State Conservation Incentives

Funding and Loan Programs

- MA Ag Environmental Enhancement Program -- $30,000 for Water Quality, Water Conservation, Air Quality or Energy Conservation projects

- VA Ag BMP Cost-Share Program -- 75% cost-share or per acre rate depending on practice

- MD Ag Water Quality Cost-Share Program -- 87.5% to install water quality BMPs
Funding and Loan Programs

- **KS State Conservation Commission**
  - 3 programs, Water Resources Cost-Share Program, Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program & Riparian and Wetland Protection Program; generally share does not exceed 70%

- **VA Ag BMP Loan Program**
  - Construction of facilities or structures tied to water quality protection; min. loan = $5,000; 3% interest rate, up to 10 year term

- **MN Sustainable Ag Loan Program**
  - up to $25,000/farm family for capital purchases for more sustainable farming systems; 3% interest rate, up to 7 year term

Tax Programs

- **Conservation Easement Tax Credits**
  - CO, VA, GA, MS, SC, MA

- **TX Ag Property Tax Conversion for Wildlife Management**
  - Encourages wildlife management plans on land that qualifies as Ag

- **WI Farmland Preservation Program**
  - Provides a tax credit for compliance with conservation standards
Tax Programs

- **VA Ag BMP Tax Credit** - 25% of first $70,000 spent on BMP; $17,500; 5 yr C/F; practice must be tied to water quality

- **VA Conservation Equipment Credit** - 25% of purchase up to $3,750 for most approved items; 25% up to $2,500 for tillage equipment; must have approved nutrient management plan

- **PA REAP** - 50-75% of project costs, depending on BMP; $150,000/ag operation; unused credit may be sold

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Tax Programs

- **AR Water Conservation Tax Credits** -
  - 50% cost of construction, installation or restoration of water impoundments or water control structures; $9,000 used/yr; 9 yr C/F
  - 10% outside critical ground water areas, 50% inside critical groundwater areas of costs for converting from ground to surface water use; $9,000/yr; 2 yr C/F
  - 10% for ag land leveling that conserves irrigation water; $9,000; 2 yr C/F
Linkage

- **NJ S&W Conservation Grants** -- ^50% of approved projects; farm must be permanently protected (1st priority) or enrolled in 8-yr Ag District

- **OH PACE Program** – Highest score given to farms w/ established and implemented conservation plans

- **VTPACE Program** – Use of “Sound Resource Management Practices” is a key criterion in selection process
Linkage

- **NY Watershed Ag Council Easement Program** – Eligibility tied to farm location relative to perennial streams and proximity to NYC reservoirs

- **Dakota County, MN Farmland and Natural Areas Program** – Eligibility tied to location within ½ mile of identified rivers or streams; selection criteria favors significance of farm to surface and ground water quality

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