Traci Bruckner will talk about federal conservation programs such as the Conservation Stewardship Program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Programs, The Conservation Reserve Program Transition Option and the Cooperative Conservation Partnerships Initiative. Traci has been working to provide farmers and ranchers, especially beginning farmers and ranchers, information for how these programs work and how they effectively compete in these programs.

The Conservation Stewardship Program provides the opportunity to reward and incentivize farmers and ranchers for caring for the land and placing a higher priority on how the land is stewarded than simply by what and how much is produced. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program will provide assistance to those farmers and ranchers that want to transition to organic agriculture. The Conservation Reserve Program Transition Option will help transfer land to a new generation while still providing conservation-based outcomes. And the Cooperative Conservation Partnerships Initiative gets farmers and ranchers working together to solve natural resource issues.