



Acronyms Used by Pennsylvania NRCS – What They Mean (2/14/17)

A

ACEP	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
ACEP-ALE	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Agricultural Land Easement
ACEP-WRE	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Wetland Reserve Easement
ACES	Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services
AE	Area Engineer
AEC	PSU Agriculture and Environment Center
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AFO	Animal Feeding Operations
AGI	Adjusted Gross Income
ALE	Agricultural Land Easement
APE	Area of Potential Effects
ARC	Area Resource Conservationist
ARS	USDA Agricultural Research Service
ASTC	Assistant State Conservationist
AU	Animal Unit
AWMS	Agricultural Waste Management System

B

BMP	Best Management Practice
BOF	Bureau of Forestry (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)
BPA	Blanket Purchase Agreement

C

CADD	Computer Aided Design and Drafting
CAFO	Confined Animal Feeding Operation
CAP	Conservation Activity Plan
CBP	Chesapeake Bay Program
CBW	Chesapeake Bay Watershed
CCE	Common Computing Environment
CCI	Contract Completion Incentive
CCRP	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
CD	Conservation District
CDSI	Conservation Delivery Streamlining Initiative
CEAP	Conservation Effects Assessment Project
CED	FSA County Executive Director
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CIG	Conservation Innovation Grants
CL	Center Line
CCG	Conservation Client Gateway
CLU	Common Land Unit

C

CMS	Conservation Management System
CMU	Conservation Management Units
CMZ	Crop Management Zone
CNMP	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
COB	Close of Business
COOP	Continuity of Operation Plan
CP	Conservation Practice
CPPE	Conservation Practice Physical Effects
CPS	Conservation Practice Standards
CR	Cultural Resources
CR	Civil Rights
CRAC	Civil Rights Advisory Committee
CRA	Common Resource Areas
CRRW	Cultural Resources Review Worksheet
CREP	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
CRS	Cultural Resource Specialist
CSG	Conservation System Guide
CSP/CSStP	Conservation Stewardship Program
CST	Customer Service Toolkit
CTA	Conservation Technical Assistance
CTIC	Conservation Technology Information Center
CWA	Clean Water Act
CY	Current Year Contract Activities

D

DAC	District Administrative Coordinator
DC	District Conservationist
DCNR	Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)
DMS	Document Management System
DOQ	Digital Orthophoto Quadrangles
DOQQ	Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quadrangles
DUNS	Dunn and Bradstreet Universal Numbering system

E

EA	Environmental Assessment
EAP	Employee Assistance Program
EBI	Environmental Benefits Index
EE	Environmental Evaluation
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
EFOTG	Electronic Field Office Technical Guide

E

EI	Erosion/Erodibility Index
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EJAA	Engineering Job Approval Authority
ENM	Enhancement Nutrient Management for CSP
ENRI	PSU Environment and Natural Resource Institute
EPM	Enhancement Pest Management for CSP
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
EPP	Existing Practice Payment for CSP
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentive Program
ERP	Emergency Response Plan
ERS	USDA Economic Research Service
ESA	Endangered Species Act
ESD	Ecological Site Description
ESIS	Ecological Site Information System
ESJAA	Ecological Sciences Job Approval Authority
ESM	Enhancement Soil Management for CSP
EWM	Enhancement Water Management for CSP
EWP	Emergency Watershed Program
EWPP	Emergency Watershed Protection Program

F

FA	Financial Assistance
FAC	Food and Agriculture Council
FBS	Farm Bill Specialist
FCIC	Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
FedBizOp	Federal Business Opportunities
FIFRA	Federal Insecticides, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
FFIS	Foundation Financial Information System
FIRS	Farm Irrigation Rating System
FLRP	Forest Land Recovery Program
FMP	Forest Management Plan
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
FOTG	Field Office Technical Guide
FPP	Farmland Protection Program
FR	Federal Register
FRPP	Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program
FSA	Food Security Act
FSA	USDA Farm Service Agency
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent Employee
FY	Fiscal Year

G

GAO	General Accounting Office
GIS	Geographic Information System
GLCI	Gazing Land Conservation Initiative
GM	General Manual
GPS	Global Positioning System
GRP	Grassland Reserve Program
GSA	General Services Administration
GSAT	Grazing System Analysis
GSOP	General Signup Offer Process

H

HEL	Highly Erodible Land
HFRP	Healthy Forest Reserve Program
HR	Human Resources
HU	Hydrologic Unit
HU	Historically Underserved
HUA	Heavy Use Area
HUC	Hydrologic Unit Code

I

IAS	Integrated Accountability System
ICAMS	Internet Combined Administrative System
IDEA	Integrated Data for Enterprise Analysis
IDP	Individual Development Plan
I&E	Inventory and Evaluation
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
IRMS	Information Resources Management Service
ITC	Information Technical Center
IWM	Irrigation Water Management

J

JAA	Job Approval Authority
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L

LESA	Land Evaluation and Site Assessment
LiDAR	Light Detection and Ranging
LRSSF	Limited Resource Small Scale Farmer
LOC	Library of Congress
LRA	Land Resource Area
LRF	Limited Resource Farmer
LTA	Long-term Agreement
LWG	Local Work Group

M

MAS	Mobile Access System
MLRA	Major Land Resource Areas
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MMP	Manure Management Plan (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)
MS4	Municipal Separate Stormwater and Sewage System
MU	Mapping Unit
MU	Management Unit
MWHS	Manure and Wastewater Handling and Storage

