

CONSERVATION
SECURITY
PROGRAM
(CSP)
PARTICIPANT
RECORDS

NOTE: THIS PACKET DISPLAYS THE TYPE OF RECORDS NEEDED TO DOCUMENT YOUR CONSERVATION PRACTICES AND MANAGEMENT. THESE OR EQUIVALENT RECORDS ARE REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF YOUR APPLICATION. AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF RECORDS ARE REQUIRED.

Applicant's Name: _____

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Land Operator Information

The following information is needed by your conservation planner to develop a quality conservation plan. The information you detail throughout this plan remains confidential between you and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Name of Landowner(s) _____

Name of Land Manager(s) _____

Business or Farm Name _____

Address _____

City _____

County _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____

Business _____

Cell _____

E-mail Address _____

Cropland Inventory

Crop Rotation and Tillage Worksheet

Please provide information on your typical crop rotation, tillage system, and planting system and use of cover crop for the acres being offered. This information will be used to determine the Soil Conditioning Index for category placement.

Typical Rotation for Crop Farm:				Cotton-Cotton-Corn						
Tract	Fields	Crop	Planting System ²	Tillage Operations ¹	No. of trips	Cover Crop	Cover Crop Tillage System	% Residue Cover After Planting	Residue Removed	Ave. Yield
121	1 thru 4	Cotton	Conventional No Till Strip Till (wide) Strip Till (narrow)	None Disking Field Cultivator Moldboard Plow Chisel Plow Row Cultivator	=====	Small Grain Legume Other	Conventional No Till/Drill Aerial Broadcast	90	n/a	1000 # lint
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Cropland Inventory

Pest Management Input Worksheet

This worksheet includes information on the methods used to control pests and weeds on your operation. The following bullets include additional information to assist in completing this worksheet.

Application no.	Example	#1	#2	#3	#4
Tract #	1200				
Field numbers or names receiving treatment	1,2,3				
Pesticide application date	4/1/05				
Total acreage treated	200				
Pesticide applied	Roundup				
Pesticide EPA registration number	352-607-1812				
Crops receiving pesticide treatment	Cotton				
Pesticide application rate (lb AI/acre)	1 qt./ac.				
Weather conditions	Warm, no wind				
Application notes: For field areas receiving spot treatments, sketch the field and show areas treated	Used J.J. Scouting Service for pest scouting				
WINPST rating (NRCS completes as needed)					

Cropland Inventory

Irrigation Management & System Description

This worksheet contains information on your irrigation method and description. This information will be used to give your system(s) an NRCS irrigation efficiency index rating. The minimum index rating to be considered as having addressed water conservation issues is 50. The following is a list of information that is needed to complete the index worksheet.

Improved Water Measurement	<input type="checkbox"/> No flow measuring devices
	<input type="checkbox"/> Flow Measurement – Whole Farm – Manually recorded
	<input type="checkbox"/> Flow Measurement – Whole Farm – automatic recorded
	<input type="checkbox"/> Flow Measurement – Whole Farm Plus individual field – recorded manually
	<input type="checkbox"/> Flow Measurement – Whole Farm Plus individual field – automatic manually
Improved Soil Moisture Monitoring and Irrigation Scheduling	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual crop stress
	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil moisture by NRCS feel method
	<input type="checkbox"/> Check book scheduling, irrigation scheduler, etc.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation scheduling via regional weather network
	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Moisture using Gypsum blocks, moisture probe, etc.
Irrigation System Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous measurement of soil moisture, water applied and ET
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkler – Big Gun or Boom
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkler – Hand Line or Wheel Line
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkler – Solid Set (above canopy)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkler – Solid Set (below canopy)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Center Pivot
	<input type="checkbox"/> Center Pivot (Low Pressure Improved)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Center Pivot (LEPA)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Center Pivot (LESA)
<input type="checkbox"/> Center Pivot (LPIC)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Center Pivot (MESA)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lateral Move	
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Cropland Inventory

