



HICKMAN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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HISTORY

On September 19, 1933 actual operation of the Soil Erosion Service began. Hugh H. Bennett transferred from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the U.S. Department of the Interior as Director of the Soil Erosion Service. He was the first and only employee of the new agency on this date. The following day Lillian Wieland entered on duty as his secretary. From this beginning the agency's growth was rapid and many thousands of people were employed during subsequent years.

The first great dust storm was on May 11, 1934, originating in the "Dust Bowl" of the Great Plains area sweeping fine soil particles over Washington, D.C., and 300 miles out into the Atlantic Ocean.

On February 27, 1937, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, recommended that states allow landowners to form soil and water conservation districts.

* On August 4, 1937, the first Soil Conservation District was organized in the United States. Established in North Carolina in parts of Anson and Union Counties the district was named "Brown Creek Soil Conservation District".

* Across the United States, nearly 3,000 conservation districts-almost one in every county-are helping local people to conserve land, water, forests, wildlife and related natural resources.

* More than 17,000 citizens serve in elected or appointed positions on conservation districts' governing boards. The districts work directly with millions of cooperating land managers nationwide to manage and protect natural resources.

* Among other things, conservation districts help:

- implement farm, ranch, and forestland conservation practices to protect soil productivity, water quality and quantity, air quality, and wildlife habitat;
- conserve and restore wetlands, which purify water and provide habitat for birds, fish, and numerous other animals;
- protect groundwater resources;
- assist communities and homeowners to plant trees and other land cover to hold soil in place, clean the air, provide cover for wildlife, and beautify neighborhoods;
- help developers control soil erosion and protect water and air quality during construction; and reach out to communities and schools to teach the value of natural resources and encourage conservation efforts.

Information can be found on the National Association of Conservation Districts website: www.nacdnet.org

HISTORY CONTINUED...

On July 18, 1951 through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Hickman County and the United States Department of Agriculture. The Hickman County Soil & WATER Conservation District founding board members:



R.H. BRATTON



WALTER BROWN



LEWIS FOX



ASHFORD PRINCE



J.W. SHOUSE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETINGS: The Hickman County Soil & Water Conservation District is supervised by five board members. Three members are elected every three years, the remaining two members are appointed by the Tennessee Soil & Water Commission every three years. Elections are held one year and each of the appointments are fulfilled each consecutive year following the election. These board members are responsible for representing the agricultural producers and landowners of Hickman County to make sure our office does everything it can to meet their needs. Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. Please visit our website www.hcscd.com for more information.



DANNY ROCHELLE
CHAIR



TIM JOHNSTON
VICE CHAIR



LYNDA HINSON
SECRETARY/TREASURER



BLAKE GRAHAM



BRIAN OWENS

SERVICE CENTER STAFF

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS):



GREG TAYLOR
DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST



HANNAH MCCLELLAN
SOIL CONSERVATIONIST



GINA LAWSON
HICKMAN COUNTY SWCD
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA):



JENNIFER CHILTON
COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



MATTIE BOYD
PROGRAM ANALYST

ACTIVITIES



ACTIVITIES CONTINUED...



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The information in the following charts and graphs represents the teamwork accomplishments by the Soil & Water Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the following programs:

CSP

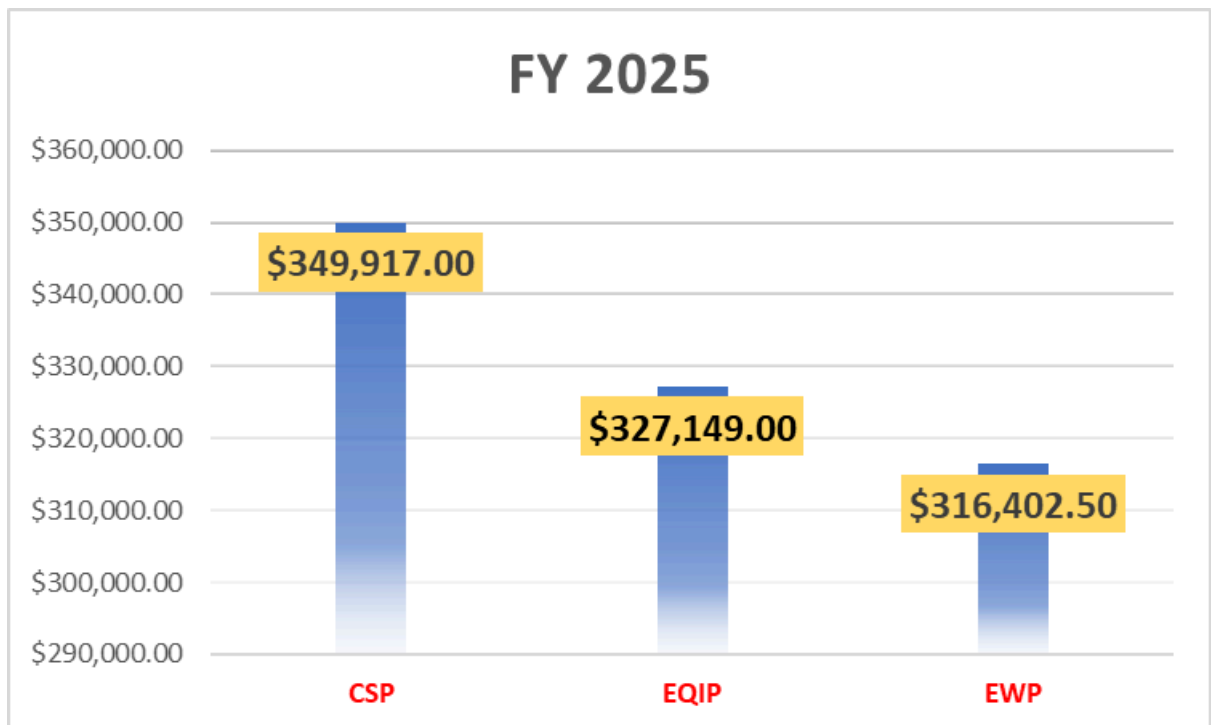
- The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is a USDA-NRCS program that helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resources concerns. Participants earn CSP payments for conservation performance - the higher the performance, the higher the payment.

