



Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA)

Fact Sheet

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

What Is AMA?

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 and Risk Management Agency implement the production diversification and marketing provisions.

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 a minimum of one year after completion of the last practice, but not more than 10 years. Participants are expected to maintain cost-shared practices for the life of the practice. 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.

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.

How Do I Apply?

Apply at your local [USDA Service Center](#). Applications are accepted at any time.

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



More Information

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