

2008 Arkansas Annual Report



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Arkansas State Conservationist

Dear Arkansans:

It is my pleasure to share the 2008 Arkansas Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Annual Report. The work depicted in this report portrays only a snapshot of the benefit Arkansas farmers and ranchers receive from the dedicated professionals and partners of NRCS.

Fiscal Year 2008 was a great year for NRCS and the Arkansas Conservation Partnership (ACP). With the passage of the 2008 Farm Bill, Arkansas benefitted greatly with additional financial resources.

Through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), we obligated more than \$31.1 million of conservation projects on private lands. This funding was supplemented with money provided by landowners through cost-share.

Arkansas farmers and landowners consistently show they truly care about Arkansas' natural resources. More than 860 landowners with Conservation Security Program (CSP) contracts have been rewarded with more than \$53.3 million for their stewardship ethic and hard work since CSP began in 2004.

But, our work wasn't just confined to Farm Bill programs. The NRCS staff provided technical assistance to thousands of landowners across the state. We wrote conservation plans for more than 457,000 acres and applied conservation practices on more than 733,000 acres. Educating our customers about no-till farming, animal waste management systems, prescribed grazing and efficient irrigation are just a few examples of how NRCS assists land-users in protecting the Natural State's natural resources.

Our staff was also on the front lines when historical flooding and tornadoes devastated Arkansas in the spring. Through the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program, we contracted \$605,266 worth of work to remove debris from stream channels and bridges and stabilize 3,000 feet of streambanks.

We wouldn't be able to do all the great work we do throughout the state if it wasn't for the ACP and other conservation partners. I appreciate the ACP for their continued cooperation.

As I look ahead, 2009 will be another challenging year with the implementation of the 2008 Farm Bill. But, with the dedicated NRCS staff and assistance of our partners, I am confident we will continue to protect and enhance Arkansas natural resources.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kalven L. Trice". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Arkansas Conservation Partnership

More than 240 Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employees serve Arkansas' 75 counties from 62 field service centers throughout the state.

These employees work with private landowners and the Arkansas Conservation Partnership to preserve and maintain the natural resources of Arkansas.

The Arkansas Conservation Partnership is a unique force, combining the strengths of federal, state and local organizations along with educational institutions to help preserve and protect the Natural State. Formed in 1992, the partnership now consists of eight organizations: Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts, Arkansas Association of Conservation District Employees, Arkansas Resource Conservation and Development Councils Inc., University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the Arkansas Forestry Commission. The various agencies diverse missions complement each other.

In fiscal year 2008, the partnership focused on water resources, land resource management, conservation education, forestry health, 2002 Farm Bill implementation, 2008 Farm Bill program changes, community development and alternative fuels.



Photo by Creston Shrum

Joe Lawson, construction inspector at the Walnut Ridge Construction Office, sets up the prism before surveying at Departee Creek.

Watershed Program

The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act authorizes NRCS to provide assistance to local organizations in planning and implementing watershed proj-

ects. In fiscal year 2008, construction was completed on Site 13 of Ozan Creeks. This \$1.1 million flood control dam provides flood control in Hempstead County.

In addition to construction, NRCS participated in the plan, supplemental plan and design of the Departee Creek Flood Control Project in Independence County and the Big Slough Watershed, a flood control project in northeast Arkansas near Piggott. A feasibility study for a new lake site for municipal water supply was also completed for Saline County.

Five Rapid Watershed Assessments were completed in eastern Arkansas. Resource concerns were evaluated in the Upper L'Angille River, the Middle Cache River, a limited resources area in the Big Watershed, Bayou De' View, and the Boeuf River Salinity Area.

The Emergency Watershed Protection program provided funding for recovery from this year's tornado and flood damage. NRCS buried cattle killed by tornadoes, removed debris from channels, opened-up bridges jammed with trees and armored bridges threatened by floodwaters.

Soil Surveys and National Resource Inventory

The Arkansas Soil Survey staff of 15 soil and Geographic Information Systems professionals modernized soils data on 562,000 acres. New soil survey information was released for Grant County. Interactive Soil Surveys are available online at <http://websoilssurvey.nrcs.usda.gov> for all counties in Arkansas.

