

How can NRCS assist with my conservation goals?

The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is committed to helping private landowners care for the land, use it productively, and excel as stewards for the future. Through voluntary incentive-based programs, the NRCS works directly with farmers, landowners, and producers to provide technical and financial assistance to implement conservation practices on the land.

Taking care of the landscape in concert with agricultural productivity is our goal. Whether it's reducing erosion, improving soil health, protecting streams and rivers, restoring fish and wildlife habitat, establishing pollinator presence, improving air quality, or conserving energy, we're here to help you develop a conservation plan and achieve your conservation goals.



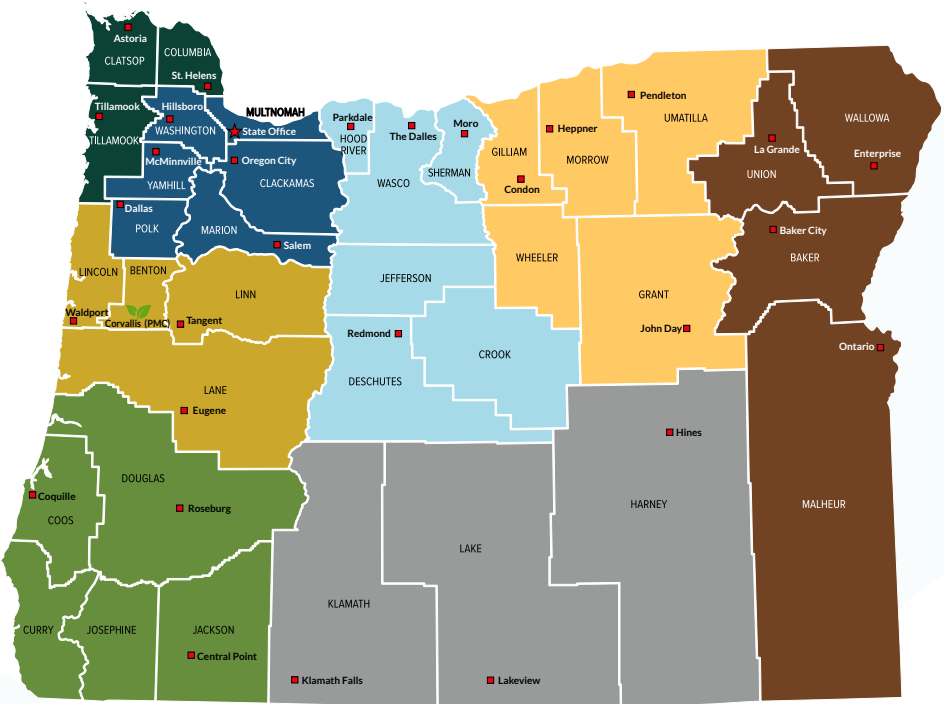
986,702 acres of land enrolled in conservation program contracts (EQIP and CSP).

How do I get started?

It all starts with a call or visit to your local USDA Service Center to develop a conservation plan. From there, our professional staff and technical experts will work with you to identify what resource concerns you may have and which programs apply to you. The NRCS helps you plan, design and implement conservation practices on your land. Find your nearest USDA Service Center by going to www.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/find-a-service-center



25,409 acres of applied forest health practices (EQIP and CSP); 21,779 acres of forest health practices planned in contracts (EQIP and CSP).



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| ■ North Coast Basin | ■ Central Coast/Upper Willamette Basin | ■ Deschutes Basin | ■ John Day Umatilla Basin |
| ■ Lower Willamette Basin | ■ Southwest Oregon Basin | ■ High Desert Basin | ■ Snake River Basin |
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Conservation Programs Available for Oregon private landowners, ranchers, forestland owners, tribes and producers



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WHAT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE?



124,167 acres of applied soil health practices (EQIP and CSP); **395,469** acres of soil health practices planned in contracts (EQIP and CSP).



LANDSCAPE INITIATIVES

These initiatives accelerate the benefits of voluntary conservation programs, such as cleaner water and air, healthier soil, and enhanced wildlife habitat. Conservation programs help agricultural producers improve the environment while maintaining a vibrant agricultural sector. Contact your local USDA Service Center to see which landscape initiatives are active and available in your area. The following are some examples of landscape initiatives in Oregon:

Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership: This program enables NRCS and the Forest Service to collaborate with states, agricultural producers, forest landowners, tribes and public land managers to invest in conservation and restoration at a big enough scale to make a positive difference. Working in partnership, and at this scale, helps reduce wildfire threats to communities, protect water quality and supply, and improve wildlife habitat for at-risk species.

National Water Quality Initiative: Improves impaired waterways throughout the nation. The NRCS manages the initiative by making funds available to farmers and forest landowners in selected watersheds to accomplish needed conservation practices to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff on agricultural lands.

