

Conservation Practices

Cropland:

- Access control
- Conservation cover
- Crop rotation
- Irrigation storage reservoir
- Well
- Critical area planting
- Irrigation water pipeline
- Irrigation water management
- Cover crops
- Micro-irrigation system
- Mulching
- Nutrient management
- Pumping plant
- Pest management
- Stripcropping
- Spring development
- Tailwater recovery

For more information on the New Hampshire AMA program visit:

www.nh.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/Farm_Bill/AMA_reserve.html

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Agricultural Management Assistance In New Hampshire



Helping People Help The Land

What is AMA?

The Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program assists agricultural producers to manage risk and voluntarily address issues such as water management, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation practices into their farming operations.

Producers may construct or improve water management or irrigation structures and mitigate risk through production diversification or resource conservation practices, including soil erosion control, integrated pest management, nutrient management, or irrigation systems.

How does AMA work?

NRCS staff will work with you to develop a plan that identifies conservation opportunities on your land. A conservation plan is required for the area covered in the application and becomes the basis for developing the AMA contract.



NRCS will provide part of the average cost for the implementation of eligible conservation practices. Landowners must agree to maintain these practices for the life of the practice, which may extend beyond the end of the contract. Payments are limited to \$50,000 per person, per fiscal year.

Contracts are for a minimum of one year after completion of the last practice, but not more than ten years. NRCS hopes AMA participants will want to continue to voluntarily address issues, such as water management, water quality, and erosion control, by incorporating conservation into their farming operations.

Who can participate?

All agricultural producers who have an interest in the farm and have control of the land; or individuals, entities, or members of joint operations that have separate and distinct interest in the land or crop may participate.



What land is eligible?

Existing cropland in New Hampshire is eligible for AMA.

How do I get started?

Visit your local NRCS office to talk with the staff about conservation opportunities on your land. A conservation planner may visit your property to inventory your resources and identify opportunities for conservation improvements. Together you will decide how to address your natural resource concerns.

Your decisions will be recorded in a conservation plan. Practices you select from your conservation plan will become part of your AMA application and will be ranked against other New Hampshire applications for a portion of available funding.

How does the ranking process work?

NRCS evaluates each application using a locally-developed ranking procedure. There is one primary criterion for the ranking system—the level of environmental benefit that will be achieved. Applications which demonstrate the highest environmental benefit will be awarded contracts until all New Hampshire AMA funds are obligated.

