

NRCS Resource Concern List

FY 2026

Soil Category

Soil Erosion Concerns

- Sheet and rill erosion
- Wind Erosion
- Ephemeral Gully Erosion
- Classic gully erosion
- Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels

Soil Health Concerns

- Subsidence
- Compaction
- Organic matter depletion
- Concentration of salts or other chemicals
- Soil organism habitat loss or degradation
- Aggregate instability

Water Category

Water Quantity Concerns

- Ponding and flooding
- Seasonal high-water table
- Seeps
- Drifted snow
- Surface water depletion
- Groundwater depletion
- Naturally available moisture use
- Inefficient Irrigation water use

Water Quality Concerns

- Nutrients transported to surface water
- Nutrients transported to groundwater
- Pesticides transported to surface water
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- Pathogens and chemicals from manure, bio-solids, or compost applications transported to surface water

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Salts transported to surface water

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Petroleum, heavy metals, and other pollutants transported to surface water

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Sediment transported to surface water

Air Category

Air Quality Concerns

Emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors

Emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs)

Emissions of ozone precursors

Objectionable odor

Emissions of airborne reactive nitrogen

Plant Category

Plant Health Concerns

Plant productivity and health

Plant structure and composition

Plant pest pressure

Wildfire Hazard Concern

Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation

Animal Category

Terrestrial Habitat Concern

Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates

Aquatic Habitat Concerns

Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms

Elevated water temperature

Livestock Health Concerns

Feed and forage balance

Inadequate livestock shelter

Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution

Energy Category

Energy Use Concerns

Energy efficiency of equipment and facilities

Energy efficiency of farming/ranching practices and field operations

Agricultural Land Loss

Land Protections (easements)