

**Conservation
Security Program
(CSP)
Participant
Records**

NOTE: This packet displays the type of records needed to document your conservation practices and management. These or equivalent records are required at the time of your application. At least 2 years of records are required.

Applicant's Name: _____

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Land Operator Information

The following information is needed by your conservation planner to develop a quality conservation plan. The information you detail throughout this plan remains confidential between you and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Name of Landowner(s) _____

Name of Land Manager(s) _____

Business or Farm Name _____

Address _____

City _____

County _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____

Business _____

Cell _____

E-mail Address _____

Cropland Inventory

Crop Rotation and Tillage Worksheet

Please provide information on your typical crop rotation, tillage system, and planting system and use of cover crop for the acres being offered. This information will be used for erosion prediction calculation and determination of the Soil Conditioning Index for eligibility and enhancement payments.

Typical Rotation for Crop Farm:				Cotton-Cotton-Corn						
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 - a. No-Till: Planting disturbs less than 10% of the soil surface
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Cropland Inventory

Pest Management Input Worksheet

This worksheet includes information on the methods used to control pests and weeds on your operation.

Application No.	Example	#1	#2	#3	#4
Tract #	1200				
Field numbers or names receiving treatment	1,2,3				
Pesticide application date	4/1/06				
Total acreage treated	200				
Pesticide applied	Roundup				
Pesticide EPA registration number	352-607-1812				
Crops receiving pesticide treatment	Cotton				
Pesticide application rate (lb ai/acre)	1 qt./ac.				
Weather conditions	Warm, no wind				
Application notes: For field areas receiving spot treatments, sketch the field and show areas treated	Used J.J. Scouting Service for pest scouting				
WINPST rating (NRCS completes as needed)					

Cropland Inventory

Irrigation Management and System Description

Improved Water Measurement	No flow measuring devices
	Flow Measurement – Whole Farm – manually recorded
	Flow Measurement – Whole Farm – automatic recorded
	Flow Measurement – Whole Farm Plus individual field – recorded manually
	Flow Measurement – Whole Farm Plus individual field – automatic manually
Improved Soil Moisture Monitoring and Irrigation Scheduling	Visual crop stress
	Soil moisture by NRCS feel method
	Check book scheduling, irrigation scheduler, etc.
	Irrigation scheduling via regional weather network
	Soil Moisture using Gypsum blocks, moisture probe, etc.
	Continuous measurement of soil moisture, water applied and ET
Irrigation System Type	Sprinkler – Big Gun or Boom
	Sprinkler – Hand Line or Wheel Line
	Sprinkler – Solid Set (above canopy)
	Sprinkler – Solid Set (below canopy)
	Center Pivot
	Center Pivot (Low Pressure Improved)
	Center Pivot (LEPA)
	Center Pivot (LESA)
	Center Pivot (LPIC)
	Center Pivot (MESA)
Lateral Move	
Lateral Move (LEPA, LESAs, LPIC, MESA)	

This worksheet contains information on your irrigation method and description. This information will be used to give your system(s) an NRCS irrigation efficiency index rating. The minimum index rating to be considered as having addressed water conservation issues is 50. The following is a list of information that is needed to complete the index worksheet.

Cropland Inventory

Existing Conservation Practices on Cropland Fields

Practice	Tracts/Fields
Terraces/Grassed Waterway/Underground Outlet	
Conservation Crop Rotation (Specify crops.)	
Sod Based Rotation (Specify number of years grass and crops.)	
Contour Buffer Strips	
Cover Crop	
Field Border (at least 20' wide)	
Filter Strips (at least 30' wide)	
Hedgerow Planting (or existing hedgerow)	
Pasture and Hayland Planting	
Prescribed Grazing (on cropland)	
Riparian Forest Buffer (at least 35' -- existing)	
Stripcropping	
Sediment Basin	
Water & Sediment Control Basin	
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (Describe.)	
Others (Describe.)	

Pasture Land Inventory

Grazing Management Records

Keeping accurate records is a continual process in effective pasture and livestock management. Records help you track pasture conditions and effectively manage each pasture in your grazing system.

