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Vermont Conservation Highlights for 2019

Natural Resources Conservation Service

NRCS Vermont

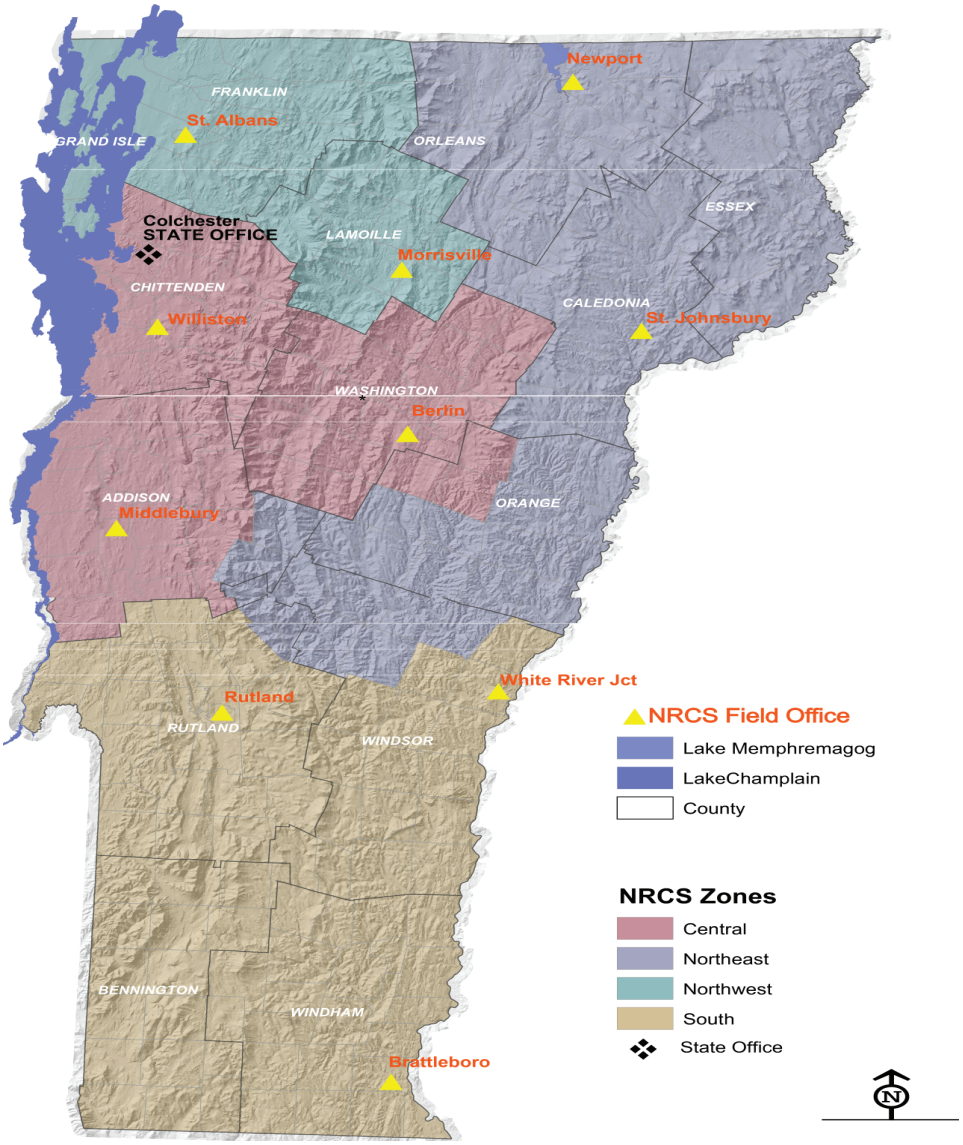
We deliver conservation solutions so agricultural producers can protect natural resources and feed a growing world.

Our vision is a world of clean and abundant water, healthy soils, resilient landscapes, and thriving agricultural communities through voluntary conservation.

In Vermont NRCS collaborates with farmers, forest landowners, communities, and state and local conservation partners to protect and improve natural resources on private lands throughout the state.

In 2019, farmers and landowners in Vermont worked with NRCS to improve and protect 105,737 acres with a variety of conservation practices and programs.

USDA NRCS Vermont Office Locations



Vermont Quick Facts for 2019

- Total land area = 9,250 square miles
- Total water area = 382 square miles
- Percent water area = 4.1%
- Farms = 6,800/704 Dairy farms
- Farmland = 1,200,000 acres
- Forestland = 4.46 million acres
- Official state soil - Tunbridge
- 58 NRCS Employees
- $2.8 million to conservation partners to leverage NRCS efforts
- $5.7 million in funding allocated to NRCS to provide technical assistance to private landowners
- Nearly 106,000 acres protected and improved with conservation practices
- 2,424 acres protected through 19 easements

Selected Practices Implemented in Vermont-Fiscal Year 2019

	Practice Name	Units	Amount Applied	Number Applied
	Cover Crop	acres	20,044	1600
Agronomic Practices	Conservation Crop Rotation	acres	6,996	581
Agronomic Practices	Forage and Biomass Planting	acres	1,359	115
Agronomic Practices	Residue and Tillage Management-No Till	acres	5,856	468
Agronomic Practices	Residue and Tillage Management-Reduced Till	acres	8,027	609
Agronomic Practices	Nutrient Management	acres	8,456	716
Agronomic Practices	High Tunnel Systems	square feet	118,746	39
	Prescribed Grazing	acres	1,396	121
Grazing Practices	Watering Facility	each	76	45
Grazing Practices	Livestock Pipeline	linear feet	51,053	47
Grazing Practices	Trails and Walkways	linear feet	9318	17
	Waste Storage Facility	each	14	14
Barnyard Improvement	Heavy Use Area Protection	square feet	61,330	24
Barnyard Improvement	Roofs and Covers	each	3	3
Barnyard Improvement	Waste Transfer	each	34	34
	Forest Stand Improvement	acres	240	45
Forestry and Wildlife	Early Successional Habitat Management	acres	505	67
Forestry and Wildlife	Brush Management	acres	659	78
Forestry and Wildlife	Forest Trails and Landings	each	38,614	61

Farm Bill Program	Total Obligated in FY 2019
AMA	$247,225/18 contracts
CSP	$710,211/30 contracts
EQIP	$12,703,856/311 contracts
RCPP Agreements -VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC)-$1.2 million through 24 contracts -Cold Hollow to Canada Woodlot Projects-$163,051 through 20 contracts -Wildlife Management Institute, Young Forest Initiative-$147,775 through 6 contracts -Long Island Sound Watershed-$196,771 through 10 contracts -Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District, Lake Memphremagog-$80,786 through 4 contracts	$1,810,997/64 contracts
ACEP	$4,757,506/19 parcels
TOTAL FUNDS OBLIGATED in FY 2019 in Vermont	$20,229,795

AMA = Agricultural Management Assistance

CSP = Conservation Stewardship Program

EQIP = Environmental Quality Incentives Program

RCPP = Regional Conservation Partnership Program

ACEP = Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

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