

# CONSERVATION PROGRAM TIMELINE

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Managing grazinglands



Managing manure



Stabilizing streams



Establishing wildlife habitat

**For More Information:**

- Visit your local NRCS field office, listed in the phone book under government.
- Contact you local soil and water conservation district.
- Visit the NRCS Web site at [www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov)

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## NEW DEADLINES WILL STABILIZE PROGRAM DELIVERY IN FUTURE

New deadlines have been established for agricultural producers applying for Farm Bill conservation programs that offer financial incentives.

The national office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is moving toward standardized deadlines nationwide in an effort to bring some stability to the application process, which has varied by state and date in recent years.

NRCS is committed to getting financial allocations out earlier in order to allow for proper

planning prior to spring planting.

By FY 2007, it is anticipated the deadline dates will be stabilized, eliminating some of the uncertainty that has existed in past years.

Producers are encouraged to visit with their local NRCS field office to get specific information about various programs and application procedures and deadlines. NRCS programs are available to all producers and each addresses a separate resource concern.

The 2002 Farm Bill offers America's farmers

and ranchers more incentives than ever before to voluntarily conserve natural resources on our nation's privately owned farmland. Its conservation provisions help reduce erosion, guard streams and rivers, restore and establish fish and wildlife habitat, and improve air quality.

NRCS works closely with local soil and water conservation districts and other natural resource agencies to improve healthy landscapes on private working lands.

## NEW TIMELINE FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS

The following deadlines apply to the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) and the Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA) for FY 2006 and FY 2007 (October 1 - September 31).

Sign up and Application Cutoff	Rankings Submitted to NRCS	Contracts Awarded	Contracts Finalized and Money
January 13, 2006	February 7, 2006	February 15, 2006	June 1, 2006
November 15, 2006	December 15, 2006	January 15, 2007	June 1, 2007