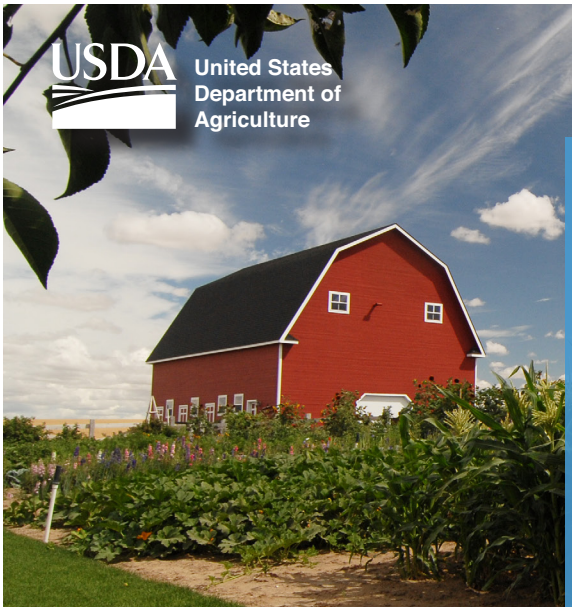

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Your guide to the new Farm Bill Conservation Programs

Below is a quick summary of changes made to conservation programs in the new Farm Bill, enacted on February 7, 2014. These programs are administered by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. The new Farm Bill streamlines conservation programs that enable farmers, ranchers and forest landowners to get assistance.

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	Previous Farm Bill	vs.	New and Streamlined Farm Bill
Financial Assistance	Environmental Quality Incentives Program Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program	→	Environmental Quality Incentives Program
	Conservation Stewardship Program	→	Conservation Stewardship Program
	Agricultural Management Assistance	→	Agricultural Management Assistance
Easements	Wetlands Reserve Program Grassland Reserve Program Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program	→	Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
	Healthy Forests Reserve Program	→	Healthy Forests Reserve Program
Partnerships	Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative Agricultural Water Enhancement Program Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative Great Lakes Basin Program	→	Regional Conservation Partnership Program
Other	Technical Service Providers	→	Technical Service Providers
	Conservation Innovation Grants	→	Conservation Innovation Grants
	Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services Program	→	Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services Program
	Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program – administered by Farm Service Agency	→	Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program
	*Emergency Watershed Protection Program**	→	*Emergency Watershed Protection Program**
	*Small Watershed Rehabilitation Program**	→	*Small Watershed Rehabilitation Program**

**EWP and Small Watershed Rehabilitation Program are not Farm Bill programs but are offered by NRCS; Small Watershed Rehabilitation Program was funded through the 2014 Farm Bill.*

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