



Building From the Ground Up



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NRCS Conservation

1. **Contact** your local service center
2. **Site visit** to assess conservation needs
3. Develop your **conservation plan**
4. Utilize NRCS **financial assistance** programs

NRCS Financial Programs

EQIP Environmental Incentives Program
implement structural & management conservation
practices

AMA Agricultural Management Assistance
address water and erosion issues

CSP Conservation Stewardship Program
take conservation efforts to the next level

Different Types of FSA Loans

Direct Farm Ownership

- Purchase or enlarge/expand current operations, increase agricultural productivity, and assist with land tenure

Direct Farm Operating Loans

- Annual Operating Loan - consumables/inputs
- Term Operating Loan - longer lasting items

Direct Down Payment Loans

- Assisting beginning, Veteran, and socially disadvantaged farmers in purchasing real estate

Microloans

- serves financial needs of new, niche, and small to mid-sized family farm operations

Where to Look

FSA Farm Service Agency

NRCS National Resource Conservation
Service

RMA Risk Management Agency

USDA agencies that are here to support the
financial and technical needs of beginning and
socially disadvantaged farmers

How to Get Started

Contact your local county office to establish your
farm, tract numbers, and fill out eligibility forms.

Find more information on farm grants and loans in the [resource library](#).

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