



Natural Resources Conservation Service

What is AMA?

Agricultural Management Assistance

AMA is a voluntary program for agricultural producers that provides technical assistance and cost share funds to address natural resource concerns such as water conservation and quality, soil erosion, and the transition to organic farming.

In New York, AMA is available to any agricultural producer in the state. In 2002 AMA Program funds will be made available to implement conservation practices relating to Prescribed Grazing Management and Erosion Control on Cropland.

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| Am I eligible? | Agricultural producers who own or have control of cropland, hayland, pasture or other land on which crops or livestock are produced and agree to implement approved conservation practices are eligible for AMA. |
| What practices are eligible? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribed Grazing • Fencing • Watering Facilities • Animal Trails and Walkways • Stripcropping • Grassed Waterways • Critical Area Planting • Cover Crops • Diversions • Pasture and Hayland Management • Buffers • Water and Sediment Control Basins • Plus other approved practices |
| How much funding can I receive? | <p>The maximum annual payment is \$50,000 per participant for AMA. The total over a multi-year contract shall not exceed \$150,000.</p> <p>The cost-sharing rate is 75 percent of the total eligible cost of an approved practice. Participants will be paid based upon verification of completion of the qualified practice.</p> |
| What's my contribution? | 25% of the cost of the eligible practice. This can include in-kind contributions such as personal labor, use of personal equipment, donated labor or materials, and approved used materials. |
| What are some of the contract requirements? | You will need to enter into a 5 to 10-year contract. In addition all practices must be installed according to NRCS standards and maintained for the designated life span of the practice. |
| How do I get started? | Contact any USDA,NRCS Service Center . They will help you develop a plan and assist you in signing up for the program. |
| When can I sign up? | You can sign up at any time. |
| Will my project get funded? | Projects submitted by May 3, 2002, will be ranked and funded based on an environmental/cost analysis. The highest ranking projects will be cost shared until all funds are obligated. |
| Where can I find more information? | Contact your local USDA Service Center/Conservation District office. Contacts and more information are also available at www.ny.nrcs.usda.gov |

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