



Conservation Technical Assistance

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Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) provides our nation's farmers, ranchers and forestland owners with the knowledge and tools they need to conserve, maintain and restore the natural resources on their lands and improve the health of their operations for the future.

NRCS offers this assistance at no cost to the producers we serve. Our goal is to give our customers personalized advice and information, based on the latest science and research, to help them make informed decisions.

If a producer chooses to take the next step towards improving their operations, we can work with them to develop a [conservation plan](#), with suggested conservation practices that can help them reach their production and conservation goals.

Producers can also choose to apply for [financial assistance](#) to get help installing the conservation practices outlined in their conservation plan.



Conservation Planning

A conservation plan identifies a customer's conservation objectives and assesses and analyzes the natural resources issues on that customer's land.

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PURPOSE OF CTA

CTA provides land users with one-on-one advice, proven conservation technologies and the delivery system needed to achieve the benefits of a healthy and productive landscape.

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HOW CTA WORKS

The CTA program works through a voluntary conservation network that fosters partnership between NRCS, conservation districts, state conservation agencies, and millions of private landowners.

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CTA BENEFITS

Helping farmers, ranchers and forestland owners improve the health of their working lands helps protect our natural resources while helping to ensure the longevity of American agriculture.

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Learn about EQIP Conservation Planning Activities (CPAs), Design and Implementation Activities (DIAs), and Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activities (CEMAs).

Conservation Planning

A conservation plan identifies the customer's conservation objectives and assesses and analyzes the natural resources issues on that customer's land related to soil, water, animals, plants, air, energy, and human interaction.

Technical Service Providers

Technical service providers (TSPs) work on behalf of the customer to offer planning, design, and implementation services that meets NRCS criteria.

This assistance helps improve the producer's operation and addresses resource concerns on their land.

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