

# USDA Assistance for Transitioning to a No-Till System

## What assistance is available?

- Short-term contracts to assist producers with applying practices such as no-till, strip till, and other conservation tillage practices; cover crops, buffers, nutrient management, pest management, and more than 100 other practices.
- Technical assistance to help producers improve soil and implement practices
- Financial assistance or practice payments to reduce the producer's cost

## How do I apply?

- Contact a local Conservation District office or USDA-NRCS Service Center, found at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov>
- Request an updated conservation plan
- Complete an application for Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) or Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

## When do I apply?

- Sign-up for programs is continuous
- Applications are grouped and ranked monthly, so it's best to apply as soon as you can
- Contracts are written as long as funding lasts

## Are all producers eligible?

- Producers who have not yet adopted no till or supporting practices like cover cropping may be eligible for financial assistance to help defray costs of new practices.
- New and beginning farmers, African Americans, American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians or Pacific Islanders may be eligible for additional practice payments in some programs



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