

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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TO: Interested Groups and Organizations of the 2008 Farm Bill

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will conduct a series of net conferences to review key changes in conservation programs brought about by the 2008 Farm Bill and published rules. All net conferences will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST). The schedule is as follows:

- February 12: Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP), and Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program
- February 13: Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP), Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI), and Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)
- February 17: Technical Service Providers (TSP)
- February 18: Regional Equity and State Technical Committees
- February 23: Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
- February 24: Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP) and Healthy Forest Reserve Program (HFRP)
- February 25: Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)

The net conference access and connection instructions are:

DIAL-IN NUMBERS: For security reasons, the passcode will be required to join the call.

Country	PARTICIPANT PASSCODE	Toll Free Number
USA	1330161	888-790-3560

NET CONFERENCE ACCESS INFORMATION

Participant access information:

URL: <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join/>
CONFERENCE NUMBER: PW5025896
AUDIENCE PASSCODE: 1330161

Participants can join the event directly at:

<https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW5025896&p=1330161&t=c>

There will be a limited number of lines for these net conferences. In order to allow as many groups to participate as possible, we ask that you coordinate your organization's participation to minimize the use of multiple lines.

The conservation provisions in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) will provide conservation opportunities for farmers and ranchers for years to come. The new provisions build on the conservation gains made by farmers and ranchers through the 1985, 1996, and 2002 Farm Bills. These provisions will continue to aid collaborative efforts to further voluntary conservation efforts, especially on working lands.

Program net conferences will be recorded and placed on the public NRCS website, under the "Programs" tab.



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