



# Utah

## 2007 Conservation Program Application Workbook

*for applicants*

The purpose of this workbook is to “help you help us” expedite the processing of your application for cost-share assistance for the following programs:

- ◆ Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- ◆ Ground and Surface Water Conservation Program (GSWC)
- ◆ Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
- ◆ Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA)

The documentation described on page 3 in this workbook is required in order to proceed with your application for FY07 funds. **Deadline for submitting a completed application packet is November 15, 2006.** Please contact your local USDA-NRCS Field Office for additional information.

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in USDA – NRCS natural resources conservation programs!

These programs help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve air and water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters. Public benefits include enhanced natural resources that help sustain agricultural productivity and environmental quality while supporting continued economic development, recreation, and scenic beauty. Much of the funding for conservation programs is associated with provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill and the NRCS Conservation Program Allocations to States.

The funding for conservation programs has increased significantly since 2003. The demand for these programs, and for NRCS technical assistance, has increased 4-fold. In order to service your application as quickly as possible, The “2007 Conservation Program Application Workbook” was developed for your use in providing the information required for participation in the following 2007 Farm Bill programs\*:

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
- Ground and Surface Water Conservation Program (GSWC)
- Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA)

(\*Note: detailed information can be located at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/> or <http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>).

To ensure timely processing of your application, please complete the following:

1. **Read the Application Checklist (page 3).**
2. **Complete the “assessment sheets”** for the landuses you wish to address. For example, if you wish to address irrigation efficiency on cropland, complete the “Cropland Assessment.”
3. **Complete and sign the “Producer Application Checklist,”** attaching the required documentation, such as proof of control or ownership of the land, water rights, and vendor information.
4. **Sign all documents** where indicated, **and return** them to your local USDA-NRCS Service Center.

Additional detailed information on all conservation programs, and a downloadable version of the 2007 Application Workbook can be found at <http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>.

**Have a prosperous 2007!**



*2007 Conservation Program Application Workbook*

*“Helping People Help the Land”*

## Producer Application Checklist

As required, and in order to expedite processing of your application for participation in FY2007 EQIP, GSW, WHIP, and AMA, you must provide certain information, as described below. Take the completed packet to your local USDA-NRCS office and obtain an official application form, CCC1200, fill out and submit to the local NRCS office. An example of the CCC-1200/1202 is included in the back of this workbook.

- Assessment Worksheets (see pages 1-10).**  
*Complete and sign the applicable worksheet, ie, Crop/Hayland, Grazing Land, Confined Animal Feeding Operations, Wildlife.*
- Irrigation History (see page 11).**  
*For irrigation projects, you must self-certify irrigation history by completing and signing UT-LTP-3, Producer Self-Certification of Irrigation History.*
- Beginning Farmer/Limited Resource Producer (see pages 12-13).**  
*To determine if you are eligible and for more information, visit [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/SLB\\_Farmer/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/SLB_Farmer/) and complete the On-Line Limited Resource Producer Self-Determination Tool. (Note: No documentation is required for self-certification. However, if you certify that you are eligible for the special cost-share payment rates under EQIP, you may be asked to provide supporting documentation at a later date.)*
- Proof of Land Ownership.**  
*You must provide documentation of land ownership. (such as deeds, tax assessment, or other legal documentation.)*
- Leased Land.**  
*If the land is leased, you must provide NRCS with evidence that you have control of the land for the length of the contract you wish to enter in to. Such evidence could be a copy of the lease agreement or a signed letter from the land owner. You must also supply evidence of the landowners approval to apply structural practices on the land.*
- Water Rights.**  
*For irrigation projects and certain wetland restoration projects, you must provide documentation of water rights and applicable "change of use permits" associated with that tract of land. Water rights must be sufficient for crops being produced. This documentation may be in the form of water certificates and/or a letter from the Irrigation Company stating that the tract of land has sufficient water rights available for use.*
- Legal documentation of signatory.**  
*Documentation may include Power of Attorney or Articles of Incorporation that stipulates who has signatory authority for the entity or operation.*
- Vendor Information (see pages 14-15).**  
*This is needed in order for us to reimburse you. Please provide a current 1199a, available at your local NRCS office. If you have participated in the past, we may have one on file.*

**Participant signature:**

**Date:**

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**3) THE FOLLOWING FORMS MUST BE CURRENT AND ON FILE WITH THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) TO MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. Indicate all owners/operators by tract.** (Please verify with FSA and circle **Yes** or **No**)

- Form AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification. On file: **Yes** **No**

