

## Welcome to the Pennsylvania Natural Resources Conservation Service!



If you own or manage a farm, you could benefit from the technical and financial assistance that we offer. Participation is voluntary and free. Our assistance can help improve production, reduce costs, and conserve natural resources, like the water that you drink and the air that you breathe.



As a producer or landowner, you depend on the resources of your land. These are water, soil, air, plants, animals, and energy. The purpose of conservation of resources in agriculture is to maintain or improve these resources for better production today and into the future. In addition, the water that you drink and the air that you breathe are extremely important for your health and that of your family, so it's very important that they are maintained and clean. NRCS provides technical and financial assistance, as well

as a variety of tools to learn more about the opportunities that you have to conserve the natural resources on your land. Let's work together to cultivate productive lands and healthy ecosystems. The size of your land does not matter, conservation fits your operation!

### ***NRCS is committed to "Helping People Help the Land"!***

Between 2011-2015, NRCS gave over \$200 million to farmers and landowners in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. During the same time, NRCS helped farmers and landowners apply over 95,000 conservation practices.

**The NRCS Mission:** Helping People Help the Land

**The NRCS Vision:** Productive Lands - Healthy Environment

Since 1935, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (originally called the Soil Conservation Service) has provided leadership in a partnership effort to help America's private land owners and managers conserve their soil, water, air, plants, animals, and energy. NRCS employees provide technical assistance based on sound science and suited to a customer's specific needs. We provide financial assistance for many conservation activities. Participation in our programs is voluntary and confidential.

### ***How can NRCS help me?***

*We manage a variety of natural resource conservation programs* that provide technical and financial assistance for the benefit of the environment and the society. Participation in our programs is free of charge, voluntary, and confidential.

Our *Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)* program provides voluntary conservation technical assistance to land-users, communities, units of state and local government, and other Federal agencies in planning and implementing conservation systems.

We reach out to *all segments of the agricultural community*, including underserved, socially disadvantaged, [Limited English Proficiency](#) farmers and ranchers, to ensure that our programs and services are accessible to everyone.

Our science and technology activities *provide technical expertise* in such areas as animal husbandry and clean water, ecological sciences, engineering, resource economics, and social sciences.

*We provide expertise* in soil science and leadership for soil surveys and for the National Resources Inventory, which assesses natural resource conditions and trends in the United States.

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