

A woman with long brown hair, wearing sunglasses, a white long-sleeved shirt, and a brown vest, is standing in a field of tall sunflowers. She is looking down at something in her hands. Next to her is a man wearing a blue button-down shirt, a grey baseball cap, and light-colored jeans. He is also looking down at something in his hands. The sunflowers are in full bloom with bright yellow petals and dark brown centers. The background shows a blue sky with some light clouds.

# Soil Conservationist



**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**



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As an NRCS soil conservationist, you'll spend most of your time in the field working with farmers, ranchers, foresters, and other land users. You'll offer conservation planning and technical help to everyone from family farmers to local government officials. You'll suggest to them ways to conserve the soil, improve water quality, manage nutrients, restore wetlands, and protect and improve wildlife habitat.

You'll make presentations and demonstrate conservation to clubs and organizations and provide outreach for NRCS programs. You'll assist in setting local conservation priorities and then help carry them out. And you'll be able to see the results of your work on the land.

**Qualifications:** A bachelor's degree or higher that includes a major field of study (including 300 level courses) in soil conservation or a related agricultural or natural resource discipline such as agronomy, soil science, forestry, agricultural education, or agricultural engineering. The study must include 30 semester hours in a natural resource or agricultural field, including at least 12 semester hours in a combination of soils and crops or plant science of which three semester hours must be in soils and three semester hours in crops or plant science.

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