The U.S. Forest Service Ouachita National Forest and NRCS signed a memorandum of understanding to collocate a new soil survey office in Glenwood.

The National Resource Inventory (NRI) is a national program that monitors the conservation efforts of our conservation programs and the trending of our natural resources. The results from this inventory are used to develop environmental policy for program implementation, such as the Farm Bill. Arkansas completed data collection on 1,065 sites throughout the state.

Grazing Lands

Technical assistance for owners and managers of grassland in Arkansas is an important component of NRCS. Arkansas NRCS has four full-time grazing specialists on the staff.

The Arkansas Grazing Lands Coalition (AGLC) provides leadership and direction to the grazing lands programs. AGLC's membership includes the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts (AACD), Arkansas Forage and Grassland Council (ArFGC), Arkansas

Cattlemen's Association, Arkansas Farm Bureau, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension and NRCS.

In October 2007, AGLC sponsored a forage assessment by producers throughout the state. The assessment results were used by the AGLC members to establish priorities for 2008.

Nineteen one-day fencing development/pasture management seminars were taught with 320 people attending. Approximately 60 events related to grazing lands reached 1,350 farmers and educators in 2008.

Support was provided to Heifer International for a Conservation Innovation Grant training limited resource farmers on prescribed grazing. Several presentations were made to county cattlemen groups, county conservation district meetings, the state and regional AACD meetings, and the ArFGC annual meeting. Monthly articles were also published in the Arkansas Cattlemen magazine.

The highlight of the year was a two-day training session for county extension agents and NRCS personnel to prepare them to conduct educational activities in grazing management. Another outstanding event was assisting the Arkansas Forage and Grassland Council with a tour of grazing operations in Central Arkansas attended by more than 100 people.

Earth Team

Arkansas has more than 778 active Earth Team volunteers who provided more than 11,300 hours of service.

Volunteers throughout the state helped with forestry clinics, field days, fair booths, outreach meetings, Earth Day, Farm Safety Day Camp, 2008 Water Fest, WOW III at the Zoo, Envirothon contests, grazing land management workshops, surveying, preparing EQIP contract folders, collecting data for farm plans, GPS readings and fence measuring; pond design, layout, checkout and staking; generating maps for TookKit, and other field work activities. Disabled students wrapped 700 tree seedlings with moistened towelettes and bagged them for distribution on Earth Day.

Resource Conservation and Development

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D)



Photo by Creston Shrum

Ralph Harris, area grazing specialist at Hope, shows Mike Andrews, extension agent in Randolph County, how to install an insulator on an electric fence.

councils in Arkansas worked on a variety of projects including grant programs for rural fire departments, developing markets for non-traditional crops, creating new farmers markets, assisting communities to improve and make available health care facilities, restoration of historic sites, timber management by small-acreage landowners with small acreages, assistance with rural water supplies, drainage improvements, conservation education, outdoor classrooms, wetland restoration, expansion of a sweet potato co-op and processing facility, and disposal of hazardous household chemicals.

RC&D councils looked at biomass as a feasible energy alternative, including an innovative process that converts chicken litter to a gas that can be used in internal combustion engines.

RC&D promoted USDA Rural Development's 9006 Energy Audit Grant/Loan program, providing energy savings to producers. Development of the biomass energy alternatives will create jobs and reduce dependence on foreign oil. The RC&D Council hosted the Arkansas Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Production Opportunities on the Farm Conference for landowners, vendors and government employees.

Plant Materials Center

The Booneville Plant Materials Center (PMC) serves 54 million acres in Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. It is part of a national network of centers that provide vegetative solutions to conservation problems.

The staff of five conducted 25 studies to provide information on production and management of native warm-season grasses.

The center also assisted approximately 400 customers and managed \$65,000 of grants with the Oklahoma Department of Transpiration and the Wildlife Management Institute.

