

## Soil Conservationist

### NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION

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As a Soil Conservationist, most of your time is spent in the field working with farmers, ranchers, foresters, and other land users. You'll offer conservation planning and technical help to everyone from family farmers to local government officials.

You'll suggest ways to help them conserve the soil, improve water quality, manage nutrients, restore wetlands, and protect and improve wildlife habitat.

You'll make presentations and demonstrate conservation to clubs and organizations and provide outreach for agency programs. You'll assist in setting local conservation priorities and then help carry them out. And you'll be able to see the results of your work on the land.

**Qualifications:** A four-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree or a bachelor's degree that includes a major field of study in soil conservation or a related agricultural or natural resource discipline such as agronomy, soil science, forestry, agricultural education, or agricultural engineering from an accredited college or university. To be acceptable, the program must have included 30 semester hours in a natural resource or agricultural field, including at least 12 semesters hours in a combination of soils and crops or plant science of which three semester hours must be in soils and three semester hours in crops or plant science.

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