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Acronyms Used in NRCS - What They Mean

Acronym	What It Means
AFO	Animal Feeding Operations
ASTC	Assistant State Conservationist
ВМР	Best Management Practice
BPA	Blanket Purchase Agreement
CAFO	Confined Animal Feeding Operation
CCE	Common Computing Environment
CCI	Contract Completion Incentive
CCRP	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
CIG	Conservation Innovation Grants
CL	Center Line
CLU	Common Land Unit
CMS	Conservation Management System
CMU	Conservation Management Units
CMZ	Crop Management Zone
CNMP	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
COE	Corp of Engineers
CP	Conservation Practice
CPPE	Conservation Practice Physical Effects
CRA	Common Resource Areas
CREP	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
CSG	Conservation System Guide
CSP	Conservation Security Program
CST	Customer Service Toolkit
CTA	Conservation Technical Assistance
CY	Current Year Contract Activities
DAC	District Administrative Coordinator
DC	District Conservationist
DOQ	Digital Orthophoto Quadrangles
DOQQ	Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quadrangles
EA	Environmental Assessment
EBI	Environmental Benefits Index
EE	Environmental Evaluation
EFOTG	Electronic Field Office Technical Guide
EI	Erodibility Index
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ENM	Enhancement Nutrient Management for CSP

EPM Enhancement Pest Management for CSP

EPP Existing Practice Payment for CSP

EQIP Environmental Quality Incentive Program

ESA Endangered Species Act

FSM Enhancement Soil Management for CSP

EWM Enhancement Water Management for CSP

EWP Emergency Watershed Program

FA Financial Assistance

FedBizOp Federal Business Opportunities

FFIS Foundation Financial Information System

FIRS Farm Irrigation Rating System
FLRP Forest Land Recovery Program

FTP File Transfer Protocol

FONSI Finding Of No Significant Impact
FOTG Field Office Technical Guide
FPP Farmland Protection Program

FR Federal Register

FRPP Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program

FSA Food Security Act

FSA Farm Service Agency

GAO General Accounting Office

CCPI Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (originally Conservation Partnership

Initiative (CPI)

GIS Geographic Information System
GLCI Gazing Land Conservation Initiative

GM General Manual

GPS Global Positioning System

GRP Grassland Reserve Program

GSA General Services Administration

GSAT Grazing System Analysis
GSOP General Signup Offer Process

HEL Highly Erodible Land
HU Hydrologic Unit

IAS Integrated Accountability System

ICAMS Internet Combined Administrative System

ITC Information Technical Center
IWM Irrigation Water Management

JWOD Javits-Wagner-O'Day (purchasing items from or made by people who are blind or severely

disabled)

LESA Land Evaluation and Site Assessment

LRSSF Limited Resource Small Scale Farmer

LOC Library of Congress

LRA Land Resource Area

LRF Limited Resource Farmer

LTA Long-term Agreement

MAS Mobile Access System

MLRA Major Land Resource Areas

MU Mapping Unit

NACD National Association of Conservation Districts

NAPRA National Agricultural Pesticide Risk Analysis

NED National Economic Development

NEDC National Employee Development Center, NRCS

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act NFSAM National Food Security Act Manual

NHEL Non-highly Erodible Land

NHPA National Historic Preservation Act

NHQ National Headquarters

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPDES National Pollution Discharge Elimination System

NPPH National Planning Procedure Handbook

NRD Natural Resource District

NRI National Resources Inventory

NTC National Technical Centers, NRCS

NTSC National Technology Support Centers, NRCS

O&M Operation and Maintenance
OIG Office of Inspector General

OMB Office of Management and Budget

OSE Other Social Effects

P&G Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines

PCMS Purchase Card Management System
PCS Pasture Condition Score Sheet

PDR Practice Documentation Requirement

PHEL Potentially Highly Erodible Land
PIP Practice Incentive Payment

PL Public Law
PLS Pure Live Seed

PMC Plant Materials Centers, NRCS

POINTS Program Operations Information Tracking System

ProTracts Program Contracts System
PRS Performance Results System

PY Prior Year Contracts
RA Regional Attorney

RAMP Rural Abandoned Mine Program

RC&D Resource Conservation and Development

RD Rural Development

RED Regional Economic Development

RF Reimbursable - Federal

RIF Reduction In Force

RFP Request For Proposal

RMA Risk Management Agency

RMS Resource Management System

RN Reimbursable - Non-Federal

RUSLE Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation

RUSLE2 Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation 2

SC Soil Conservationist
SCI Soil Conditioning Index

SCIMS Service Center Information Management System

SCT Soil Conservation Technician

SIMS Skills Information Management System

SIP Signing Incentive Payment

SHPO State Historic Preservation Officer

SL State and Local Programs
SLO Sponsoring Local Organizations
SP Stewardship Payment for CSP

SRC State Resource Conservationist

SRR Soil Rental Rates

SSPE Site Specific Practice Effects
STC State Conservationist

STIR Soil Tillage Intensity Rating
SWAPA Soil, Water, Air, Plants, Animals

SWCA Soil and Water Conservation Assistance
SWCC Soil and Water Conservation Committee
SWCD Soil and Water Conservation District
SWCS Soil and Waters Conservation Society

TA Technical Assistance

T & E Threatened and Endangered Species
THPO Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

TNG Toolkit Next Generation

TMDL Total Maximum Daily Load

TSP Technical Service Provider

TSP Thrift Savings Plan

TVA Tennessee Valley Authority
URL Uniform Resource Locator

U.S.C. United States Code

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

USLE Universal Soil Loss Equation
UTM Universal Transverse Mercator

WAE When Actually Employed (students, etc.)
WebTCAS Web Based Total Cost Accounting System

WHEG Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guide

WHI Wildlife Habitat Index

WHIP Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program
WINPOND Windows Pond Designing Tool
WIN-PST Windows Pesticide Screening Tool

WLA Workload Analysis

WRP Wetlands Reserve Program

Forms

AD Ag Department

ADS Administrative Services

CCC Commodity Credit Corporation

CPA Conservation Planning and Application

ECN Economics

ECS Ecological Sciences
FNM Financial Management

GSA General Service Administration

LTP Long Term Project

MGT Management

OF Optional Form

OPM Office of Personnel Management

PDM Project Development and Maintenance

SF Standard Form

SOI Soils

CW

TSP Thrift Savings Plan

Wetlands/Highly Erodible Lands

AW Artificial Wetland

CC Commenced Conversion
CMW Categorical Minimal Effect
CPD Corps Permit Decision

CWNA Converted Wetland Non-Agricultural use

CWTE Converted Wetland Technical Error

Converted Wetland

FW Farmed Wetland

FWP Farmed Wetland Pasture

MIW Mitigation Wetland

MW Minimal Effect Wetland

MWM Minimal effect with Mitigation

NI Not Inventoried
NW Non-wetland

NW/NAD Non-wetland resulting from National Appeal Decision

OW Other Waters
PC Prior Converted

PC/NW Prior Converted/Non-Wetland

TP Third Party Exemption

W Wetlands

WX Manipulated wetland, not for production purposes

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