The PMC partners with the U.S. Forest Service, Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and Pine Bluff, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Agricultural Research Service, Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, and the Natural Heritage Commission.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program



Photo by Irvin Ricks

Robert Hankins, Lincoln County district conservationist, goes over a conservation plan with Abraham Carpenter Jr., a Lincoln County farmer.

Through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provides a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to promote agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals.

EQIP priorities in Arkansas are to reduce erosion; reduce pollution from animal wastes, nutrients and sediments; improve irrigation and reduce dependence on ground water for irrigation; forest improvements; improve grazing lands; and improve wildlife habitat.

Highlights – 2008

- ◆ Water quality, animal waste – 229 contracts for \$3,494,891
- ◆ Water quality, cropland – 20 contracts for \$282,027
- ◆ Water quality, forests plant health – 259 contracts for \$1,897,917
- ◆ Water quality, grazing land – 774 contracts for \$6,996,928
- ◆ Water quantity, irrigation – 402 contracts for \$14,109,187
- ◆ Water quantity, irrigation (ground and surface water conservation) – 81 contracts for \$2,397,531
- ◆ Alternative Crop/Small Farm Initiative – 16 contracts for \$272,523
- ◆ Waste Systems Closure – 1 contract for \$34,065

Conservation Practice	Contracts	Amount Installed
Waste Storage Facility	20	20 facilities
Brush Management	122	4,492 acres
Animal Mortality Facility	13	15 facilities
Composting Facility	12	12 facilities
Prescribed Burning	10	472 acres
Critical Area Planting	7	125 acres
Waste Treatment Lagoon	10	10 lagoons
Closure of Waste Impoundment	1	1 closure
Pond	39	39 ponds
Fence	110	219,952 feet
Firebreak	25	134,316 feet
Grade Stabilization Structure	4	6 structures
Irrigation Water Conveyance	100	163,962 feet
Irrigation System, Sprinkler	3	3 sprinklers
Irrigation Water Management	13	1,389 acres
Irrigation Land Leveling	36	36,784 acres
Mulching	5	119 acres
Tree/Shrub Site Preparation	39	2,165 acres
Pasture and Hay Planting	88	2,122 acres
Pipeline	59	58,646 feet
Prescribed Grazing	3	533 acres
Pumping Plant	34	35 plants
Irrigation Regulating Reservoir	5	5 reservoirs
Roof Runoff Structure	1	1 structure
Heavy Use Area Protection	40	15,658 acres
Spring Development	2	2 sites
Stream Crossing	1	1 crossings
Structure for Water Control	13	30 structures
Agricultural Waste Amendments	24	44,552 tons
Tree/Shrub Establishment	23	1,074 acres
Watering Facility	68	114 facilities
Waste Utilization	5	851 acres
Water Well	22	22 wells
Upland Wildlife Habitat Mang.	5	11 acres
Forest Stand Improvement	5	255 acres

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

County	2008 Contracts Obligated	2008 Obligation Amount
Arkansas	27	\$1,325,976.99
Ashley	13	\$250,910.95
Baxter	32	\$302,465.62
Benton	44	\$516,894.15
Boone	22	\$166,744.55
Bradley	10	\$79,682.15
Calhoun	9	\$130,920.00
Carroll	35	\$535,627.33
Chicot	6	\$316,903.00
Clark	15	\$110,851.28
Clay	29	\$172,651.55
Cleburne	55	\$658,749.19
Cleveland	17	\$168,682.10
Columbia	4	\$45,152.25
Conway	38	\$747,806.80
Craighead	32	\$542,301.84
Crawford	3	\$26,118.00
Crittenden	5	\$124,321.00
Cross	10	\$336,860.30
Dallas	6	\$60,942.00
Desha	17	\$466,494.75
Drew	45	\$353,618.90
Faulkner	30	\$683,659.10
Franklin	24	\$204,497.25
Fulton	62	\$498,591.45
Garland	6	\$44,790.80
Grant	9	\$39,229.80
Greene	30	\$664,066.76
Hempstead	31	\$324,524.80
Hot Spring	14	\$64,548.50
Howard	33	\$493,820.56
Independence	42	\$889,252.75
Izard	46	\$379,209.61
Jackson	28	\$557,256.92
Jefferson	70	\$3,142,807.95
Johnson	9	\$77,068.20
Lafayette	7	\$22,170.00
Lawrence	50	\$674,178.60

