

USDA Assistance for Transitioning to a No-Till System

What assistance is available?

- Short-term contracts to assist producers with applying practices such as no-till, strip till, and other conservation tillage practices; cover crops, buffers, nutrient management, pest management, and more than 100 other practices
- Technical assistance to help producers implement practices
- Financial assistance or practice payments to reduce the producer's cost

How do I apply?

- Contact a local Conservation District office or USDA NRCS Service Center, found at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov>
- Request an updated conservation plan
- Complete an application for one of the financial assistance programs

When do I apply?

- Sign-up for programs is continuous
- Applications are grouped and ranked monthly, so it's best to apply as soon as you can
- Contracts are written as long as funding lasts

Are all producers eligible?

- Some programs are only available to farmers who have at least \$1,000 in gross receipts.
- Producers who have never practiced no-till, are mixing tillage systems where no-till is 50% or less of the tillage system, or have never fully adopted cover crops or a complete no-till system into their crop management may be eligible.
- New and beginning farmers, African Americans, American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians or Pacific Islanders may be eligible for additional practice payments in some programs



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