Existing Conservation Practices on Cropland Fields

Practice	Tracts/Fields
Terraces/Grassed Waterway/Underground outlet	
Conservation Crop Rotation (Specify crops)	
Sod Based Rotation (Specify number of years grass and crops)	
Contour Buffer Strips	
Cover Crop	
Field Border (at least 20' wide)	
Filter Strips (at least 30' wide)	
Hedgerow Planting (or existing hedgerow)	
Pasture and Hayland Planting	
Prescribed Grazing (on cropland)	
Riparian Forest Buffer (at least 35' -- existing)	
Stripcropping	
Sediment Basin	
Water & Sediment Control Basin	
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (Describe)	
Others (Describe)	

Pasture Land Inventory

Grazing Management Records

Keeping accurate records is a continual process in effective pasture and livestock management. Records help you track pasture conditions and effectively manage each pasture in your grazing system.

Pasture ID		Pasture acres		Forage type			
Soil test date		Lime/ Fertilizer rate		Lime/ Fertilizer type		Date applied	
Livestock		Date in	Forage height	Date out	Forage height	Notes (fertilizer applied)	
Type	Number						

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Grazing Management Records, continued

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Pasture Land Inventory

Hay Production Records

Keeping accurate records is a continual process in effective livestock management. Records help you track production and effectively manage each field in your operation.

Field ID		Field acres		Forage type		Soil test date	
Cutting number	Date cut	Yield	Weather	Storage	Notes (fertilizer applied)		

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Pasture Pest Management Input Worksheet

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Application no.	Example	#1	#2	#3	#4
Pesticide application date	5-30-2004				
Tract #	200				
Field numbers or names receiving treatment	1,2				
Total acreage treated	55				
Pesticide applied	2,4-D				
Pesticide EPA registration number	94-75-7				
Crops receiving pesticide treatment	Bermuda pasture				
Pesticide application rate (lb AI/acre)	1 lb (1 qt.)				
Weather conditions	Sunny and dry				
Application notes: Identify areas receiving spot treatment or other special considerations					

Pasture Land Inventory

Existing Conservation Practices in Pasture/Hayland

Practice	Tracts/Fields
Pasture and Hayland Planting	
Grassed Waterway	
Channel Bank Vegetation	
Heavy Use Area Protection (around troughs or hay feeding areas)	
Prescribed Burning	
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	
Livestock Exclusion (Streams, ponds, wetlands, etc. fenced to limit or exclude livestock)	
Rotational Grazing (prescribed grazing)	
Water Troughs, Ponds or Spring Developments (in all pastures)	
Critical Area Planting	
Riparian Forest Buffer (at least 35' -- existing)	
Stream Crossing	
Water & Sediment Control Basin	
Fence (Cross Fencing to separate pastures, paddocks, etc.	
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (describe)	
Other (describe)	

Conservation Security Program – Documentation

Now that you have completed your documentation and made an initial estimate of your category by field, NRCS conservation planning staff will assist you with making your final category determination and submitting your application.

Please contact your local NRCS office to set up a time for an interview to complete this process.

ALABAMA

- Colbert (256) 383-4323
- Franklin (256) 332-0274
- Lauderdale (256) 764-5833
- Lawrence (256) 974-1174

TENNESSEE

- Hardin (931) 961-2521
- Lawrence (931) 762-6913
- Wayne (931) 762-6913

MISSISSIPPI

- Alcorn (662) 287-7223
- Prentiss (662) 728-9003
- Tishomingo (662) 728-9003

For your interview, please bring:

- This packet or equivalent records
- An extra copy of pages 1-16 of your CSP Self-assessment Workbook
- A copy of the latest soil test reports for the field(s) you plan to enroll in CSP
- Any other documentation of conservation practices you have installed on your land, including:
 - 'as-built' documentation (drawings, engineering notes, etc.)
 - photographs
 - receipts
 - records of your pesticide and nutrient applications
- If you do not own the land, copies of agreements that refer to the land you wish to enroll in CSP, such as a lease, power of attorney, or a letter from the landowner indicating that you have current control of the farming operation.