N

NACD	National Association of Conservation Districts
NAPRA	National Agricultural Pesticide Risk Analysis
NAQSAT	National Air Quality Site Assessment Tool
NASIS	National Soil Information System
NASS	USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service
NED	National Economic Development
NEDC	National Employee Development Center, NRCS
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFSAM	National Food Security Act Manual
NHEL	Non-highly Erodible Land
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NHQ	National Headquarters
NMP	Nutrient Management Plan
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOP	National Organic Program
NPDES	National Pollution Discharge Elimination System
NPPH	National Planning Procedure Handbook
NPS	Non-point Source
NRCS	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
NRI	National Resources Inventory
NTC	National Technical Centers, NRCS
NTSC	National Technology Support Centers, NRCS
NWQI	National Water Quality Index/Initiative

O

O&E	Oversight and Evaluation
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
OGC	Office of General Counsel
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OJT	On-the-Job Training
OMB	Office of Management and Budget

P

PA	Public Affairs
PA	Program Assistant
PACD	Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts
PAGLC	Pennsylvania Grazing Lands Coalition
PANTA	Pennsylvania No-Till Alliance
PD	Position Description
PE	Professional Engineer
PFBC	Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)
P&G	Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines
PGC	Pennsylvania Game Commission (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)
PCMS	Purchase Card Management System
PCS	Pasture Condition Score Sheet
PDR	Practice Documentation Requirement
PHEL	Potentially Highly Erodible Land
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PIP	Practice Incentive Payment
PL	Public Law
PL-566	Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act
PLS	Pure Live Seed
PMC	USDA NRCS Plant Materials Center
POINTS	Program Operations Information Tracking System
POV	Privately Owned Vehicle
PSU	Pennsylvania State University
ProTracts	Program Contracts System
PRS	Performance Results System
PY	Prior Year

Q

QAR	Quality Assurance Review
QAQC	Quality Assurance Quality Control Process

R

RAMP	Rural Abandoned Mine Program
RB	River Basin
RC&D	Resource Conservation and Development
RCPP	Regional Conservation Partnership Program
RD	USDA Rural Development
RED	Regional Economic Development
RIF	Reduction in Force
RFP	Request for Proposal
RMA	Risk Management Agency
RMS	Resource Management System
RN	Reimbursable - Non-Federal

R

ROD	Record of Decision
RSET	Resource Stewardship Evaluation Tool
RUSLE	Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation
RUSLE2	Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation 2

S

SAC	State Administrative Committee
SAM	System for Award Management
SC	Soil Conservationist
SCC	State Conservation Commission (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania)
SCI	Soil Conditioning Index
SCIMS	Service Center Information Management System
SCT	Soil Conservation Technician
SDA	Socially Disadvantaged
SDC	Supervisory District Conservationist
SDM	Soil Data Mart
SIMS	Skills Information Management System
SIP	Signing Incentive Payment
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
SL	State and Local Programs
SLO	Sponsoring Local Organizations
SP	Stewardship Payment for CSP
SRC	State Resource Conservationist
SRR	Soil Rental Rates
SS	Soil Survey
SSPE	Site Specific Practice Effects
SSS	State Soil Scientist
SSURGO	Soil Survey Geographic Database
STC	State Conservationist
STC	State Technical Committee
STIR	Soil Tillage Intensity Rating
SVAP	Stream Visual Assessment Protocol
SWAPA+E	Soil, Water, Air, Plants, Animals + Energy
SWCA	Soil and Water Conservation Assistance
SWCS	Soil and Waters Conservation Society

T

TA	Technical Assistance
T&E	Threatened and Endangered Species
TNG	Toolkit Next Generation
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
TSP	Technical Service Provider
TSP	Thrift Savings Plan

U

URL	Uniform Resource Locator
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
U.S.C.	United States Code
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFS	United States Forest Service
USLE	Universal Soil Loss Equation
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	United States Geological Survey
UTM	Universal Transverse Mercator

W

WAE	When Actually Employed (students, etc.)
WebTA	Web-Based Time Accounting
WHEG	Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide
WHI	Wildlife Habitat Index
WHIP	Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program
WINPOND	Windows Pond Designing Tool
WIN-PST	Windows Pesticide Screening Tool
WLA	Workload Analysis
WLW	Working Lands for Wildlife
WRE	Wetlands Reserve Easement
WRP	Wetlands Reserve Program

Forms

AD	Agriculture Department
ADS	Administrative Services
CCC	Commodity Credit Corporation
CPA	Conservation Planning and Application
ECN	Economics
ECS	Ecological Sciences
FNM	Financial Management
GSA	General Service Administration
LTP	Long Term Project
MGT	Management
OF	Optional Form
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
PDM	Project Development and Maintenance
SF	Standard Form
SOI	Soils
TSP	Thrift Savings Plan

Wetlands/Highly Erodible Lands

AW	Artificial Wetland
CC	Commenced Conversion
CMW	Categorical Minimal Effect
CPD	Corps Permit Decision
CW	Converted Wetland
CWNA	Converted Wetland Non-Agricultural use
CWTE	Converted Wetland Technical Error
FW	Farmed Wetland
FWP	Farmed Wetland Pasture
MIW	Mitigation Wetland
MW	Minimal Effect Wetland
MWM	Minimal effect with Mitigation
NI	Not Inventoried
NW	Non-Wetland
NW/NAD	Non-Wetland resulting from National Appeal Decision
OW	Other Waters
PC	Prior Converted
PC/NW	Prior Converted/Non-Wetland
TP	Third Party Exemption
W	Wetlands
WX	Manipulated wetland, not for production purposes

