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Curt McDaniel is currently a Natural Resources Specialist on the Programs Branch of the Financial Assistance Programs Division where he assists in delivering guidance and support of Financial Assistance programs and business tools within FAPD's Program Branch area of responsibility to achieve strategic goals and initiatives and accomplishment of agency objectives.

Prior to his time at National Headquarters, Curt served the USDA/NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations (ASTC-FO) for the 21 counties in West Tennessee (Area 1). As ASTC-FO, Curt led a group of over 100 direct and in-direct staff, personnel, and partners. During his time as ASTC-FO, Curt oversaw delivery of approximately 100 million dollars in technical and financial assistance that provided conservation opportunities, resources and education for farmers, producers, and land stewards to help protect, conserve and rejuvenate their land.

Before arriving to Tennessee, Curt served as the Assistant State Conservationist for Programs in Columbia, Missouri. During his time as ASTC-P, financial assistance opportunities for Missouri farmers, ranchers and land stewards grew significantly, highlighted by an increase of EQIP funding from 19 million in 2014 to over 40 million in 2018.

From 2010-2014, Curt was a District Conservationist in the Ripley Field Office, serving Lauderdale County, Tennessee. In addition to his DC role, Curt served as NRCS Liaison for the Cane Creek Stabilization Project, a Watershed Rehabilitation project funded by the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), completed a detail on the national CSP team and graduated (February 2013) the first-ever Emerging Leaders Development Program (ELDP) conducted for NRCS by George Washington University in Washington D.C.

Curt began his career with USDA/NRCS in September 2002 as a Soil Conservationist working in the Camden and Paris, Tennessee Field Offices, respectively, until his move to the State Office as a Resource Conservationist on the Programs Staff in 2008.

Born and raised on a century farm in Rutherford, Tennessee (Gibson County), Curt attended nearby University of Tennessee, Martin where he received a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Science. He furthered his education by obtaining a master's degree in Plant and Soil Science at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

His professional career is dedicated to helping people help the land, but Curt also enjoys being involved in agriculture personally. His mother Debbie, brother Brian, sister-in-law Terri, niece Kenlee, nephew Kade, and twin nephews Maddox and Myles still reside on the family farm in Rutherford, Tennessee, where they manage and operate a row crop and cattle operation. Curt's other interests include weekends at the lake, hunting, Tennessee Football, and St. Louis Cardinals Baseball.