- Form CCC-501A, Member’s Information (for entity and joint operations only). On file:  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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- Form CCC-526, Payment Eligibility – Average Adjusted Gross Income Certification. On file:  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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**4) PLEASE COMPLETE THE BENCHMARK CONDITION INFORMATION FOR THE OFFERED ACRES.** Answer the following questions: (circle **Yes** or **No**)

- Do you apply nutrients according to a current soil test (less than three years old)?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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- Are ditches, gullies, or other active erosion occurring? (indicate on map)  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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- Do you have land sloughing off into streams? (indicate on map)  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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- Is streambank erosion occurring? (indicate on map)  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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- Do you apply livestock waste? (Indicated on map)  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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**5) Cropping Management Inventory**

(top portion is an example)

Crop	Field #	Acres	Years in Rotation	Avg. Yield	Fert. Type	Rate/ ac	Irrigated y/n?	Irrigation type	Does water run-off field?
Winter Wheat	1	30	2	130 bu	10-20-10	100	Y	Flood	Yes
Alfalfa	2	15	4	4 Tons	0-20-20	50	Y	Sprinkler	no
Pasture	3	8	Cont	1 Ton	NA		N		NA
Crop	Field #	Acres	Years in Rotation	Ave. Yield	Fert. Type	Rate/ ac	Irrigated y/n?	Irrigation type	Enter Water?

I have answered all the questions on this worksheet and provided the information requested to the best of my ability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Date

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4) **PLEASE COMPLETE THE CURRENT STATUS FOR THE FACILITY.** Answer the following questions: (circle **Yes** or **No**)

- ▶ Is the Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) currently permitted by the state of Utah?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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- ▶ Are there any permitting issues that Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) needs to be aware of?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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Please describe:

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- ▶ Is the runoff from the AFO currently controlled? 

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Partial</b>
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- ▶ Is seepage occurring from any existing storage facilities or structures?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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- ▶ This AFO is requesting assistance for: (check appropriate box)
  - an existing operation
  - an existing operation that is expanding
  - a new operation
- ▶ Do you store any manure on the farmstead? 

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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- ▶ If yes, is the manure (please circle) **Liquid**

<b>Solid</b>	<b>Both</b> (liquid and solid)
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- ▶ If the manure is solid, how is it stored? \_\_\_\_\_  


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- ▶ If the manure is liquid, how is it stored? \_\_\_\_\_  


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- ▶ Do you manage runoff from manure handling and feed handling areas?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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- ▶ Does the runoff from the feed lot enter a natural water body?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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- ▶ Do you have a current manure management plan or a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)? 

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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*If yes, please provide a copy with your application.*
- ▶ Available acres to spread manure? (Include pasture, tillable, rented and owned.) \_\_\_\_\_

► Feed Lot Size \_\_\_\_\_

► Please complete the following livestock inventory:

Livestock	Number Animals onsite	Planned Number of Animals	Average Weight	# Days Confined
<b>Horses</b>				
All				
<b>Dairy</b>				
Milk Cows				
Dry Cows				
Heifers				
Calves				
Bulls				
<b>Beef</b>				
Cows				
Feeders				
Bulls				
<b>Poultry</b>				
Layers				
Pullets				
Broilers				
Turkeys				
<b>Swine</b>				
Lact. Sow				
Piglets				
Feeders				
<b>Other</b>				

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<b>▶ <u>Type of animals</u></b>	<b><u>Number</u></b>	<b><u>Size/Avg Weight</u></b>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<b>▶ <u>Type of vegetation</u></b>	
Native Range	Acres _____
Grass	Acres _____
Grazed Forest	Acres _____
Pasture	Acres _____
Other ( _____ )	Acres _____
Other ( _____ )	Acres _____

▶ Describe rotation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

▶ How many pastures do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

▶ Invasive species of concern (indicate areas on map) \_\_\_\_\_

▶ What condition do you feel your range/pasture/other land is in?

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>
Rangeland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pastureland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

▶ Indicate (circle) **Yes** or **No**

- Are any of your pastures used as winter feeding areas?  
If so, please mark on map. **Yes**      **No**
- Do you have an adequate water supply? **Yes**      **No**
- Where does livestock get water from? \_\_\_\_\_  
Please mark water supplies on map.
- Is it a reliable source? **Yes**      **No**



- Are you interested in limiting livestock access to a stream? **Yes** **No**
  
- ▶ Do you have an area on your farm that is has a primary purpose for wildlife? **Yes** **No**
  
- ▶ Are you interested in managing your land for rare or declining wildlife species? **Yes** **No**
  
- ▶ Are there critical riparian areas that need to be addressed? **Yes** **No**
  
- ▶ Is any of your grazing land irrigated? **Yes** **No**  
If yes, what fields and acres? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ▶ How do you rotate the livestock? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ▶ Are you following a grazing plan? **Yes** **No**  
(If yes please provide a copy of the Grazing plan)

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▶ What species of wildlife are you developing/improving habitat for? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

▶ What critical habitat(s) would you like to improve?