County	2008 Contracts Obligated	2008 Obligation Amount
Lee	8	\$131,614.15
Lincoln	35	\$513,066.69
Little River	16	\$351,092.77
Logan	21	\$216,313.30
Lonoke	43	\$2,487,746.22
Madison	17	\$177,686.50
Marion	54	\$461,300.71
Miller	5	\$64,504.00
Mississippi	8	\$143,648.17
Monroe	27	\$861,613.86
Montgomery	6	\$54,049.72
Nevada	11	\$69,391.89
Newton	7	\$32,810.22
Ouachita	26	\$108,476.64
Perry	9	\$126,824.68
Phillips	17	\$391,219.80
Pike	16	\$200,094.59
Poinsett	15	\$586,417.00
Polk	36	\$289,152.26
Pope	18	\$235,596.20
Prairie	45	\$1,539,278.21
Pulaski	14	\$177,664.00
Randolph	87	\$1,082,315.77
Saline	11	\$92,232.60
Scott	2	\$14,020.00
Searcy	31	\$305,555.36
Sebastian	3	\$18,753.00
Sevier	33	\$291,965.30
Sharp	34	\$276,908.41
St. Francis	7	\$149,628.65
Stone	22	\$224,943.00
Union	29	\$150,790.80
Van Buren	19	\$142,342.00
Washington	24	\$223,741.21
White	34	\$671,592.83
Woodruff	9	\$245,505.40
Yell	18	\$193,605.94
Total	1,782	\$29,503,809.60

Wetlands Reserve Program



Photo by Creston Shrum

Geese prepare to land at a WRP site.

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial support to help landowners with their wetland restoration efforts. The NRCS goal is to achieve the greatest wetland functions and values, along with optimum wildlife habitat, on every acre enrolled in the program. This program offers landowners an opportunity to establish long-term conservation and wildlife practices and protection.

Highlights – 1996 to 2008

- ◆ 173,765 acres on 350 permanent easements
- ◆ 17,201 acres on 65, 30-year easements
- ◆ 811 acres on 10, 10-year agreements
- ◆ 191,777 total acres on 425 projects
- ◆ Wetland projects in 40 counties in each region of the state
- ◆ In southwest Arkansas, about 30,000 acres have been restored in the area surrounding the Red River
- ◆ In southeast Arkansas, wetland work is reducing soil erosion and improving water quality
- ◆ In northwest Arkansas, WRP addresses farm nutrient runoff
- ◆ In northeast Arkansas, NRCS and the Fish and Wildlife Service are re-establishing bottomland hardwood forests



Wood ducks rest on an Arkansas WRP site.

Photo by Nancy Young

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program



Photo by Creston Shrum

Elk graze in Boxley Valley.

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical assistance and up to 75 percent cost-share assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat.

Emphasis is on declining species: bobwhite quail, elk, neo-tropical migratory songbirds and threatened or endangered species. Good habitats are also being developed and managed for numerous game and non-game species.

Highlights – 2008

- ◆ Cave – 1 contract for \$18,004
- ◆ Elk Special Project Area – 9 contracts for \$100,470
- ◆ Quail Focal Area – 31 contracts for \$321,395
- ◆ Streambank Restoration – 1 contract for \$17,036
- ◆ Upland habitat – 126 contracts for \$1,213,769

Conservation Practice	Contracts	Amount Installed
Prescribed Burning	3	266 acres
Firebreak	18	128,690 feet
Land Clearing	13	58.4 acres
Watering Facility	11	14 facilities
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	15	94.3 acres
Early Successional Habitat Development/Management	6	30.2 acres
Forest Stand Improvement	10	389.3 acres

