

# Agricultural Management Assistance

Natural Resources Conservation Service - New Jersey



## What is AMA?

The Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) helps agricultural producers manage financial risk through diversification, marketing, or natural resource conservation practices.

AMA is available in 16 states where participation in the Federal Crop Insurance Program is historically low.

In New Jersey, degraded plant condition, water quality, and soil quality were identified as the highest risk factor to farmers.

AMA can provide financial assistance for the development or improvement of irrigation systems, cover crop, conservation cover, and no-till systems on cropland to alleviate these issues.

Contracts can be up to ten years in length. Participants are expected to maintain cost-shared practices for the life of the practice.

## How to Get Started

Visit your local NRCS field office to speak with the staff about conservation opportunities on your land. A conservation planner may visit your property to inventory your natural resources and identify opportunities for conservation improvements.

Together you will decide how to address your natural resource concerns. These decisions will be part of your AMA application and recorded in a conservation plan.

## Who is Eligible?

Applicants must own or control the land and comply with adjusted gross income limitation provisions.

Eligible land includes cropland, pastureland and livestock where risk maybe mitigated through operation diversification or change in resource conservation practices.

## Payment Limitation

AMA provides financial assistance up to 75 percent of the cost of installing conservation practices.

The total AMA payment (from NRCS, AMS and RMA) shall not exceed \$50,000 per participant for any fiscal year.



## How to Apply

Applications may be obtained and filed at any time with your local NRCS service center. Locations can be found on the back of this document.

## How Does the Selection Process Work?

Applications are ranked according to the natural resource concerns and the amount of conservation benefits the work will provide.

Ranking criteria for croplands gives priority to practices that address water and soil quality.

High Tunnel ranking is primarily based on proximity to areas of low food access and distance to markets from where the agricultural products are produced.

## Conservation Practices

### Cropland

- Cover Crop
- No-Till
- Conservation Cover
- Field Border
- Micro-Irrigation
- Irrigation Water Management

### High Tunnel Systems

- High Tunnel

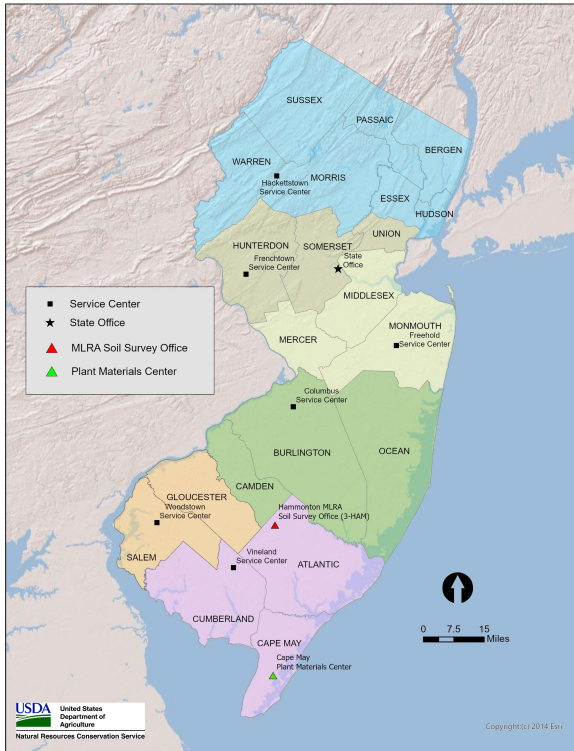
### Supporting Practices

- Cover Crop
- Conservation Cover
- Irrigation

### NJ's Priorities:

- High Tunnels
- Cover Crop
- Irrigation Practices

# New Jersey Service Centers



**FREEHOLD** (serving Mercer, Middlesex, and Monmouth Counties)

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Freehold, NJ 07728

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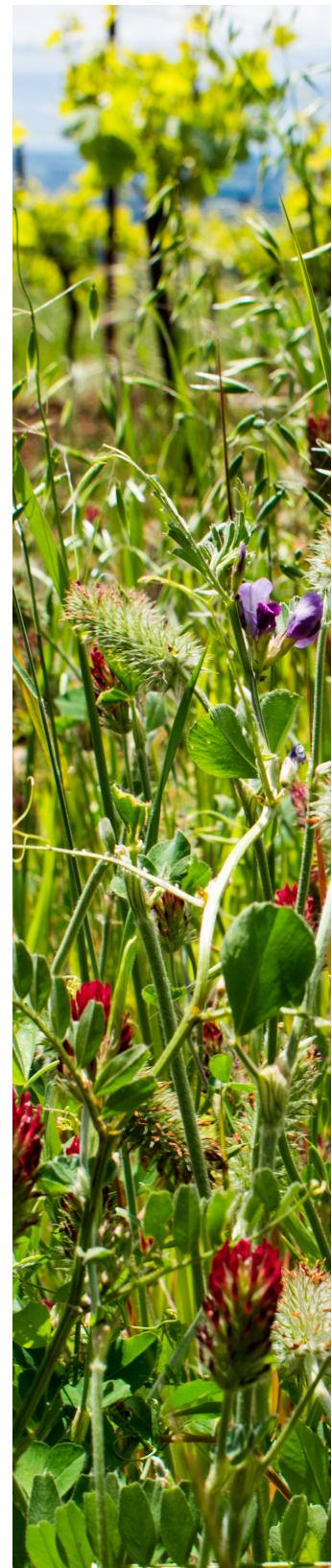
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