



# Climate-Smart Farming & Marketing

Engaging in Community-Science and Practice from Maine to South Carolina

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# What is climate-smart agriculture?

Climate-smart agriculture encompasses land management practices that work to mitigate climate-change by reducing carbon emissions and help farms adapt to increasingly extreme weather.

These include production strategies like agroforestry, prescribed grazing, planting cover crops, managing nutrient inputs, reducing tillage, and other conservation farming methods demonstrated to improve soil health and climate resilience.

# 26 Climate-smart practices

*supported by this program*

Alley Cropping (311)

Conservation Cover (327)

Conservation Crop Rotation (328)

Contour Buffer Strips (332)

Cover Crop (340)

Fence (382)

Field Border (386)

Filter Strip (393)

Forest Farming (379)

Grassed Waterway (412)

Hedgerow Planting (422)

Herbaceous Wind Barriers (603)

Livestock Pipeline (516)

Mulching (484)

Nutrient Management (590)

Pasture and Hay Planting (512)

Prescribed Grazing (528)

Residue and Tillage  
Management, No-Till (329)

Residue and Tillage  
Management, Reduced (345)

Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)

Silvopasture (381)

Stripcropping (585)

Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)

Vegetative Barrier (601)

Windbreak/Shelterbelt  
Establishment (380)

Watering Facility (614)

*The three-digit code after each practice indicates the corresponding Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) practice standard.*

# Program opportunities for farmers

- Financial incentives to implement approved climate-smart practices
- Technical assistance to design and implement climate-smart practices
- Monitoring support to understand the environmental outcomes & benefits of practice implementation
- Marketing assistance to help farmers communicate the benefits of using climate-smart practices in producing their products
- Educational resources via workshops, field days, and peer-to-peer learning



# What to expect

## Apply

It takes about 15 minutes to complete the application survey at [Climatesmart.org](https://www.climatesmart.org).

## We'll follow up

A technical assistance provider will call you to learn more about your farm.  
If you haven't yet registered with FSA, they can help!

## Eligibility documents

Obtain your FSA eligibility documents and submit them for your technical assistance provider to review.

## Site visit

Your technical assistance provider will visit your farm to evaluate the project site.

## Implementation plan

Your technical assistance provider will develop a project implementation plan based on your specific farm goals.

## Contract & payment schedule

Based on your implementation plan a payment schedule will be developed alongside a contract. Signature is required prior to receiving funding for your project.

***Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis. [Apply now!](#)***

# Payment Structure

## Participation Stipend

*Base \$1,000 for each year of your contract.*

*Underserved & Urban \$1,500 for each year of your contract.*

- You'll receive 100% upon contract signature

## Practice Implementation Payment

*Dependent on costs of practices & implementation plan details.*

- You'll receive 75% up front upon contract signature.
- You'll receive 25% when your implementation is verified by a technical assistance provider.

### EXAMPLE:

An underserved farmer will be planting cover crops on 18 acres. Their contract runs for **3 years**.

### Participation stipend

\$1,500 annually over 3 years = \$4500

### Practice Payment

\$153 x 18 acres = \$2,754 over 3 years = \$8262

**Total payment = \$12,762**







# How can you participate?

*Please note that we're still in the pilot phase of this program.*

## Steps you can take now:

- Fill out an application!
- Register with the FSA or check your status
- Reach out to your local FSA office to obtain
  - Your farm's subsidiary print document
  - A .geojson map file of your farm
- Research & learn more about conservation practices applicable to your operation

**Scan the code to  
learn more & apply**  
[climatesmart.org](https://climatesmart.org)



**Questions?**