County	2008 Contracts Obligated	2008 Obligation Amount
Baxter	4	\$49,488.50
Benton	3	\$15,633.50
Boone	1	\$6,745.00
Carroll	5	\$54,445.71
Cleburne	8	\$58,933.40
Conway	2	\$26,702.30
Crawford	3	\$53,527.00
Drew	1	\$5,838.00
Faulkner	8	\$129,270.00
Franklin	2	\$32,918.00
Fulton	19	\$146,929.14
Independence	2	\$27,602.00
Izard	10	\$97,098.20
Jefferson	1	\$14,923.00
Johnson	2	\$16,385.21
Lawrence	2	\$38,775.00
Logan	1	\$4,789.25
Madison	5	\$73,770.15
Marion	2	\$29,853.00
Monroe	1	\$3,000.00
Newton	3	\$36,240.00
Perry	1	\$23,291.00
Pike	2	\$8,809.00
Polk	1	\$3,926.00
Pope	3	\$29,584.01
Prairie	4	\$55,947.50
Randolph	5	\$31,470.00
Searcy	31	\$239,276.23
Sebastian	1	\$6,023.00
Sharp	5	\$55,755.87
Stone	15	\$138,216.50
Van Buren	4	\$58,251.00
Washington	5	\$55,169.49
White	6	\$42,087.00
Total	168	\$1,670,672.96

Conservation Security Program

The Conservation Security Program (CSP) is a voluntary program providing financial and technical assistance promoting the conservation and improvement of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life, and other conservation purposes on Tribal and private working lands.

The 2008 Farm Bill replaces the Conservation Security Program with the new Conservation Stewardship Program for fiscal years 2009 through 2017. The program may enroll more than 12.7 million acres each fiscal year. Acreage will be allocated based primarily on each state's or area's proportion of eligible acres to the total number of all eligible acres. The program is managed by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The 2008 Farm Bill provides for funding for all current Conservation Security Program contracts.



Photos by Creston Shrum

Ron Day (left), Conway County district conservationist, discusses conservation practices with landowners.

Highlights – 2004 to 2008

- ◆ 2004 - 79 contracts on 68,470 acres in the Little River Ditches Watershed
- ◆ 2005 - 586 contracts on 480,002 acres in the Cadron, Lower White/Bayou Des Arc, Lower Neosho, Lower St. Francis and Little River Ditches watersheds
- ◆ 2006 - 96 contracts on 57,734 acres in the Lower Arkansas Watershed
- ◆ 2008 - 106 contracts on 103,492 acres in the Upper White-Village Watershed



No-till soybeans grow through the stuble.

County	2008 Contracts Obligated	2008 Obligation Amount
Independence	4	\$38,918
Jackson	40	\$1,380,609
Lawrence	54	\$1,794,596
Randolph	3	\$86,740
White	4	\$100,238
Woodruff	1	\$67,118
Total	106	\$3,468,219

Conservation Technical Assistance



The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) Program provides technical assistance supported by science-based technology and tools to help people conserve, maintain, and improve natural resources on their land.

The CTA program provides the technical capability, including conservation planning, design, and implementation assistance, that helps people plan and apply conservation on the land. This assistance is provided to individuals, groups, and communities who make natural resource management decisions on private, tribal, and other non-federal lands. NRCS, through the CTA Program, provides conservation technical assistance to address state and national natural resource conservation issues.

