Agriculture Cost Share Program

**Program Mission**
A voluntary, cost share based program offering financial and technical assistance for the installation of best management practices to address nonpoint source pollution.

**How Does ACSP Work?**
The North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program is successful in improving and protecting the state’s resources through the grassroots efforts of your local soil and water conservation district. Local districts work with agricultural landowners and renters to:

- Identify best management practices, or BMPs, suited to your operation.
- Develop and approve individual conservation plans.
- Design and oversee installation of best management practices.
- Provide technical assistance to ensure proper operation and maintenance.

The North Carolina Division of Soil and Water Conservation provides technical and administrative assistance to districts, gives final approval to cost share contracts and processes payment requests to farmers participating in the program.

**For Future Generations.**
WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Landowners and renters of existing agricultural operations producing for more than three years are eligible to participate.

HOW DO I APPLY?
Submit an application to your local district where it gets ranked based on resource concerns identified in the county.

Applicants can be reimbursed up to 75 percent of a predetermined average cost for each installed best management practice. Applicants are responsible for 25 percent of the costs, which may include labor.

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