

AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



SUMMARY

The Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) provides funds and assistance for financial services, marketing and conservation practices to lower financial risk for agricultural producers.

- Created by the Crop Insurance Act in 2008
- Administered by NRCS for conservation provisions
- Annual program funding (2020/21): \$10 million national
- Total program funding since inception: \$7.8 million PA
- Funding Source: Federal Budget – Farm Bill

FEATURES

NRCS provides funds for conservation practices that limit financial risk to a producer.

Funds are also available to diversify income with organic farming practices.

Highly competitive in PA. Pennsylvania sets target areas for each year; generally only projects in those target areas are funded. Twenty-five projects funded in FY 2020 for total of \$353,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

Agricultural producer of crops, livestock or owner of agricultural land. Three-year Adjust Gross Income of less than \$900,000. Target areas established each year in each state.

Eligible Costs

Up to 75% of installation costs of conservation practices, not to exceed \$50,000 per year.

Conservation practices must add to overall sustainability of farm income, and limiting of financial risks.

Higher cost-shares provided to historically underserved farming communities.

HELPFUL TIPS

Applicants with current conservation plans that identify the project will receive priority.

Applications that can complete all work in 1-3 years are favored.

Applications are evaluated in ranking cycles, but due to high demand, funds may be exhausted in the first rounds.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply to your local USDA NRCS office:
Lancaster County NRCS: Heather Grove, 717-874-2530
York County NRCS: Eric Samus, 717-894-3001

Annual deadline: October is first ranking round

Link to application: [NRCS-CAP-1200](#)