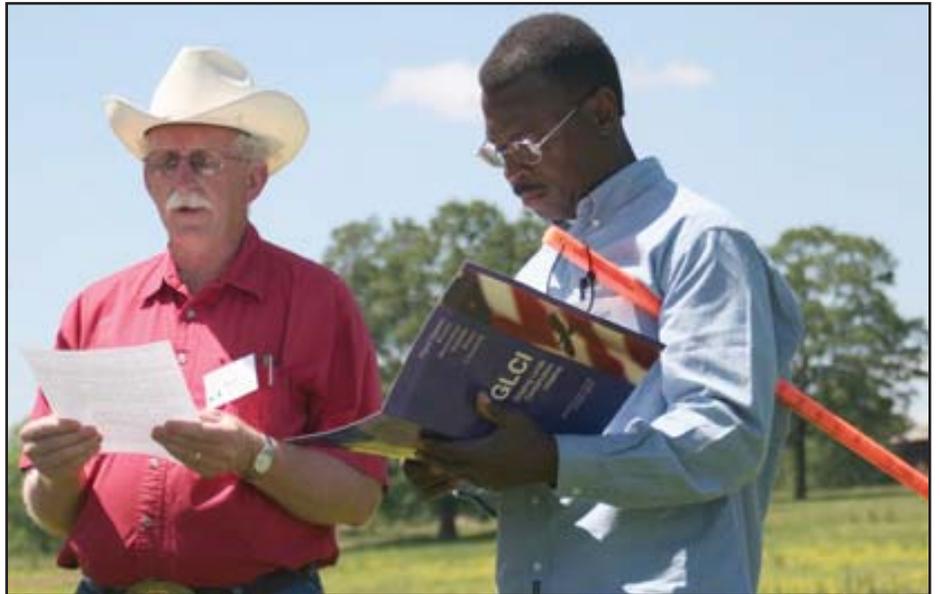


Photo by Molly Voeller

Ron Morrow, grazing lands specialist, discusses the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative with a landowner.



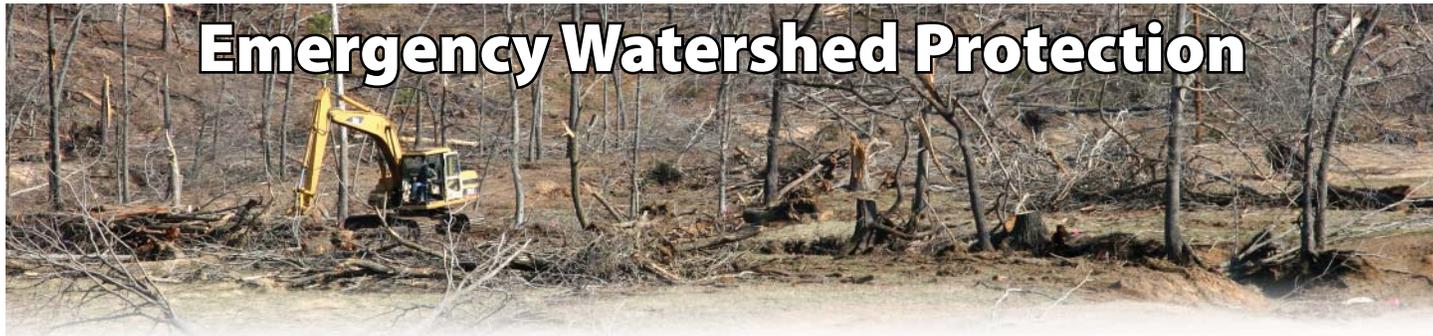
Photo by Creston Shrum

Lynne Alder, Dallas County district conservationist, provides pasture management advice to a landowner.

Highlights – 2008

- ◆ 457,931 acres of conservation plans written
- ◆ 9 watershed or area-wide conservation plans developed
- ◆ 120,478 acres of cropland with conservation applied to improve soil quality
- ◆ 258,257 acres of land with conservation applied to improve water quality
- ◆ 334 Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMP) written
- ◆ 303 CNMPs applied
- ◆ 94,827 acres of land with conservation applied to improve irrigation efficiency
- ◆ 160,678 acres of grazing and forest land with conservation applied to protect and improve the resource base
- ◆ 70,189 acres of non-federal land with conservation applied to improve fish and wildlife habitat quality
- ◆ 13,646 acres of wetlands created, restored or enhanced
- ◆ 15,795 acres of land and water resources benefitted by Resource Conservation and Development projects
- ◆ 82 local businesses created or retained in rural communities

Emergency Watershed Protection



The purpose of the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program is to undertake emergency measures, including the purchase of flood plain easements, for runoff retardation and soil erosion prevention to safeguard lives and property from floods, drought, and the products of erosion on any watershed whenever fire, tornado, flood or any other natural occurrence is causing or has caused a sudden impairment of the watershed.



