CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

Applicant (Decision Maker):	**Application Date:**
Address: **Email:**	**Location where assistance is requested:**
Telephone:	**Receive text messages (optional):**
Assistance Requested:	

Click here for instructions to complete this form or contact the local office for assistance.

1. **Do you have a customer record with the Farm Service Agency (FSA)?**
   ❑ Yes ❑ No

2. **Interested in participating in the following (select all that apply):**
   - ❑ Agricultural Conservation Easement Program-Wetland Reserve Easement (ACEP-WRE)
   - ❑ Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA)
   - ❑ Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
   - ❑ Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
   - ❑ Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

   a) Program enrollment type, activity type, and/or project name, as applicable:

3. **Applicant Information:**
   Select the business structure and enter the legal name and tax identification number for all applicants who will be participants on the contract or agreement including the decision maker.

Business Structure (Mark with an X)		**Applicant Legal Name**	**Tax Number** (last four digits)
Individual	Entity		
❑	❑		
❑	❑		
❑	❑		
❑	❑		
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To add more applicants, complete CPA-1200 Continuation Page, Applicant Information and attach to this form.

a) If applicant is a legal entity or joint operation, do you have appropriate documents including proof to sign for the legal entity or joint operation?
❑ Yes ❑ No ❑ N/A

b) Complete the table below for all applicants who meet the requirements for one or more of the historically underserved categories. If none, leave blank. (optional)

Applicant Legal Name	Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher	Beginning Farmer or Rancher	Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher	Veteran Farmer or Rancher	Veteran Discharge Date
	❑	❑	❑	❑	
	❑	❑	❑	❑	
	❑	❑	❑	❑	
	❑	❑	❑	❑	
	❑	❑	❑	❑	
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Note: Advance payments are available for EQIP contracts with applicants that meet one or more of the historically underserved categories. Refer to the instructions to learn more about advance payments. If you qualify for advance payments, you will have the opportunity to request them after receiving a contract and prior to practice implementation.

4. Land Information. The following questions apply to the land being offered for enrollment through this application.

a) Land Type (check all that apply):

❑ Private Land
❑ Public Land: ❑ Federal Government ❑ State Government ❑ Local Government
❑ Indian Land: ❑ Allotted ❑ Tribal Trust Land ❑ Tribal Non-Trust Land ❑ Other

b) Control of Land Documentation (check all that apply):

❑ Deed or other evidence of land ownership
❑ Written lease agreement
❑ Other agreement or legal conveyance (describe):

c) Is the land currently enrolled in other USDA conservation program(s)?

❑ Yes ❑ No
Which program(s):

d) Organic Certification:

❑ Certified Organic by the National Organic Program (NOP)
❑ Transitioning to become Certified Organic by the NOP
❑ Exempt from Organic Certification as defined by the NOP
❑ Not Applicable

e) What is the primary crop type(s)?

f) What is the primary livestock type(s)?

5. **Electronic Delivery.** Would you prefer to receive communications specific to your application or contract from NRCS electronically via email? While NRCS prioritizes electronic delivery, some documents may still be sent in hard copy.
   ❑ Yes ❑ No

The applicant agrees not to start any financially assisted conservation practice or activity or engage the reimbursable services of a certified technical service provider before the program contract is executed by NRCS. The applicant understands that if they start a conservation practice or activity prior to NRCS executing the program contract, the applicant will be ineligible to receive payment for the conservation practice or activity. The applicant may request a waiver to begin a conservation practice or activity early by submitting their written request to the applicable NRCS State Conservationist.

Applicants must provide NRCS with written authorization from the landowner to install structural or vegetative practices on leased land included in this application.

The applicant acknowledges that they have or will file all other required eligibility information including highly erodible land conservation/wetland conservation certifications, adjusted gross income certifications, and member information for legal entities and joint operations with the FSA, as applicable, prior to NRCS approving a program contract based on this application.

The applicant may obtain a copy of the applicable conservation program contract appendix, which defines the full terms and conditions of program participation at the local NRCS office.

❑ Check here if NRCS-CPA-1200 Continuation Page, Applicant Information is attached.

Applicant Signature	**Date**

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