

Agricultural Management Assistance

Natural Resources Conservation Service



USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service offers voluntary Farm Bill programs that benefit both agricultural producers and the environment.

Overview

The Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) helps agricultural producers manage financial risk through diversification, marketing, or natural resource conservation practices.

NRCS administers the conservation provisions while Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and Risk Management Agency (RMA) implement the production diversification and marketing provisions.

How It Works

AMA is available in 16 states where participation in the Federal Crop Insurance Program is historically low: Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

NRCS works with producers to develop an AMA plan of operations. Producers may construct or improve water management structures or irrigation structures; plant trees for windbreaks or to improve water quality; and mitigate risk through production diversification or resource conservation practices, including soil erosion control, integrated pest management, or transition to organic farming.

Contracts are for not more than 10 years. Participants are expected to maintain cost-shared practices for the life of the practice.

Who is Eligible?

Applicants must own or control the land within an identified AMA State and comply with adjusted gross income limitation provisions.

Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, grassland, pastureland, non-industrial forestland, and other private land that produces crops or livestock where risk may be mitigated through operation diversification or change in resource conservation practices.

Payment Limitation

AMA provides financial assistance up to 75 percent of the cost of installing conservation practices.

The total AMA payments (from NRCS, AMS, and RMA) shall not exceed \$50,000 per participant for any fiscal year.

How to Apply

Applications may be obtained and filed at any time with your local USDA Service Center, which you can find at farmers.gov/working-with-us/service-center-locator, or a conservation district office.

Applications may also be accepted by cooperating conservation partners approved or designated by NRCS.

More Information

For more information, visit nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill or farmers.gov.

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