



## The 2008 Farm Bill in New Hampshire



The conservation provisions in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) will affect farmers in New Hampshire for years to come. The new provisions build on the conservation gains made by landowners over the past decade. They simplify existing programs and create new programs to address high priority environmental protection goals.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service will offer the following Farm Bill programs in New Hampshire:

### **Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) **NEW****

AWEP is a voluntary conservation program that provides financial and technical assistance to farmers for applying agricultural water enhancement activities that conserve ground and surface water and improve water quality on agricultural lands.

### **Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP) **NEW****

CStP is a voluntary conservation program that rewards good land stewards and encourages producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by undertaking additional conservation activities and improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities.

### **Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA)**

AMA provides cost share assistance to agricultural producers to voluntarily address issues such as water management, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into their farming operations.

### **Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)**

FRPP is a voluntary program that helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture. The program provides matching funds to purchase conservation easements.

### **Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) **NEW****

CCPI provides targeted assistance to producers for enhancing conservation outcomes on agricultural and nonindustrial private forest land. Areas of CCPI assistance are selected competitively through applications of eligible partners.

### **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land.

### **Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)**

CIG is a voluntary program that enables public and private entities to accelerate technology transfer and adoption of promising technologies and approaches to address some of the Nation's most pressing natural resource concerns.

### **Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)**

GRP is a voluntary program for landowners and operators to protect, restore, and enhance grassland, including rangeland, pastureland, and shrubland.

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### **Healthy Forest Reserve Program (HFRP)**

HFRP is a voluntary program established for the purpose of restoring and enhancing forest ecosystems to promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species and improve biodiversity.

### **Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)**

WRP is a voluntary program that provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and Tribes to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands.

### **Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)**

WHIP is a voluntary program that provides technical and financial assistance for private landowners to develop and improve high quality habitat that supports wildlife populations of National, State, Tribal, and local significance.

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### **Belknap County Conservation District**

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### **Concord Field Service Center**

#### **Merrimack County Conservation District**

10 Ferry St., Suite 211, Concord, NH 03301  
603-223-6021

### **Conway Field Service Center**

#### **Carroll County Conservation District**

73 Main St.  
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### **Epping Field Service Center**

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Epping, NH 03042  
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#### **Cheshire County Conservation District**

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