

Regenerative Pilot Program

Regenerative Agriculture is a conservation management approach that emphasizes natural resources through improved soil health, water management, and natural vitality for the productivity and prosperity of American agriculture and communities.

This pilot program addresses whole-farm resource concerns through support for voluntary regenerative agriculture conservation plans. It puts American farmers first as a part of the solution to Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) by supporting access to American-grown whole foods, critical to addressing the chronic disease crisis nationwide.



For Producers, this Means:

- Bundled practices will be integrated into a single application, making programs easier to access and more impactful;
- Whole-farm holistic conservation planning is the centerpiece of the program, ensuring that all resource concerns (soil, water, and natural vitality) are addressed together, not piecemeal;
- Conservation planning and producer objectives drive the process, ensuring site-specific solutions that work for the producer;
- Outcomes are tracked, measured, and credited back to the farmer; and
- Producers at every stage, from beginners just starting out with cover crops to advanced operations with years of conservation experience, will find a pathway through this pilot program.



For Consumers, this Means:

- The NRCS Regenerative Pilot Program puts American farmers first as a part of the solution to Make America Healthy Again;
- Access to American-grown whole foods is critical to addressing the chronic disease crisis nationwide; and
- Engaging the supply chain to give farmers assistance and credit for taking care of the soil, water, and land while productively bringing food to our tables, gives American consumers more access to healthy choices.



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Primary Practices

- ◆ Conservation Crop Rotation
- ◆ Contour Farming
- ◆ Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crop
- ◆ Cover Crop
- ◆ Drainage Water Management
- ◆ Forage Harvest Management
- ◆ Forest Stand Improvement
- ◆ Irrigation Water Management
- ◆ Mulching
- ◆ Nutrient Management
- ◆ Pest Management Conservation System
- ◆ Grazing Management
- ◆ Residue and Tillage Management, No Till
- ◆ Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced
- ◆ Stripcropping





Producer Requirements

As part of participating in Regenerative Pilot Program, producers must:

- Work with NRCS staff, partners, or technical service providers to conduct a whole-farm assessment;
- Use at least one primary regenerative management practice; and
- Agree to perform soil health testing in the first and last year of the contract (at a minimum) to establish a starting baseline and to record the resulting changes.

The whole-farm assessment includes all resource concerns, and it must meet NRCS planning criteria in the soil and water resource categories.



MORE INFORMATION

Farmers and ranchers interested in regenerative agriculture are encouraged to apply through their local NRCS Service Center by their state's ranking dates for consideration in FY2026 funding.

Applications for both EQIP and CSP can now be submitted under the new single regenerative application process.



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