WHAT CAN WE HELP YOU WITH?

Circle **natural resource concerns and conservation practices of**

Soils - I want to maintain and improve my soil resources.

Conservation Crop Rotation, Cover Crop, Mulching, Residue and Tillage Management

Water - I want to water my crops and/or livestock and improve the water quality on my farm.

Irrigation Water Management, Fence, Watering Facility, Filter Strip, Roof Runoff Structure, Stream Habitat Improvement, Wetland Practices

Air - I want to minimize drift of pesticides and GMO pollen on my farm.

Hedgerow, Tree/Shrub Establishment, Field Border, Riparian Forest Buffer, Windbreak/Shelterbelt

Plants - I want to improve productivity and health of my crops and minimize pests.

Nutrient Management, Alley Cropping, Contour Farming, Integrated Pest Management, Forest Stand Improvement, Tree planting, Conservation Cover, Brush Management, High Tunnel System

Animals - I want to provide feed and forage for livestock and enhance wildlife habitat or biodiversity.

Forage Planting, Livestock Shelter Structure, Prescribed Grazing, Range Planting, Conservation Cover, Wildlife Habitat Management, Composting Facility, Silvopasture, Waste Management Practices

Energy - I want to improve the energy efficiency of my equipment, facilities, farming/ranching practices and field operations.

Farmstead Energy Improvement, Field Operations Emissions Reduction

Date of my appointment with an NRCS conservation planner:

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NRCS Terminology

Conservation Technical Assistance is the term we use to describe assistance for farmers and ranchers. It helps you address opportunities, concerns, and problems concerning natural resources and make sound land management decisions. We group natural resource concerns into six main categories: **soil, water, air, plants, animals and energy**.

Usually, our assistance leads to the development of a conservation plan -- an assessment of the land that allows you to determine how to achieve your goals while using the resources under your care. A **Conservation Activity Plan** (CAP) is a subset of an overall conservation plan that targets specific areas.

We can help you with:

- A **conservation plan** or a **conservation activity plan** for your farm.
- **Technical assistance** to address resource concerns identified in the plan.
- **Financial assistance** to help you reach your conservation goals (depending on local resource priorities).

Technical Service Providers (TSP) are individuals or businesses that have technical expertise in conservation planning and design for a variety of conservation activities. TSPs are hired by farmers, ranchers, private businesses, nonprofit organizations or public agencies to provide these services on behalf of NRCS. They can help you with:

- A Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)
- Conservation practice design, installation and inspection

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.nrcs.usda.gov/organic

Answer these questions before you visit your local NRCS field office:

- ❑ I want a **conservation plan**
- ❑ I want a **conservation activity plan** to **transition to an organic system**

My current operation is:

- ❑ Certified organic
- ❑ Transitioning to organic
- ❑ Exempt from organic certification (organic product sales below $5,000/year)
- ❑ Mixture of organic and conventional
- ❑ Not organic

I currently produce:

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I am considering producing the following agricultural products:

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My goals and objectives include:

- ❑ Meeting National Organic Program (NOP) regulations
- ❑ Conserving soil and water resources
- ❑ Enhancing wildlife habitat and biodiversity
- ❑ Other: _____

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