Randy Busbea, state construction engineer; Lane Johnson, resource engineer from Harrison; and Todd Stringer, design engineer, discuss debris removal along a stream in Izard County.



Photos by Creston Shrum

A contractor smooths a stream bank after clearing debris from a site outside of Mt. View in Stone County.

Tornado Highlights – 2008

- ◆ Arkansas received \$329,341 for the removal of storm debris from stream channels and bridge structures caused by the Feb. 5 tornadoes and performed \$439,121 worth of clean up work with the sponsor's cost share
- ◆ Work was performed on 80 acres in five counties through nine contracts
- ◆ 14 NRCS employees were involved in site selections, site inspections and contracting

County	Number of Sites	Contracted Amount
Conway	2	\$9,600
Izard	5	\$106,559.44
Pope	1	\$10,000
Stone	2	\$88,379.25
Van Buren	4	\$114,801.90
Total	14	\$329,340.59



Conway County, Lost Corner Road, Feb. 20.



Conway County, Lost Corner Road, March 6.

Emergency Watershed Protection



Flood Highlights – 2008

- ◆ Arkansas received \$275,926 for flood damage clean up of which the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provided \$156,614 for work in Madison County and \$119,312 in Crawford County
- ◆ NRCS performed \$367,901 worth of work after the sponsor's cost-share
- ◆ Streambank stabilization was performed on 3,000 feet of streambank at seven locations
- ◆ Eight employees were involved in site selections, site inspections and contracting



A slide along Whorton Creek threatens a Madison County road.



Photos by Chris King

NRCS engineers inspect a bridge on Drakes Creek in Madison County that flood waters pushed debris against.

Outreach in Arkansas



Highlights – 2008

- ◆ Heifer International - assisted with conducting workshops for limited resource livestock producers
- ◆ East Arkansas Enterprise Community - gave three workshops on NRCS wildlife programs to underserved groups
- ◆ Farmers Markets - provided marketing opportunities for organic and other niche product producers
- ◆ Completed a crop budget for sweet potatoes
- ◆ NRCS staff attended meetings at Arkansas Land and Farm Cooperation to discuss Farm Bill updates
- ◆ Provided a display and information at the Women in Agriculture conference
- ◆ Developed an agreement with the Osage Tribe
- ◆ Limited Resource Farmers and minority needs were addressed through specific funding categories
- ◆ Provided program training workshops at University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Rural Life Conference and Arkansas Land Farm Development Corporation
- ◆ Increased the amount of Environmental Quality Incentives Program funding for alternative crops



Harvey Williams, a farmer in Rondo, Ark., looks over his crop.

2002-2008 funding by program for limited resource, socially disadvantaged, female and beginning farmers or ranchers:

Program	Asian Female	Asian Male	Black Female	Black Male	Native American Female	Native American Male	Pacific Islander Male	White Female
EQIP	\$537,260	\$3,037,500	\$578,760	\$3,032,570	\$50,000	\$286,700	\$71,700	\$19,875,670
WHIP		\$18,900	\$3,000					\$680,255
CSP		\$120,170	\$1,009,500	\$1,097,388	\$4,760		\$120,170	\$41,488,600
Total	\$537,260	\$3,176,570	\$1,591,260	\$4,129,958	\$54,760	\$286,700	\$191,870	\$62,044,525

2008 funding by program for limited resource, socially disadvantaged, female and beginning farmers or ranchers:

Program	Asian Female	Asian Male	Black Female	Black Male	Native American Female	White Female
EQIP	\$67,400	\$223,800	\$59,000	\$859,100		\$3,303,300
WHIP			\$3,000			\$128,700
CSP					\$4,760	\$13,100
Total	\$67,400	\$223,800	\$62,000	\$859,100	\$4,760	\$3,445,100

