




**NRCS Update**  
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## NRCS Updates

**Chief's Priorities:**

- Climate Smart Agriculture and Forestry
- Urban Agriculture

**Staffing**

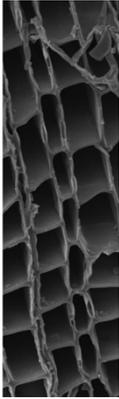
- Soil Health Division National Discipline Lead
  - Candiss Williams

**Climate Smart Agriculture and Forestry**

FY2025 CSAF Mitigation Conservation Activity List

- Provisional Designation no longer used
- CART narratives developed that link the climate smart implementation to the GHG or C resource concern

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/natural-resource-concerns/climate/climate-smart-mitigation-activities>



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### Conservation Practice Standards

- National Conservation Practice Handbook
  - Released In FY24
- Cover Crop 340
- Conservation Cover 327
- Amending Soil Properties with Gypsum 333
- Woody Residue Treatment 384

### Interim Conservation Practices

- Amending Soil Properties with Lime
- Culturally Significant Plantings for Soil Health
- Non-ruminant outdoor management for vegetative cover



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- Conservation Stewardship Program Improvement Process
  - Core Team- Improvement and Implementation
- Erosion Suite of Tools
  - Enhancements for RUSLE2
  - Planner interface for wind and water models
  - WEPS WebStart
- Crop Rotation and Cover Crop for Carbon Credits
  - Programs not associated with NRCS
  - Winter Wheat, Intermediate Oilseed Crops



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