

Budget and Staffing



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The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Workforce

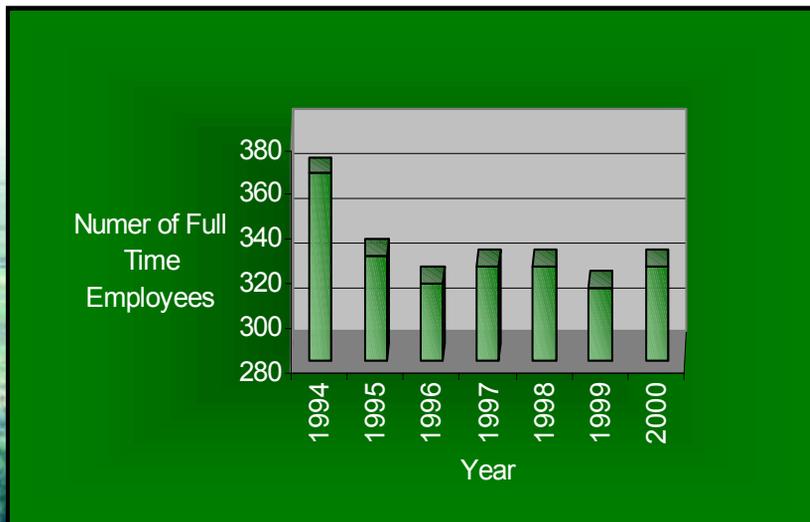
The strength of the Natural Resources Conservation Service is in its workforce. About 81 percent of Natural Resources Conservation Service employees in Oklahoma

work in USDA's network of local, county-based offices. These are the employees who have the technical expertise and field experience to help land users solve their natural resource challenges and maintain and improve their ability to thrive economically.

We also have an infrastructure that provides technical training and the latest information to field office personnel so the highest standards of technical excellence can be maintained.

Oklahoma Natural Resources Conservation Service Staff Years

Emphasis has been placed on maintaining a strong, well trained workforce. However, inflation rates and budget constraints have reduced the Natural Resources Conservation Services's workforce from 379 permanent full time employees in 1994, to 330 in 2000.



Oklahoma Natural Resources Conservation Service Zones and Field Office Locations

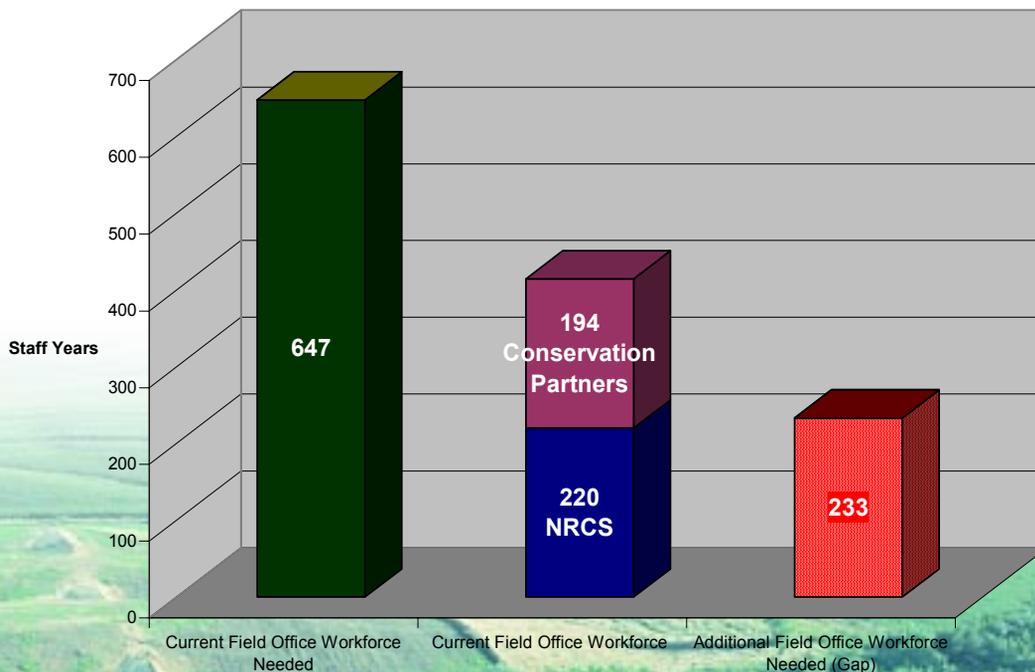


What will it take to accomplish this year’s conservation activities?

A workload analysis was conducted in October 2000, and results indicated that the conservation partnership’s workforce is insufficient to accomplish this year’s conservation activities. The resulting lack of manpower, 233 employees, has been identified as the “gap” in the partnership’s ability to meet the workload demands.

Oklahoma’s base conservation program is the foundation of the voluntary conservation program on private lands. Conservation partnership professionals at the local level assist individuals and communities to assure the natural resource base is sustained for future generations. Currently, there are only 414 local employees available to meet the needs of both the base conservation program and mandated programs. An additional 233 employees are needed to meet resource needs. Additional funding is needed to meet the employee “gap”.

Oklahoma Workload Analysis



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