- Lowland Riparian < 5500' elevation
- Wetlands (consider using WRP)
- Mountain Riparian > 5500' elevation
- Shrubsteppe
- Mountain Shrub
- Water-Lotic (in-stream habitat)
- Wet Meadows (consider using WRP)

▶ Is the species on the Threatened/Endangered list or a species of state concern?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Do not know</b>
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▶ Do you have any special, unique, or rare wildlife sites such as Sagegrouse leks, Utah prairie dog towns, critical winter habitat?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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▶ Have you worked with another agency (DWR, USFWS, University) in the development of a wildlife plan?  

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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I have answered all the questions on this worksheet and provided the information requested to the best of my ability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



## PRODUCER SELF CERTIFICATION OF IRRIGATION HISTORY

Operator/Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Water Source \_\_\_\_\_

FSA Farm and Tract Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have physically irrigated the acres as listed below. I am attaching the following irrigation documentation to support my claim:

- Irrigation canal records and/or other supporting documentation**
- Map and/or aerial photograph showing the field(s) with irrigation history**
- Other (please describe):** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Tract	Field	Current Irrigation Method	Total acres in field	Acres/crop irrigated in 200_				

\*Enter last 5 years, starting with year prior to application for assistance.

I understand that it is my responsibility to provide NRCS with all records necessary to verify this irrigation history. I also understand that it is my responsibility to provide accurate and complete information and that providing false information may subject me to criminal and/or civil penalties. I understand that NRCS has the final decision regarding irrigation history requirements.

NOTE: If I am awarded an EQIP contract my signature indicates that I agree to use the installed system only on the acres listed and approved in my EQIP contract for the NRCS-designated life of the installed practice. Information on the lifespan of a practice can be obtained from NRCS personnel and will be listed on the CCC-1245. *My signature below indicates that I have read and understand, or had explained to me, all requirements referenced within this document.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Producer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date



## Fact Sheet

### **Conservation Opportunities for:** **- American Indians and Alaska Natives** **- Beginning Farmers and Ranchers** **- Limited Resource Farmers and Ranchers**

September 2005

#### **Overview**

Many conservation opportunities in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) address the unique circumstances and concerns of Indian tribes, beginning farmers and ranchers, and limited resource farmers and ranchers. The 2002 Farm Bill promotes conservation of natural resources on agricultural land and land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe. It provides for voluntary participation, offers incentives, and focuses on equity in accessing U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs and services. Enhancements include streamlined delivery of technical and financial assistance; improved programs and services; and flexibility in decision making with most decisions made at the Tribal, State, or local level. The Farm Bill recognizes the unique challenges of farmers and ranchers who are just beginning their agricultural operations, of those with limited financial resources, and of Indian tribes who have a special relationship with the U.S. government.

For the conservation programs and other opportunities available through the 2002 Farm Bill, the following definitions are used:

*Indian tribe:* An Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community that exists as an Indian tribe pursuant to the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994, including any Native Village, Regional Corporation, or Village Corporation, as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

*Beginning farmer or rancher:* An individual or entity who: (a) Has not operated a farm or ranch, or who has operated a farm or ranch for not more than consecutive 10 years. (This requirement applies to all members of an entity.); and (b) Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm or ranch.

*Limited resource farmer or rancher:* (a) A person with direct or indirect gross farm sales of not more than \$100,000 in each of the previous two years (to be increased beginning in fiscal year 2004 to adjust for inflation using Prices Paid by Farmer Index as compiled by NASS), and (b) Has a total household income at or below the national poverty level for a family of four, OR less than 50 percent of county median household income in each of the previous two years (to be determined annually using Commerce Dept. Data).

#### **Program Enhancements**

A number of programs were extended as part of the 2002 Farm Bill and revised to be more responsive to customer needs. For example, by removing the requirement of Conservation Priority Areas, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) now provides all producers an equal opportunity to participate. One enhancement to the program is increased cost-share assistance for conservation practices of up to 90 percent for beginning or limited resource farmers and ranchers. The "bid-down" provision was eliminated. (Previously,

producers who offered to pay more of the cost for practices were given higher priority.) The minimum length of contracts was reduced from five years to one year after the last practice is completed. Sixty percent of the EQIP funds will be directed to livestock producers who address environmental concerns. Payments will be made more quickly than in past years. After an EQIP contract has been signed and as soon as the landowner's conservation practices have been completed and approved, the cost-share payments will be made. (Previously, landowners had to wait until the next fiscal year to implement the first practice and receive payment.)

