

TENNESSEE AT-A-GLANCE

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FY 2025 Conservation... By the Numbers

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture provided **\$7 million** from the Agricultural Resources Conservation Fund for installation of Best Management Practices.

NRCS provided technical assistance in planning, engineering, or agronomic design and layout, and inspection of **2,130** Best Management Practices, which stabilized **76,659** acres.

38 percent of Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding and **35 percent** of Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) funding obligated to contracts with beginning farmers

48 percent of EQIP funding totaling **\$20 million** obligated to **494** contracts with historically underserved customers

Funded **94** contracts on **7,126** acres totaling **\$6 million** through the EQIP Landscape Conservation Initiatives

Closed **6** ACEP-WRE easements since September 2024 for **\$2,561,274** on a total of **767** acres.

Obligated financial assistance of **98** percent for EQIP, **99** percent for CSP, and **96** percent for ACEP WRE General.

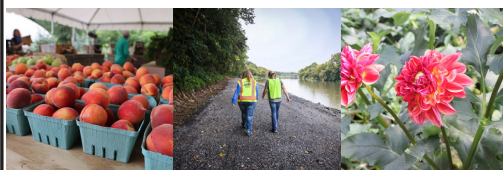
Hosted **4** State Technical Committee Meetings and recruited **9** members.

Contacted **31,062** customers statewide in FY25

Obligated **\$919K** in Seasonal High Tunnels for **50** contracts.

Completed **393** Wetland Compliance and **1159** Highly Erodible Land Compliance determinations.

Conducted cultural resources reviews on **15,414** undertakings across **3,994** farms in FY 2025



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Natural Resources Conservation Service Tennessee greatly appreciates our partnerships with the 95 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Tennessee, Tennessee's Association of Conservation Districts, Department of Agriculture, Conservation District Employees Association, Resource Conservation and Development Councils, and many others. Without them, NRCS would not be able to reach our farmers and landowners to implement conservation systems through our voluntary programs on private lands in the state.

FY25 Accomplishments

NRCS Tennessee continues to move the agency mission forward through voluntary Farm Bill conservation programs. Our employees and district partners and others have done a tremendous job with the delivery and implementation of our conservation efforts to producers in Tennessee.

In FY 2025, NRCS Tennessee:

- Completed **100 percent** monitoring on **402** easements.
- Processed **5,220 payments** to Tennessee producers in the amount of **\$63 million**.
- Exceeded the national target of **10** percent wildlife and **50** percent livestock. Achieved **20 percent** for wildlife and **53 percent** for livestock.
- Tennessee has **3** employees participating in the third class of the Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee Southeast Leadership Development Program.
- Hosted **13** student interns from three different programs.
- Developed **2** opportunities to provide funding to individuals impacted by the effects of Hurricane Helene; **\$2.1 million** was obligated across **53 contracts** in the affected area
- Over **42 million** in Emergency Watershed Protection Funds were secured to assist recovery efforts from **9** storm events
- Obligated **\$40 million** for **830** contracts on **82,986** acres in EQIP
- Obligated **\$18,382,161** for **330** contracts on **112,143.8** acres in CSP-Classic.



FY25 Program Highlights

Approximately **\$72 million** was obligated in Farm Bill and financial assistance funding and **\$36 million** in technical assistance to help Tennessee land users, units of local and state government, communities, and other federal agencies with planning and implementing conservation systems.

Farm Bill Program	Obligated Funds	Number of Contracts	Total Acres
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	\$40M	830	82,986
Conservation Stewardship Program	\$27M¹	438	167,736
Regional Conservation Partnership Program	\$1M	32	5,144
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program ²	4M	18	1,776

¹ Total amount obligated for renewals and new FY2025 contracts.

² Total amount obligated for closed easements in FY24 and easement applications taken in FY25

Our Mission

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

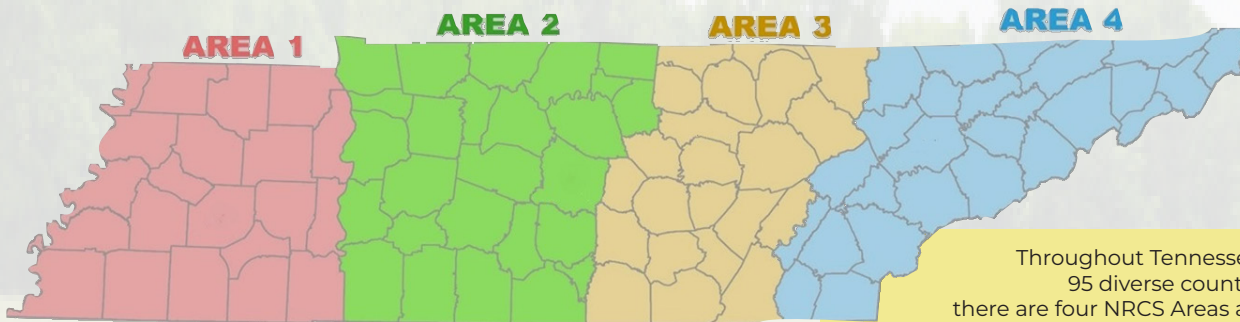
Our Vision

A world of clean and abundant water, healthy soils, resilient landscapes, and thriving agricultural communities through voluntary conservation.



Helping People Help the Land

Tennessee State Map (NRCS Area Boundaries)



Throughout Tennessee's 95 diverse counties, there are four NRCS Areas and 72 USDA Service Centers

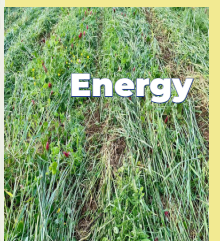
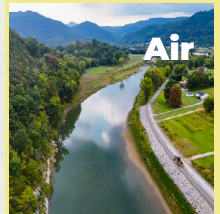
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Who We Are...What We Do

Simply put—NRCS in Tennessee helps American farmers make conservation work for them through its science-based conservation planning and implementation. The system of practices we promote helps farmers improve production, reduce input costs, and conserve natural resources for the future. We also provide financial resources to help with the costs involved with getting conservation on the ground and improving soil health, water and air quality, and other natural resource benefits.

As of October 2025, there were **220** NRCS employees working in Tennessee throughout **72** USDA Service Centers in the state along with four area offices and the Nashville state office. In FY 2025, NRCS partnerships included **48** active contribution, cooperative, and grant agreements totaling **\$33 million** that supported **79** field positions.

Our Earth Team volunteers are instrumental in helping us put conservation on the ground by donating hundreds of hours of their time to help NRCS Tennessee in its efforts and meet its mission of helping people help the land. These dedicated volunteers work with our conservation partners on private lands to improve soil quality, conserve water, improve air quality, and enhance wildlife habitat.



About Our Programs...

Environmental Quality Incentives Program offers financial and technical assistance to eligible producers to help install or implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land.

Conservation Stewardship Program helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resource concerns.

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program provides financial and technical assistance to help conserve agricultural lands and wetlands and their related benefits. This program contains an Agricultural Land Easements and a Wetlands Reserve Easements component.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program is merit-based and targets specific vulnerable areas and is administered through partnership agreements and through program contracts or easement agreements.