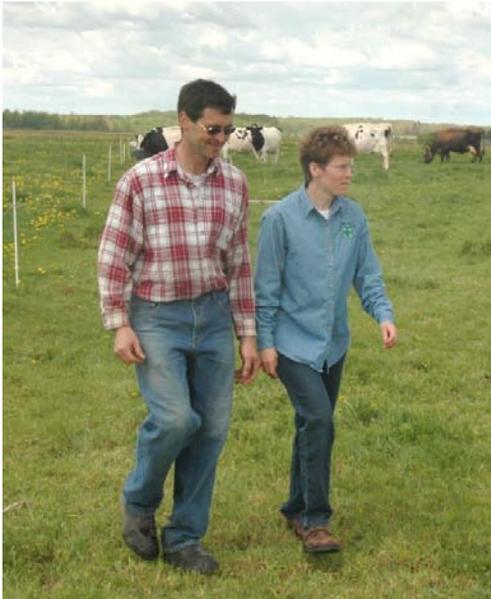


## PROGRAMS

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### Conservation Stewardship Incentive Program

The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) provides an annual payment to farmers who are already practicing good conservation and agree to add a few more practices in their operations over the next five years. To enroll, you must be the farm operator (according to USDA Farm Service Agency records). In past years, payments averaged \$18 per acre or \$6,000 per farm contract.



NRCS also offers programs and assistance to restore wetlands, establish grasslands, prairies and wildlife habitat.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service has been working with farmers to control erosion and protect natural resources since 1935.

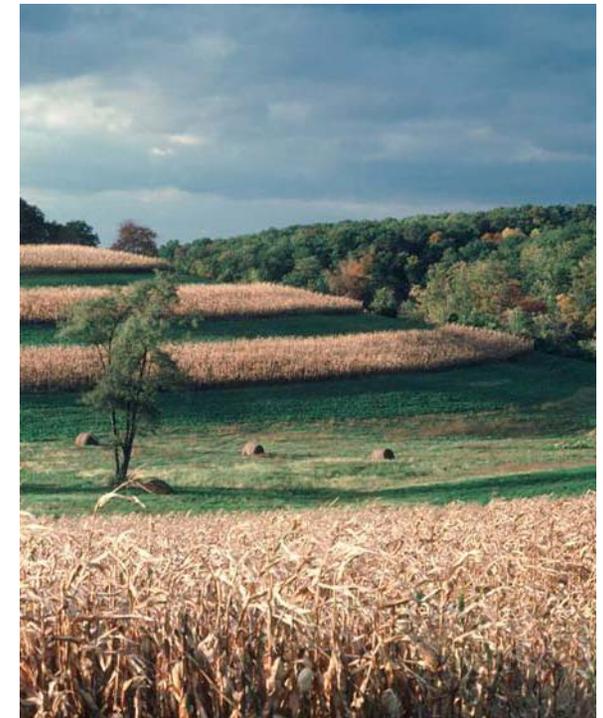
#### TO LEARN MORE

For more information, visit [www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov) under Programs. Contact the NRCS office at the USDA Service Center for your county at:

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# BETTER FARMS AND FARMLAND

*The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service can help farmers in two ways, through **Technical Assistance** or through **Programs**.*

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NRCS has skilled professional staff available to help you plan and design conservation improvements for your farm.

- Better Grazing And Pastures
- Reduce Soil Erosion
- Nutrient Management and Soil Fertility
- Manure Handling and Runoff Control
- Gully erosion control
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat
- Streambank Stabilization
- Woodland Management

Technical assistance is free. Contact the NRCS office to set up a time for NRCS to visit your farm to see what conservation practices will work best for you.

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### Environmental Quality Incentives Program



NRCS can help farm owners or operators pay the costs of many different types of conservation practices on farmland and forested land. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program, called EQIP, can pay up to 70-90% of the costs of practices that reduce soil erosion, protect water quality, improve pastures and many other farm needs.

#### Common Conservation Practices

- Grassed waterways
- Buffer strips
- Cover crops
- Contour stripcropping
- Nutrient management plans
- High tunnel (hoop house)
- Organic transition plan
- Grazing plans
- Watering systems
- Cattle crossings
- Forestry practices

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### Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program



NRCS offers a Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, called WHIP. In this

program, streams, shorelines or small parcels of land can be restored to provide good fish and wildlife habitat. NRCS helps pay up to 75% of the cost to restore the land, for such things as brush clearing, reshaping streambanks, or planting grass and trees.



Farmers can sign up for these Programs at USDA Service Centers throughout the year.