The Agriculture Cost Share Program is a voluntary, cost share based program offering financial and technical assistance for the installation of best management practices to address nonpoint source pollution.

**How does ACSP work?**
The North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program is successful because of the grassroots efforts of your local soil and water conservation district. Your district works with agricultural landowners and producers to:

- develop and approve individual conservation plans;
- identify the best management practices best suited for your particular operation;
- design BMPs and help ensure their longevity; and
- acquire preliminary approval of a Cost Share contract.

The division provides administrative and technical assistance to districts. The division gives final approval to cost share contracts and processes requests for payments to cooperators participating in the program.

**Eligibility**
If you are a landowner or producer of an existing agricultural operation that has been operating for more than three years, you are eligible to participate in the North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program.

**To Learn More:**
Contact your local soil and water conservation district.

A complete list of districts is available online through the N.C. Division of Soil and Water Conservation:

www.soilandwater.nc.gov
or by calling: (919) 707-3770

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Interested cooperators may apply to their local soil and water conservation district for financial and technical assistance for the installation of BMPs to protect water quality. Applications are ranked based on local water quality priorities and a conservation plan is prepared. Applicants can be reimbursed up to 75 percent of a pre-established average cost for each BMP installed. The applicant is responsible for 25 percent of the costs. This may include the use of existing material and labor.

There are some cost share and acreage restrictions depending on the BMPs used, the type of operation involved or policy set by the local soil and water conservation district or the N.C. Soil and Water Conservation Commission.