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State agricultural Best Management Practice cost share program;
Conservation education (youth & adult); water quality.

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NRCS is a federal agency that provides educational technical assistance to help conserve natural resources on private land. NRCS is responsible for the inventory of Wetlands, design and feasibility studies of conservation projects, water quality and water conservation, wildlife restoration and preservation and conservation measures required in repair damages due to natural disasters.

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