EQIP

- The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a USDA-NRCS program aimed at working with agricultural producers to improve environmental concerns through better natural resource management.

EWP

- Emergency Watershed Protection assists communities recovering from natural disasters.



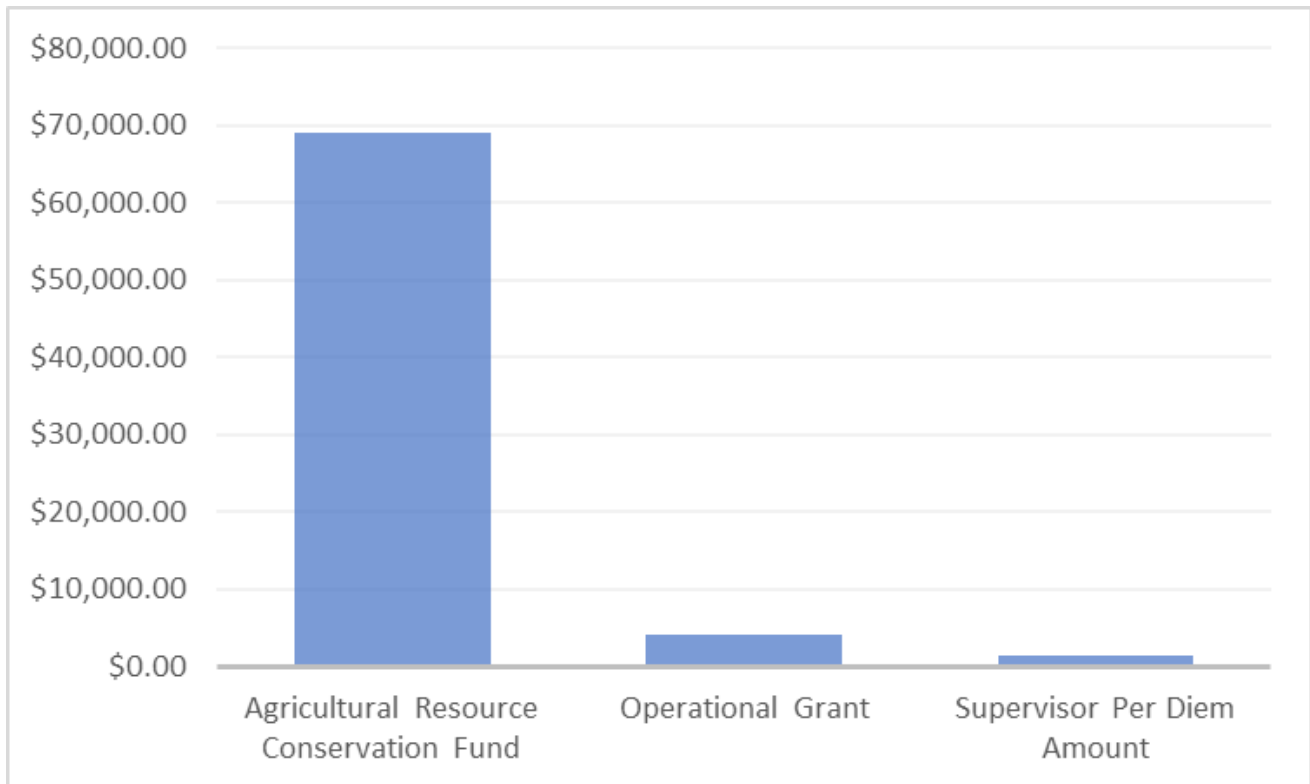
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FISCAL YEAR 2025 TDA

TDA Agricultural Resources Conservation Fund (ARCF)

- The ARCF is a TN Department of Agriculture (TDA) program that provides cost-share assistance to Tennessee landowners to reduce non-point source pollution through use of best management practices. This program is administered through the Soil & Water Conservation District.

Agricultural Resource Conservation Fund -	\$69,000.00
Supervisor Per Diem Amount -	\$1,380.00
Operational Grant -	\$4,000.00



PRACTICES INSTALLED

Access Control	28 Acres
Cover Crop	891.6 Acres
Critical Area Planting	1 Acre
Early Successful Habitat Control	12 Acres
Fence	5,751 Feet
Forest Stand Improvement	263 Acres
Grazing Management	89 Acres
Heavy Use Area Protection	4,860 Square feet
High Tunnel	2,160 square feet
Livestock Pipeline	3,839 Feet
Mulching	1 Acre
Pasture and Hayland Planting	92 Acres
Prescribed Burning	45 Acres
Riparian Forest Buffer	1 Acre
Stream Crossing	2
Streambank and Shoreline protection	1,150 Feet
Structure for water control	5 No.
Trails and Walkways	360 Feet
Tree and Shrub establishment	3 Acres
Tree and Shrub site preparation	3 Acres
Watering facility	6

PROJECTS



PROJECTS CONTINUED



PARTNERS

Over the years the Hickman County Soil Conservation District has worked with a wide variety of Partners providing many opportunities for landowners and natural resources. We would like to recognize the agencies who have worked with and helped us promote good stewardship of our land. We appreciate the support we receive from all these agencies.



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