

# **FSA ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**



# **FSA RESPONSIBILITIES**

FSA is responsible for the administration of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

# FSA RESPONSIBILITIES

- Supervision of CRP/CREP
  - STC to COC
  - COC to County Office for day-to-day CRP/CREP activities

# **COC RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Fully comply with national and state CRP/CREP policies
- Ensure that successors-in-interest to CRP-1's meet requirements
- Ensure that county office employees adhere to provisions and instructions in 2-CRP (Rev. 5)
- Ensure that participants are taking necessary actions to establish scheduled conservation practices timely

# FSA COUNTY OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Determine producer eligibility
- Determine land eligibility
- Process Offers
- Administer all approved contracts
- Pay cost-share on eligible reimbursable costs of eligible conservation practices established
- Pay cost-share on eligible reimbursable costs of eligible management practices

# **NRCS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**



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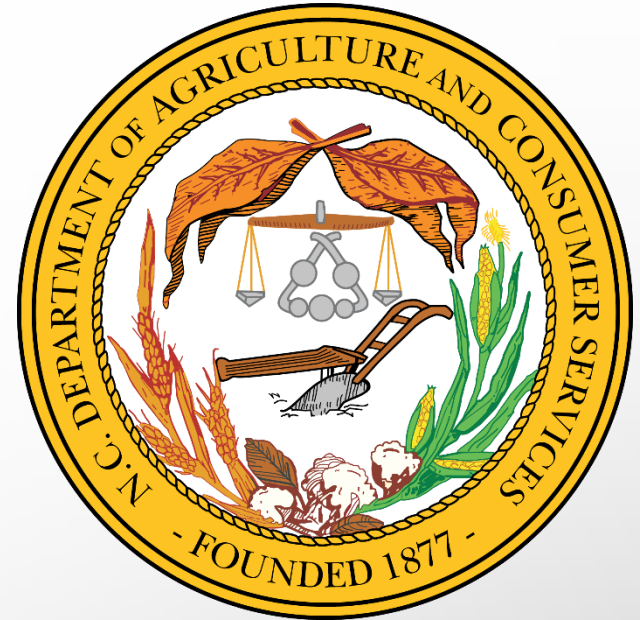
- ✓ Developing a conservation plan that contains all needed conservation practices, (including management, operation and maintenance) to meet CREP requirements.
- ✓ Coordinating planning of tree planting practices with the producer and the NC Forest Service
- ✓ Ensuring specifications provided meet the FOTG standards' **and** the CREP requirements.

# **NRCS RESPONSIBILITIES**

- ✓ Certifying to FSA when cost-shared practices have been correctly implemented.
- ✓ Obtaining conservation district approval of conservation plans.
- ✓ Completing status reviews, on CREP contracts following the state instructions.
- ✓ Reporting to FSA findings that may affect an applicant's eligibility, or apparent noncompliance with program requirements.



# NCDA&CS NCFS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



# **NCFS RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Provide NRCS/FSA with technical assistance for practices that manage and establish trees.**

- **Develop a tree planting plan or management plan that:**
  - **Meets the L/O objective**
  - **Satisfies the intent of the program**
  - **Is consistent with the NRCS technical standards**
  - **No charge for plans, plan modification, and follow – up recommendations**
- **Assist the landowner with contractor services, practice implementation, seedling availability, and quality control.**

# **NCFS INVOLVEMENT**

- **Applicants sign up for a practice at the FSA office**
- **Physically examine the area(s), with the FSA & NRCS if possible, to determine if land is suitable for practices.**
- **During the “ground exam” the NRCS will flag out any Zones or wildlife openings, if applicable.**
- **The NRCS will produce a Forestry/Tree Practice Technical Coordination form and send the service forester a copy with maps.**
- **This form will describe what conservation practices the applicant has applied for.**

# **NCFS INVOLVEMENT**

- **Prepare an afforestation/tree planting plan. Attach the plan to the Technical Coordination form and send 4 copies of the package to your NRCS office.**
  - **Required for CP3, CP3A, CP22, CP31, CP23/23A**
  - **Must be completed within 90 days of applicant sign up or 10 days before effective contract date.**
  - **These plans are to be written with the objectives of establishing certain species to improve water quality and wildlife habitat.**
  - **The plans must address the establishment requirements, maintenance concerns, and management requirements.**
- **Assist the applicant in carrying out practices.**
  - **Provide a list or help locate site preparation contractors & tree planting contractors for the applicant.**

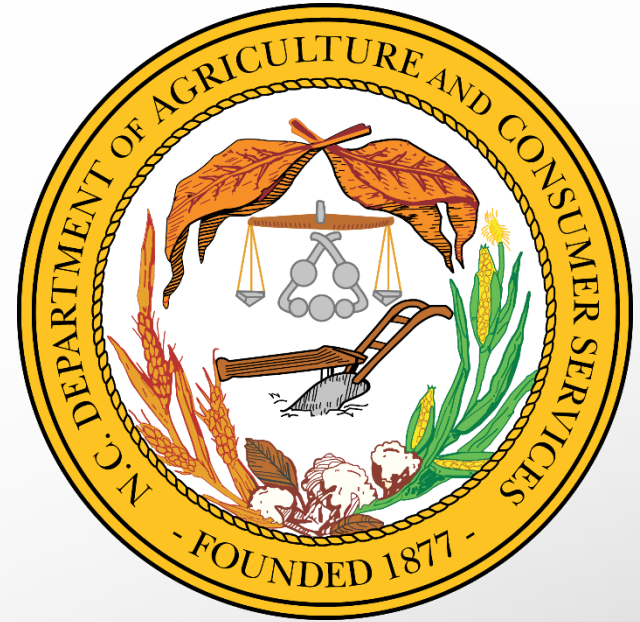
# SWCD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



# SWCD RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide a point of contact for landowner
- Complete State CREP Paperwork
- Complete ACSP Paperwork
- Send completed CREP package to CREP Manager

# NCDA&CS DSWC ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



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# DSWC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide administration of state policies for CREP
- Provide a single point of contact for all state commitments
- Provide annual report to USDA on progress of CREP
- Implement and maintain a database for all CREP State Incentive enrollments
- Develop a monitoring network to evaluate the effectiveness of the CREP practices



# **DSWC RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Exercise right of first refusal to hold easements
- Complete easement acquisition process for CREP  
State Incentive enrollments
- Maintain files for CREP conservation easements
- Provide funding through Soil and Water Conservation  
Commission