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Jaia Fischer has served as the state conservationist for USDA-NRCS, Iowa, since October 2026.

She provides agency and natural resources leadership and support to Iowa NRCS, including implementing NRCS's priorities and providing conservation technical assistance and financial assistance on private lands.

Most recently, Fischer served as the assistant state conservationist for management and strategy. In that role, she oversaw business operations for Iowa NRCS. Fischer implemented streamlined processes resulting in more effective and efficient service for producers. She also served as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Office of the Deputy Chief for Management and Strategy.

Throughout her first 10 years with the agency, Fischer served in technical positions in the field as a soil conservationist and district conservationist. She then transitioned to the Iowa State Office, where she became involved in business operations and contributed to many national projects involving NRCS business tools and administrative processes. Fischer has also served in acting roles at both the national and state levels, supporting management and program areas.

As a native Iowan, Fischer is proud to represent NRCS and to serve the people of Iowa. She grew up on a farm in central Iowa where she currently resides with her family. They operate a cow-calf operation and a row crop farm. She is also actively involved in agricultural programs for children and young adults in her rural community.