USDA Assistance for Transitioning to a No-Till System

What assistance is available?

- Short-term contracts to assist producers with applying practices such as no-till, strip till and other conservation tillage practices; cover crops, buffers, nutrient management, pest management, and more than 100 other practices.
- Technical assistance to help producers implement practices
- Financial assistance or incentive payments to reduce the producer's cost

How do I apply?

- Contact a local USDA NRCS Service Center or Conservation District office at http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/
- Request an updated conservation plan
- Complete an application for one of the cost share or incentive programs

When do I apply?

- Sign-up for programs is continuous
- Applications are grouped and ranked monthly, so it's best to apply as soon as you can
- Contracts are written as long as funding lasts

Are all producers eligible?

- Some programs are only available to farmers who have at least $1,000 in gross receipts
- Producers who have never done no-till, are mixing tillage systems where no-till is 50% or less of the tillage system, or have never fully adopted cover crops or a complete no-till system into their crop management
- New and beginning farmers, African Americans, American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians or Pacific Islanders may be eligible for additional incentive payments in some programs

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