



Perry County At-A-Glance

The Natural Resources Conservation Service Tennessee works in close partnership with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to help landowners implement effective conservation practices across the state. Together, they provide technical assistance, conservation planning, and access to cost-share programs that support soil health, water quality, and sustainable agriculture. The districts act as community-based connectors, ensuring that NRCS resources reach farmers, ranchers and land managers where they are needed most. NRCS contributes federal expertise, funding, and program support, while the districts bring local knowledge and trusted relationships with producers. This collaboration strengthens Tennessee's long-term conservation goals by combining federal resources with local leadership to protect the state's natural resources.

Perry County Quick Facts¹

County Seat - Linden

Population² - 8,987

Numbers of Farms - 251

Average Size of Farms - 210 Acres

Top 3 NRCS Practices³

- Streambank and Shoreline Protection
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
- Riparian Forest Buffer

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FY25 Program Highlights

Farm Bill Program	Obligated Funds	Number of Contracts	Total Acres Impacted
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	\$137,179	6	376.1
Additional Funding Sources	Total Funding Amount	Number of Contracts	Total Acres Impacted
Tennessee Department of Agriculture			

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¹ State profile data (2022) per USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

² Estimated 2024 population per U.S. Census Bureau

³ Top practices data is per NRCS business tools





NRCS Tennessee greatly appreciates our partnerships with the 95 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Tennessee. Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts, Conservations and Development Councils, are integral to NRCS operations. NRCS would not be able to reach our farmers and landowners to implement conservation systems through our voluntary programs on private lands in the state.

About Our Programs...

Environmental Quality Incentives Program offers financial and technical assistance to eligible producers to help install or implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land.

Conservation Stewardship Program helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resources concerns.

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program provides financial and technical assistance to help conserve agricultural lands and wetlands and their related benefits. This program contains an Agricultural Land Easements and a Wetlands Reserve Easement component.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program is merit-based and targets specific vulnerable areas and is administered through partnership agreements and through programs contracts or easement agreements.



Who We Are...What We Do

Simply put—NRCS in Tennessee helps American farmers make conservation work for them through its science-based conservation planning and implementation. The system of practices we promote helps farmers improve production, reduces input costs, and conserves natural resources for the future. We provide financial resources to help with the costs involved with getting conservation on the ground and improving soil health, water and air quality, and other natural resource benefits.

As of October 2025, there were **220** NRCS employees working in Tennessee throughout **72** USDA Service Centers in the state, including four area offices and the Nashville state office. In FY 2025, NRCS partnerships included **48** active contribution, cooperative, and grant agreements totaling **\$33 million** that supported **79** field positions.

NRCS is helping to ensure the health of our natural resources and the long-term sustainability of American agriculture. Our Conservation Technical Assistance program is the foundation of our financial and technical assistance delivery system. It provides land users with proven conservation technology needed to achieve the benefits of a healthy and productive landscape.



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Our Mission

We deliver conservation solutions so agricultural producers can protect natural resources and feed a growing world.

Our Vision

A world of clean and abundant water, healthy soils, resilient landscapes, and thriving agricultural communities through voluntary conservation.

Tennessee State Map (NRCS Area Boundaries)



Throughout Tennessee's 95 diverse counties, there are four NRCS Areas and 72 USDA Service Centers