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# The AMA Program

## Financial Assistance to Manage Risk



### What is AMA?

The Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program assists agricultural producers to manage risk and voluntarily address issues such as water management, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation practices into their farming operations.

Producers may construct or improve water management or irrigation structures and mitigate risk through production diversification or resource conservation practices, including soil erosion control, integrated pest management, nutrient management, or irrigation systems.

### How does AMA work?

NRCS staff will work with you to develop a plan that identifies conservation opportunities on your land. A conservation plan is required for the area covered in the application and becomes the basis for developing the AMA contract.

NRCS will provide practice payments for the implementation of eligible conservation practices.

Landowners must agree to maintain these practices for the lifespan of the practice, which may extend beyond the end of the contract. Practice payments are limited to \$50,000 per contract, per fiscal year. Contracts are for a minimum of one year after completion of the last practice, but not more than ten years.

### Who can participate?

All agricultural producers who have an interest in the farm and have control of the land; or individuals, entities, or members of joint operations that have separate and distinct interest in the land or crop may participate.

### What land is eligible?

Existing cropland in New Hampshire is eligible for AMA.



### How do I get started?

Visit your local NRCS office to talk with the staff about conservation opportunities on your land. A conservation planner may visit your property to inventory your resources and identify opportunities for conservation improvements. Together you will decide how to address your natural resource concerns.

Your decisions will be recorded in a conservation plan. Practices you select from your conservation plan will become part of your AMA application and will be ranked against other New Hampshire applications and compete for available funding.

### How does the ranking process work?

NRCS evaluates each application using a locally-developed ranking procedure. There is one primary criterion for the ranking system—the level of environmental benefit that will be achieved. Applications which demonstrate the highest environmental benefit will be awarded contracts until all New Hampshire AMA funds are obligated.

### Conservation Practices

#### Cropland:

- Conservation cover
- Cover crops
- Critical area planting
- Crop rotation
- Ground water testing
- High Tunnel System
- Irrigation pipeline
- Irrigation storage reservoir
- Irrigation water management
- Lined waterway or outlet
- Micro-irrigation system
- Mulching
- Nutrient management
- Obstruction removal
- Pest management
- Pond sealing or lining
- Pumping plant
- Roof runoff structure
- Spring development
- Sprinkler system
- Structure for water control
- Well

