

# NRCS and Community Agriculture in Montana

## Who We Are

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps farmers care for the natural resources on their land- soil, water, air, plant and animals.

## How We Help Ag Producers of All Sizes

NRCS in Montana provides technical and financial assistance to growers with:

**Soil Health-** As experts in soil health, NRCS can advise producers on things like how, when, and what cover crops to grow; diverse crop rotations; evaluating soil conditions; identifying soil health testing needs; how to add soil organic matter and nutrients by mulching and composting; and low input management strategies.

**Irrigation and Water Conservation-** NRCS can help ag producers conserve water, by assisting with things like drip irrigation and irrigation water management.

**Wildlife Habitat-** NRCS can provide financial assistance for planting pollinator habitat for beneficial insects, adding structures to attract desired wildlife, and various other practices that will support a healthy ecosystem.

**Season Extension-** NRCS can provide financial assistance for both high tunnels and low tunnels, used to extend the growing season and to protect plants from harsh weather, air pollution, and pests. By making local and produce available for more months in the year, fewer resources are used to transport food to plates.

## Financial and Technical Assistance is Available

The Natural Resources Conservation Service offers a variety of voluntary programs to eligible landowners and agricultural producers to provide financial assistance to help manage natural resources sustainability. NRCS also offers free technical assistance that can help you identify your goals and develop a conservation plan. If you need information in a language other than English, we offer free translation services at our Service Center. Contact your local Service Center [farmers.gov/service-center-locator](https://farmers.gov/service-center-locator)

For more information on NRCS MT programs, scan QR code or see [Montana Programs and Application Dates](#).



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