Sage Grouse Initiative: Helps ranchers conserve sage grouse habitat on working lands. Conservation efforts promote overall rangeland health and address other related resource concerns such as wildlife habitat, irrigation efficiency, water quality/quantity, wildfire risk reduction, and more.

WaterSMART Initiative: Collaboration with the Bureau of Reclamation to coordinate water and irrigation investments in priority areas to improve the cumulative impact of water conservation and drought resilience.



12,487 acres of irrigation water management planned in contracts (EQIP and CSP); **8,935** acres applied (EQIP and CSP).

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP)

CSP helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resource concerns. The program provides assistance to landowners who practice good stewardship on their operation and are willing to take additional steps over the next five years.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)

EQIP provides assistance to implement voluntary structural, agronomic, ecological or conservation management practices that address natural resource concerns while supporting agricultural production and forest management. A competitive application process is used to rank applications based on identified resource concern(s) and treatment(s). Oregon funds conservation projects across the state based on input from producers, partners and tribes on local resource concerns and priorities.

REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (RCPP)

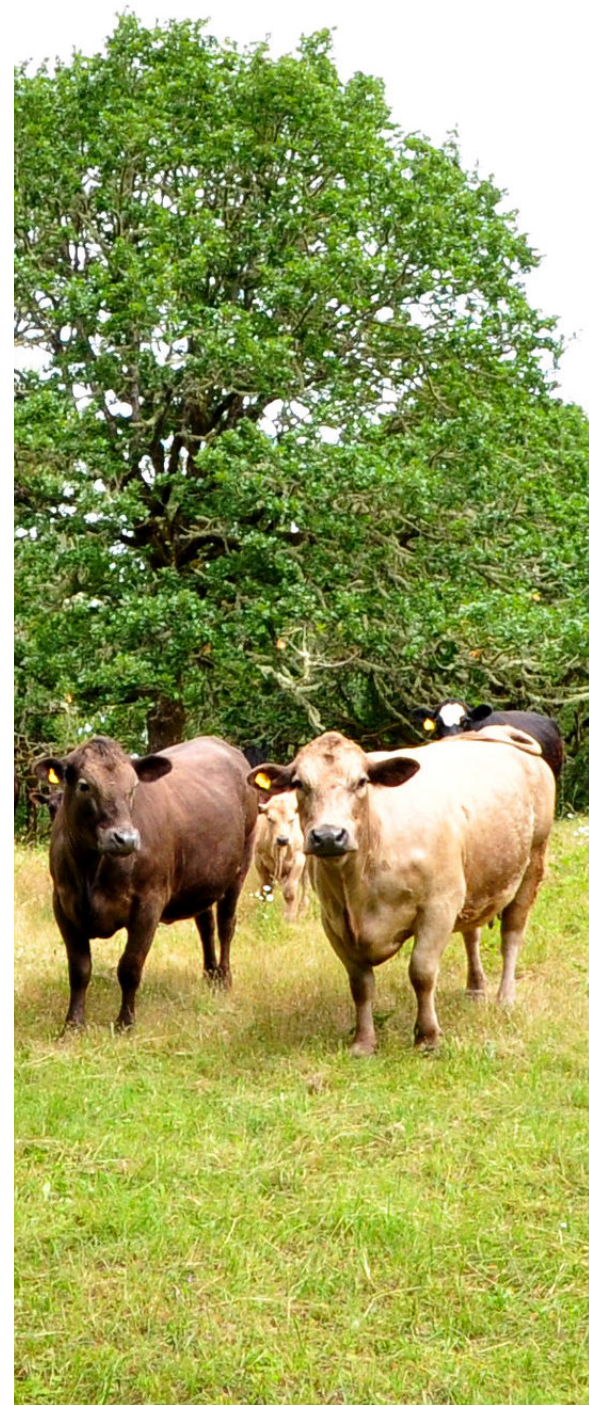
RCPP demonstrates the power of public-private partnerships in delivering results for agriculture and conservation by leveraging collective resources and collaborating on common goals on a regional or watershed scale. The NRCS provides assistance through partnership agreements and program contracts or easement agreements to help producers, landowners and other entities install and maintain conservation activities in selected project areas.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM (ACEP)

ACEP provides financial and technical assistance to help conserve agricultural lands, wetlands, and their related benefits. Wetland Reserve Easements provide technical and financial assistance directly to private landowners and Tribal Nations to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands through purchasing conservation easements and long-term agreements. Agricultural Land Easements provide financial assistance to eligible partners for purchasing easements that protect eligible working lands from the threat of development and conversion pressure.



805,582 acres of private land with livestock enrolled in contracts (EQIP and CSP).



*All acreage amounts in highlights are reported from ProTracts for fiscal year 2024.