Other programs were continued, including those that provide payments for the protection or restoration of wetlands (Wetlands Reserve Program), protection of wildlife habitat (Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program), adoption of agricultural management activities in selected states (Agricultural Management Assistance), and protection of farm and ranch land from conversion to non-agricultural uses (Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program). Also, there will be technical assistance available for protection of private grazing land.

#### *New Programs and Provisions*

The **Conservation Security Program** offers payments to producers for addressing resource concerns on their operations. The program focuses on support for all types of agricultural operations, including farms, ranches, orchards, vineyards, and horticultural crops, regardless of size or location, and offers three tiers of involvement with increased payment levels based upon increased levels of conservation effort.

The **Grassland Reserve Program** assists producers in protecting or restoring their grasslands. Producers can receive payments for options of 10, 15, or 30 years or for permanent easements to keep the land as grassland.

Also, innovative conservation approaches and technologies may be funded through **Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)**, a component of EQIP authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill. This program funds up to 50 percent of projects carried out by tribal, State, or local governments or private organizations or individuals. Examples of innovative projects allowed under this program include market-based approaches, such as credit trading mechanisms and the next generation of irrigation and nutrient management technologies. CIG must address identified natural resource concerns and involve agricultural producers.

The 2002 Farm Bill also authorizes certified **technical service providers** (private individuals, non-government organizations, and tribal, State, or local governments) to provide assistance to agricultural producers and receive payments. This will increase the number of qualified technical experts available to help farmers and ranchers conserve natural resources on their land.

#### *For More Information*

If you need more information about these and other programs and opportunities, please contact your local USDA Service Center, listed in the telephone book under U.S. Department of Agriculture, or your local conservation district. Information, including program specific fact sheets, also is available on the Web at:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs>



Visit USDA on the Web at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>

**Please note:** This information is not intended to be a definitive interpretation of farm legislation. Rather, it is preliminary and may change as USDA develops implementing policies and procedures. Please check back for updates.



**BURDEN ESTIMATE STATEMENT**

The estimated average burden associated with this collection of information is 10 minutes per respondent or recordkeeper, depending on individual circumstances. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to the Financial Management Service, Facilities Management Division, Property & Supply Section, Room B-101, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, MD 20782 or the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (1510-0007), Washington, D.C. 20503.

**PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY**

All information on this form, including the individual claim number, is required under 31 USC 3322, 31 CFR 209 and/or 210. The information is confidential and is needed to prove entitlement to payments. The information will be used to process payment data from the Federal agency to the financial institution and/or its agent. Failure to provide the requested information may affect the processing of this form and may delay or prevent the receipt of payments through the Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer Program.

**INFORMATION FOUND ON CHECKS**

Most of the information needed to complete boxes A, C, and F in Section 1 is printed on your government check:

- (A) Be sure that payee's name is written exactly as it appears on the check. Be sure current address is shown.
- (C) Claim numbers and suffixes are printed here on checks beneath the date for the type of payment shown here. Check the Green Book for the location of prefixes and suffixes for other types of payments.
- (F) Type of payment is printed to the left of the amount.

The diagram shows a check from the United States Treasury, Austin, Texas, dated 08/31/84. The amount is \$100.00. Callout A points to the payee name field, callout C points to the check number field, and callout F points to the type of payment field. The check is marked 'NOT NEGOTIABLE' and has the MICR line ':00000518: 041571928'.

**SPECIAL NOTICE TO JOINT ACCOUNT HOLDERS**

Joint account holders should immediately advise both the Government agency and the financial institution of the death of a beneficiary. Funds deposited after the date of death or ineligibility, except for salary payments, are to be returned to the Government agency. The Government agency will then make a determination regarding survivor rights, calculate survivor benefit payments, if any, and begin payments.

**CANCELLATION**

The agreement represented by this authorization remains in effect until cancelled by the recipient by notice to the Federal agency or by the death or legal incapacity of the recipient. Upon cancellation by the recipient, the recipient should notify the receiving financial institution that he/she is doing so.

The agreement represented by this authorization may be cancelled by the financial institution by providing the recipient a written notice 30 days in advance of the cancellation date. The recipient must immediately advise the Federal agency if the authorization is cancelled by the financial institution. The financial institution cannot cancel the authorization by advice to the Government agency.

