

Fiscal Year 2008 Accomplishments

Helping People Help the Land

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides products and services that enable people to be good stewards of their soil, water, and related natural resources. As a result of our assistance, land owners, land managers, and communities take a comprehensive approach to using and conserving the Nation's natural resources. The table below reports the conservation actions these stewards took, with our help, in fiscal year (FY) 2008. It also shows our key activities that provide the technology and inventory data they needed to manage their natural resources well.

Goal*	Performance Measure and Program		Trend: Fiscal Year Performance			FY 2008	
			2005	2006	2007	Target	Actual
Conservation Implementation							
High Quality, Productive Soils	Cropland with conservation applied to improve soil quality, million acres	CTA	6.0	6.4	7.3	7.0	8.3
		EQIP	2.2	3.4	5.3	5.5	5.6
	Agricultural land with enhancement activities applied to increase soil quality, million acres	CSP	7.2	1.4	0.14	1.4	1.3
Clean and Abundant Water	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans applied, number	CTA	2,421	2,269	1,911	1,550	1745
		EQIP	2,032	2,774	2,490	2,300	2520
	Land with conservation applied to improve irrigation efficiency, acres	CTA	595,050	678,149	828,246	650,000	844,818
		EQIP	701,497	758,923	883,033	700,000	1,048,319
		GSWC	353,554	407,885	359,227	200,000	311,144
	Klamath	38,531	38,444	29,953	20,000	38,009	
	Unsafe dams rehabilitated or removed, number	WS Rehab	11	4	13	15	18
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities	Grazing and forest land with conservation applied to protect and improve the resource base, million acres	CTA	7.5	11.8	14.2	12.0	16.0
		EQIP	8.0	12.2	16.5	12.3	16.9
	Nonfederal land managed for the protection and enhancement of habitat for species with declining populations, million acres	WHIP	0.20	0.25	0.15	0.20	0.36
	Wetlands created, restored or enhanced, acres	CTA	53,498	65,345	62,093	51,300	72,806
		WRP	180,358	181,979	149,326	100,000	128,860
	CRP	50,934	61,279	68,834	60,000	52,640	
Conservation Planning							
	Conservation plans written, million acres	CTA	41.7	45.7	41.4	40.0	39.7
	Watershed or area-wide conservation plans developed, number	CTA	441	408	220	200	152
Natural Resource Inventory and Assessment							
	New or updated web soil surveys, number	Soil Survey	132	126	105	30	66
	Soil surveys mapped or updated, million acres	Soil Survey	31.9	35.5	36.4	32.5	35.2
	Water supply forecasts issued, number	SSWF	11,549	11,534	12,141	11,400	12,505
Natural Resource Technology Transfer							
	Plant materials technical documents written and released to the public, number	PMC	308	427	459	400	435
Financial Assistance							
	Prime, unique or important farmland protected from conversion to non-agricultural uses by conservation easements, acres	FRPP	55,253	46,909	38,495	32,500	38,297

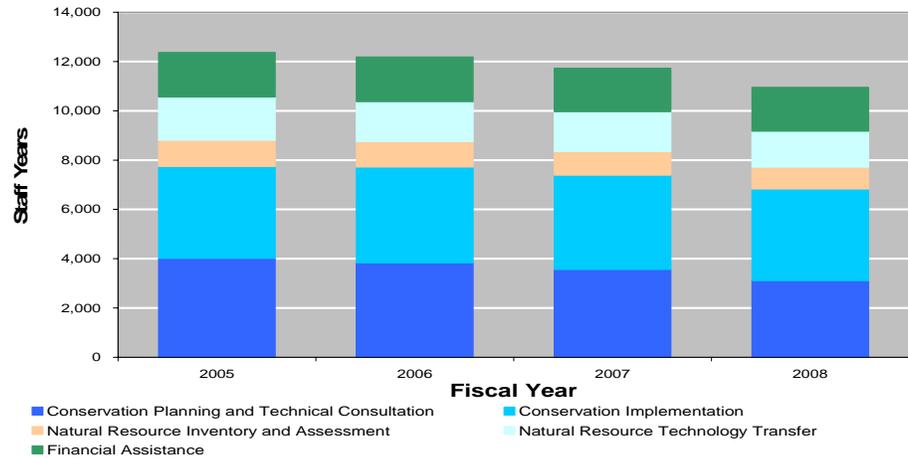
* For the Conservation Implementation business line, the table attributes performance to the strategic goal that was the primary purpose of the activity, but in many cases the conservation treatment benefits other goals as well. For all other business lines, activities generally support achievement of all mission outcomes.

About NRCS

NRCS is a technical agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. Most NRCS employees work in nearly 2,900 field offices across the Nation, providing services directly to our customers. These employees are supported by NRCS employees in other offices that provide technical and administrative support, conduct natural resource inventories, and develop new conservation technologies.

NRCS products and services form the five business lines highlighted in the table on the previous page. These are: conservation planning and technical consultation, conservation implementation, natural resource inventory and assessment, natural resource technology transfer, and financial assistance. The following table shows the amount of staff time devoted to each business line. The time shown for each business line includes necessary administrative and management support.

NRCS staff time by agency business line for fiscal years 2005-2008.



Conservation Program and Primary Business Lines Supported

Conservation Program		Business Lines		
		Conservation Services	Conservation Infrastructure	Financial Assistance
Conservation Technical Assistance	CTA			
Soil Survey				
Snow Survey & Water Supply Forecasting				
Plant Materials Centers	PMC			
Watershed Surveys and Planning				
Flood Prevention Operations				
Watershed Operations				
Emergency Watershed Protection	EWP			
Watershed Rehabilitation Program				
Resource Conservation & Development	RC&D			
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	EQIP			
Ground and Surface Water Conservation	GSWC			
Klamath Basin				
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program	WHIP			
Agricultural Management Assistance	AMA			
Wetlands Reserve Program	WRP			
Grassland Reserve Program	GRP			
Healthy Forest Reserve	HFRP			
Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program	FRPP			
Conservation Reserve Program	CRP			*
Conservation Security Program	CSP			

Conservation Services includes Conservation Planning and Technical Consultation and Conservation Implementation. Conservation Infrastructure includes Natural Resources Inventory and Assessment and Natural Resource Technology Transfer.

* Financial Assistance is administered by the Farm Service Agency.

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