Pasture ID		Pasture acres		Forage type		
Soil test date		Lime/Fertilizer rate		Lime/Fertilizer type		Date applied
Livestock		Date in	Forage height/condition*	Date out	Forage height/condition*	Notes (fertilizer applied)
Type	Number					

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Type	Number					

* Forage height/condition (see page 16)

Pasture Land Inventory

Grazing Management Records (continued)

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Type	Number						

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Forage Reference Tables

*Forage Condition:

- Extremely Poor (EP): <30% stand of desired grass or production reduced by at least 70% of average
- Poor (P): 30%-50% stand of desired forage or production reduced by 50% -70% of average
- Fair (F): 50%-70% stand of desired forage or production reduced by 20 - 30% of average.
- Good (G): 70%-80% stand of desired forage or average production
- Excellent (E): >80% stand of desired forage or above average production

Grass	Lbs. Dry Matter/Ac-In	Lbs. Dry Matter/Ac-In	Tons Dry Matter/Ac	Tons Dry Matter/Ac
	Avg.	Range (Low- High)	Avg.	Range (Low – High)
Bahiagrass	200	100 - 350	4T	2T – 7T
Bermudagrass common	260	150 - 500	4T	2T – 7T
Bermudagrass improved	260	150 - 500	6T	4T – 10T
Annual ryegrass	250	75 - 400	3T	1T – 5T
Oats, rye, wheat	150	75 - 250	3T	1T – 5T
Sorghum-Sudan Hybrids	200	100 - 300	4T	2T - 6T

Hay Production Records

Keeping accurate records is a continual process in effective livestock management. Records help you track production and effectively manage each field in your operation.

Field ID		Field acres		Forage type		Soil test date	
Cutting number	Date cut	Yield		Weather		Storage	Notes (fertilizer applied)

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Hay Production Records, continued

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Pasture Land Inventory

Pasture Pest Management Input Worksheet

This worksheet includes information on the methods used to control pests and weeds on your operation.

Application No.	Example	#1	#2	#3	#4
Pesticide application date	5-30-2004				
Tract #	200				
Field numbers or names receiving treatment	1,2				
Total acreage treated	55				
Pesticide applied	2,4-D				
Pesticide EPA registration number	94-75-7				
Crops receiving pesticide treatment	Bermuda pasture				
Pesticide application rate (lb ai/acre)	1 lb (1 qt.)				
Weather conditions	Sunny and dry				
Win-Pst Rating (completed by NRCS as needed)					

Pasture Land Inventory

Existing Conservation Practices in Pasture/Hayland

Practice	Tracts/Fields
Pasture and Hayland Planting	
Grassed Waterway	
Channel Bank Vegetation	
Heavy Use Area Protection (around troughs or hay feeding areas)	
Prescribed Burning	
Riparian Herbaceous Cover	
Livestock Exclusion (Streams, ponds, wetlands, etc. fenced to limit or exclude livestock)	
Rotational Grazing (prescribed grazing)	
Water Troughs, Ponds or Spring Developments (in all pastures)	
Critical Area Planting	
Riparian Forest Buffer (at least 35' -- existing)	
Stream Crossing	
Water & Sediment Control Basin	
Fence (Cross fencing to separate pastures, paddocks, etc.)	
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (describe)	
Other (describe)	

Now that you have completed your documentation and made an initial estimate of your category by field, NRCS conservation planning staff will assist you with making your final category determination and submitting your application.

Please contact your local NRCS office to set up a time for an interview to complete this process.

Alabama NRCS Contacts in the Upper Choctawhatchee River Watershed

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18 Nern Street
Clayton, Alabama 36016
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3 Coffee County Office Complex
Highway 84, East
New Brockton, Alabama 36351
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Craig Peters, District Conservationist

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Ozark, Alabama 36360-2801
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Phone: (334) 793-2310

James Currington, District Conservationist

Geneva County - Geneva Field Office
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Geneva, Alabama 36340
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Joe Wilson, District Conservationist

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James Smith, District Conservationist

Henry County - Abbeville Field Office
Agricultural Service Center
810 B Columbia Road
Abbeville, Alabama 36310
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For your interview, please bring:

- This packet or equivalent records.
- An extra copy of pages 1-16 of your CSP Self-assessment Workbook.
- A copy of the latest soil test reports for the field(s) you plan to enroll in CSP.
- Any other documentation of conservation practices you have installed on your land, including:
 - “as-built” documentation (drawings, engineering notes, etc.)
 - photographs
 - receipts
 - records of your pesticide and nutrient applications.
- If you do not own the land, copies of agreements that refer to the land you wish to enroll in CSP, such as a lease, power of attorney, or a letter from the landowner indicating that you have current control of the farming operation.