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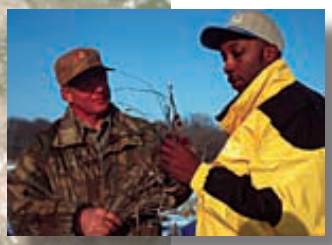
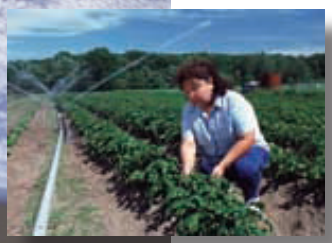
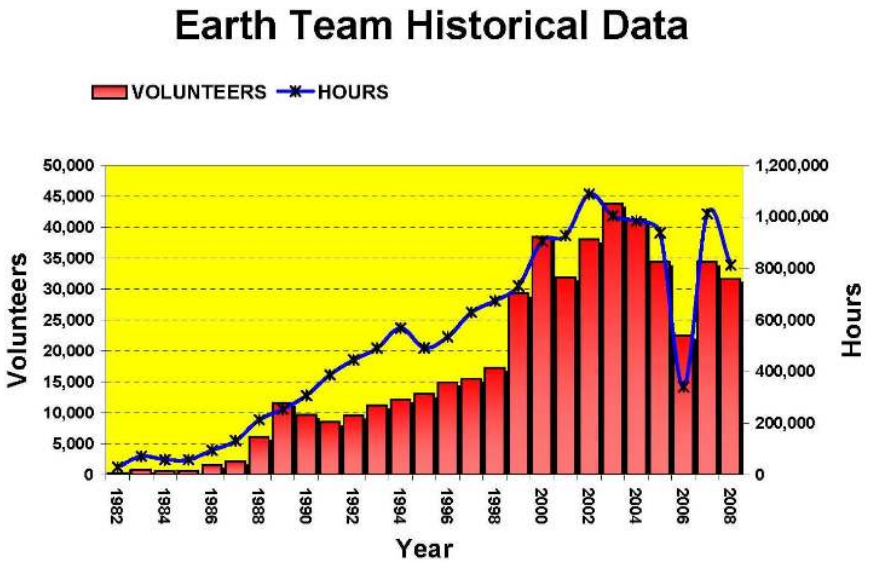




Volunteering began with the organization of conservation districts in 1937. In recognition of the interest and skills many Americans have in conservation, Congress passed legislation – Section 1526 of PL97-98, Food and Agriculture Act – in 1981 permitting the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to use volunteers. In 1985, the volunteer effort was organized as the Earth Team, primarily due to the Farm Bill and the increased workload of NRCS. The primary purpose of the Earth Team is to expand NRCS services by using volunteer time, talent and energy to help accomplish the NRCS mission. Since 1982 almost 482,000 Earth Team volunteers have donated more than 14 million hours.



To learn more about the Earth Team and how you as an NRCS employee can be involved, visit our web site at: *www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/volunteers*

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