**CHANGING RECEIVING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

The payee's Direct Deposit will continue to be received by the selected financial institution until the Government agency is notified by the payee that the payee wishes to change the financial institution receiving the Direct Deposit. To effect this change, the payee will complete a new SF 1199A at the newly selected financial institution. It is recommended that the payee maintain accounts at both financial institutions until the transition is complete, i.e. after the new financial institution receives the payee's Direct Deposit payment.

**FALSE STATEMENTS OR FRAUDULENT CLAIMS**

Federal law provides a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or both for presenting a false statement or making a fraudulent claim.



**CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Application Date:</b>
	<b>County and State:</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>Watershed:</b>
	<b>Subaccount:</b>
<b>Location (Legal Description or Farm and Tract Number):</b>	

*(Please note that not all questions apply to all Programs)*

**1. This is an application to participate in the:**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Conservation Security Program (CSP)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)</b>

**2.  Yes  No** If applying for the **EQIP** or **CSP**, are you either a **Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher** or a **Beginning Farmer or Rancher**?

*If you wish to apply in either of these categories, you must complete certification requirements. For more information please go to the following url: <http://www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/>*

**3.  Yes  No** Do you have farm records established with the appropriate **USDA Service Center Agency**?

*If no, you must establish them with the appropriate USDA Service Center Agency prior to submitting this application.*

**4. Are you applying for a conservation program contract as an (check one of the following):**

**Individual**

**Entity** (Corporation, Limited Partnership, Trust, Estate, etc...)

a) Please enter entity name and tax identification number:

**Name:**

**Tax Number:**

b)  **Yes**  **No** Do you have appropriate documents including proof to sign for the entity?

**Joint Operation** (General Partnership, Joint Venture)

a) Please enter entity name and tax identification number:

**Name:**

**Tax Number:**

b)  **Yes**  **No** Do you have appropriate documents including proof to sign for the entity?

**5.  Yes  No** If applying for the **EQIP**, are you engaged in livestock or agricultural production, and have you produced at least \$1000 of a gricultural products in a year?

**6. Is the land being offered for enrollment used for agricultural or livestock production?**

**Agriculture**

**Crop Type:**

**Livestock Production**

**Livestock Type:**

**7.  Yes  No** If applying for the **EQIP** and if the application includes irrigation practices, has the land been irrigated at least 2 of the last 5 years?

**8. The land is (Check all that apply):**

- Private Land**
- Public Land (Federal, State, or Local Government)**
- Tribal, Allotted, Ceded or Indian Land**

**9. Certification of control of the land under the application:**

- Deed or other evidence of land ownership**
- Written lease agreement**  
Years of control are      through
- Other agreement or legal conveyance**  
Years of control are      through

**10.  Yes    No   Is the land under this application enrolled in any other conservation program?**

On the farm identified above, the Applicant agrees to participate in the identified program if the offer is accepted by the NRCS. The undersigned person shall hereafter be referred to as the "Participant. The participant understands that starting a practice prior to contract approval causes the practice to be ineligible for program financial assistance. The participant will obtain the landowner's signature on the contract or provide written authorization to install structural practices.

The Participant agrees not to start any financially assisted practice or activity or engage the reimbursable services of a certified Technical Service Provider before a Contract is executed by CCC. The Participant may request, in writing, a waiver of this requirement for financially assisted practices by the NRCS State Conservationist.

All participants that certify eligibility as a Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher or Beginning Farmer will provide all records necessary to justify their claim as requested by a NRCS representative. It is the responsibility of the participant to provide accurate data to support all items addressed in this application at the request of NRCS. False certifications are subject to criminal and civil fraud statute. The Participant acknowledges that highly erodible land conservation/wetland conservation, adjusted gross income certifications, and member information for entities and joint operations are on file with the appropriate USDA Service Center Agency.

**11.  Yes    No   I've read the appropriate program appendix.**

<b>Applicant Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

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The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a). This information is used to track contract or agreement progress. The authority for requesting the following information is 7 CFR 701 (ACP); 7 CFR 1410 (CRP); 7 CFR 702 (CRSCP); 7 CFR 624 (EWP); 7CFR 631(GPCP); 7 CFR 701 (FIP); 7 CFR 631 and 702 (IEQIP); 7 CFR 632 (RAMP); RC& D; 7 CFR 634 (RCWP); 7 CFR 752 (WBP); 7 CFR 636 (WHIP); WQIP; 7 CFR 622 (WPFPP); and 7 CFR 1467 (WRP). Furnishing information is voluntary and will be confidential; however, it is necessary in order to receive assistance.