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## **Financial Feasibility and Scheduling Conservation Practice Installation**

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With or without financial assistance or program payments cash flow considerations is an important part of the conservation planning process as one looks at the time frames to schedule and install conservation practices. Knowing what the costs are, when they will need to be paid, the program payment amount and when a program payment would be received are all critical to cash flow planning.

- If considering participation in a conservation program contract, it is critical to compare the site specific installation cost to the program payment that is available.
- Gather installation cost information based on the conservation practice standards and specifications.
- Identify qualified sources and contractors for installation. Obtain bids and develop cost estimates prior to making a commitment to a conservation program contract.
- Plan installation in logical sequence as it fits the operation's capacity for capital investment in conservation.
- Consider cash flow needs in scheduling installation of conservation practices. Be prepared to cover short term installation costs during construction and during the time frame between when installation is complete and when a conservation program contract payment would be made if participating in a contract.
- Consider the use of partial budgets and other tools to assist with identifying the net present value of the conservation system that is being considered. Pay back or breakeven analysis can be used to identify the economic impacts for the changes being considered.
- Seek assistance with analysis as needed and contact the local NRSC service center about preparation of the conservation system plan and CPC (Conservation Program Contract) opportunities.