

## Highlights of NRCS Accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2003...

•Through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Tennessee landowners received \$7.3 million in funding this fiscal year. There were approximately 525 contracts with four contracts at \$100,000.

•The Conservation Reserve Program assisted landowners with 1267 offers that were accepted on 53,231 acres. (The CRP Program is administered by the Farm Service Agency with technical assistance by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.)

•Through the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP), the Natural Resources Conservation Service obligated and committed \$2.1 million to restore Tennessee's wetlands and enhance wetland functions and values. This year, there were six new easements and approximately 1575 acres accepted.

•In fiscal year 2003, the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) provided \$120,000 in funding to 30 landowners to develop and enhance wildlife habitat on 54,682 acres.

•A new program called the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) has been very popular with Tennessee landowners this year. GRP funding in the amount of \$1,160,000 was provided to 70 landowners in the state this fiscal year. (The Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Farm Service Agency administer the program, in cooperation with the Forest Service.)

•Total Farm Bill funding provided to Tennessee landowners amounted to \$10.6 million (not counting CRP).

•Tennessee's Soil Survey Program administered by NRCS is a joint effort of federal, state, and local agencies. Six soil surveys were published this fiscal year. They were: Polk, Bedford, Sequatchie, Dickson, Cheatham, and Campbell. In fiscal year 2003, soil survey mapping was completed on 410,000 acres in the state.

•The Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program helped local sponsors complete more than 112 RC&D projects to benefit local communities and citizens in Tennessee.

•The Emergency Watershed Program funding provided through the Natural Resources Conservation Service for previous disaster events assisted Tennessee communities and citizens this fiscal year as follows: \$884,000 in Middle Tennessee and \$6,400,000 in East Tennessee.

•In fiscal year 2003, NRCS helped landowners plan and apply...

-conservation systems on 380,665 acres of cropland and pastureland.

-conservation buffers on 5,094 acres.

-prescribed grazing practices on 43,684 acres.

-nutrient management on 146,740 acres.

-pest management on 140,815 acres, and

-35 Conservation Nutrient Management Plans that included 23 animal waste management systems.

•Tennessee Natural Resources Conservation Service employees assisted 142,155 customers this fiscal year and those customers included landusers, groups, units of government and others.

•The estimated annual tons of soil saved in Tennessee this fiscal year amounted to 1,500,747 tons that was a result of landowners who voluntarily applied conservation practices to their land.

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## People

### Employees

- 251 full-time employees
- 10 permanent part-time and temporary employees

### Partners

- 475 unpaid conservation district officials
- 100 permanent conservation district employees and 16 technicians
- 451 Earth Team volunteers
- 319 RC&D Council Members

### Location of NRCS Employees

•Field Offices	153
•State Office	47
•Area Offices	23
•Soil Survey Party Offices	18
•RC&D Offices	20

### NRCS Occupations

•Professional	192
•Technical	36
•Administrative	17
•Clerical	16

## Offices

•Field Offices co-located with other USDA Agencies	72
•Soil Conservation District Offices serviced by NRCS	95
•Area Offices	3
•Technical Service Center	1
•Soil Survey Offices	9
•RC&D Offices	10



## Customers

- Farmers and landowners
- Urban, suburban, and rural decisionmakers
- Federal agencies
- State and local governments
- Educators
- Civic organizations and youth groups
- Other individuals, groups, and associations, and ultimately every water user and food consumer in the State

## Partnerships

- Conservation Districts
- Local communities and community-based organizations
- Federal and State agencies
- Agricultural groups
- Conservation and environmental groups
- Professional societies
- Resource Conservation and Development Councils
- Universities
- Agribusiness
- National Cooperative Soil Survey cooperators

## NRCS Programs and Initiatives

- Conservation Technical Assistance
- Emergency Watershed Protection Program
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- Farmland Protection Initiatives
- Forestry Incentives Program
- Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative
- Resource Conservation and Development
- Wetlands Reserve Program
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
- Grassland Reserve Program
- Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Operations
- Watershed Surveys and Planning
- Rural Abandoned Mine Reclamation
- National Resources Inventory
- Plant Materials
- Soil Survey
- Watershed Rehabilitation Program

## NRCS Also Provides Technical Assistance to Support...

- Conservation Compliance Highly Erodible Land Conservation Provisions (with Farm Service Agency)
- Wetland Conservation Provisions (with Farm Service Agency, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Conservation Reserve and Emergency Conservation Programs (administered by Farm Service Agency and others.)
- Flood Plain Management Program (with Federal Emergency Management Agency, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of the Interior)