			
	Pasture Condition (water locations, rotation schedule, nutrient and pesticides, etc.)			
	Non-Industrial Private Forestland (NIPF) Management (composition, invasives, pests, trails, etc.)			
	Odd Areas Not Managed for Agriculture (wetlands, grassy areas, volunteer trees/brush, etc.)			
	Types and Numbers of Livestock (confined and/or grazing)			
	Land Uses in Operation		Crop Rotation and Tillage	
	Nutrient Application Method		Pesticide Application Method	
	Manure Application		Erosion or Compaction Concerns	
	Water Features		Fuel/Chemical/Fertilizer Storage	
П	Headquarters Energy Usage			

# **Common Conservation Activities**

Animals	Enhancement	Land Use	Resource Concern
E327A	Conservation cover for pollinators	Cropland, forest, farmstead & associated ag. land	Wildlife & pollinator habitat
E327B / E420B	Establish monarch butterfly habitat	Cropland, farmstead & associated ag. land	Wildlife & pollinator habitat
E420A	Establish pollinator habitat	Cropland, forest, farmstead & associated ag. land	Wildlife & pollinator habitat
E328D	Leave standing grain crops unharvested	Cropland	Wildlife & pollinator habitat
E511A	Harvest crop w/measures to flush wildlife	Cropland & pasture	Wildlife & pollinator habitat
E512L	Diversify forage w/forbs & legumes	Pasture & associated ag. land	Feed & forage imbalance
E612G	Tree/shrub planting for wildlife	Cropland, pasture, forest, farmstead & associated ag. land	Wildlife & pollinator habitat
E666O	Snags, den trees & coarse woody debris for wildlife	Forest, farmstead & associated ag. land	Wildlife & pollinator habitat

#### **Animals & Plants**

E314A	Brush management for wildlife	Pasture, forest & associated ag. land	Plant structure & composition Plant pest pressure Wildlife habitat
E528O	Clipping mature forages	Pasture	Feed & forage imbalance Plant health & productivity
E666K	Structural diversity w/patch openings	Forest, farmstead & associated ag. land	Plant structure & composition Wildlife & pollinator habitat

#### **Plants**

E528F	Stockpiling cool season forage	Cropland, pasture & associated ag. land	Plant structure & composition Plant productivity & health
E612D	Add food-producing trees & shrubs to existing plantings	Cropland, pasture, forest, farmstead & associated ag. land	Plant structure & composition

### Air, Soil & Water

E340A / E340F	Cover Crop	Cropland	Erosion & compaction
E386A Field border enhancement		Cropland & associated ag. land	Erosion
E512D	Forage planting to increase organic matter	Cropland & pasture	Organic matter depletion
E590A / E590B	Improve nutrient uptake/reduce nutrient loss risk	Cropland	Nutrient transport Greenhouse gas emission