CSP, EQIP & WHIP Funding 1996-2008



County	1996-2008 Contracts	1996-2008 Obligations
Arkansas	164	\$5,142,580.56
Ashley	57	\$773,744.94
Baxter	129	\$884,763.95
Benton	386	\$4,728,634.16
Boone	140	\$1,243,513.79
Bradley	75	\$777,336.86
Calhoun	65	\$390,017.93
Carroll	151	\$2,340,244.00
Chicot	60	\$1,175,681.46
Clark	69	\$772,749.96
Clay	252	\$2,646,835.48
Cleburne	263	\$2,853,105.63
Cleveland	131	\$1,881,354.16
Columbia	43	\$468,254.07
Conway	197	\$3,277,282.17
Craighead	266	\$7,957,040.98
Crawford	52	\$586,518.10
Crittenden	116	\$5,964,001.53
Cross	68	\$2,221,862.09
Dallas	24	\$155,353.05
Desha	74	\$1,665,485.79
Drew	120	\$1,016,026.68
Faulkner	113	\$2,001,256.19
Franklin	112	\$1,386,747.15
Fulton	326	\$2,124,816.50
Garland	30	\$177,423.11
Grant	24	\$173,491.22
Greene	342	\$4,410,095.11
Hempstead	91	\$1,167,472.87
Hot Spring	50	\$250,791.15
Howard	138	\$1,462,774.58
Independence	216	\$2,457,018.32
Izard	180	\$1,786,172.67
Jackson	114	\$2,071,331.17
Jefferson	281	\$10,609,915.79
Johnson	67	\$1,047,476.38
Lafayette	60	\$794,523.04
Lawrence	219	\$3,031,015.39

County	1996-2008 Contracts	1996-2008 Obligations
Lee	193	\$2,964,175.73
Lincoln	166	\$1,767,306.06
Little River	53	\$938,270.83
Logan	176	\$1,689,424.69
Lonoke	215	\$12,207,181.12
Madison	120	\$1,215,634.49
Marion	189	\$1,228,069.23
Miller	32	\$452,351.72
Mississippi	320	\$16,536,299.54
Monroe	107	\$2,119,258.21
Montgomery	39	\$278,723.65
Nevada	39	\$374,044.00
Newton	82	\$435,103.39
Ouachita	85	\$526,081.94
Perry	68	\$1,371,260.03
Phillips	338	\$1,775,247.54
Pike	73	\$665,488.94
Poinsett	150	\$9,462,117.16
Polk	114	\$1,136,367.57
Pope	100	\$1,361,101.66
Prairie	189	\$8,976,962.37
Pulaski	66	\$677,796.52
Randolph	364	\$4,789,712.95
Saline	23	\$180,841.02
Scott	63	\$604,538.30
Searcy	220	\$2,082,707.70
Sebastian	72	\$743,081.56
Sevier	136	\$1,517,816.75
Sharp	204	\$1,634,337.47
St. Francis	86	\$1,378,836.73
Stone	206	\$1,491,985.90
Union	118	\$933,876.85
Van Buren	151	\$1,338,806.93
Washington	120	\$1,831,290.91
White	163	\$4,096,319.92
Woodruff	65	\$1,129,136.17
Yell	75	\$995,510.53
Total	10,245	\$176,781,774.06



Farm Bill Program Funding - 2008

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Congressional District	Applications Funded	Funds Obligated	Applications Unfunded	Dollars Unfunded
First	801	\$15,552,276.58	461	\$6,322,492.56
Second	173	\$2,835,727.95	41	\$312,627.28
Third	260	\$2,676,837.32	102	\$691,533.68
Fourth	548	\$8,438,967.75	260	\$2,347,927.94
Total	1,782	\$29,503,809.60	864	\$9,674,581.46

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

Congressional District	Applications Funded	Funds Obligated	Applications Unfunded	Dollars Unfunded
First	106	\$942,492.34	73	\$451,665.66
Second	21	\$279,601.30	8	\$57,930.49
Third	35	\$410,294.07	14	\$103,941.11
Fourth	6	\$38,285.25	18	\$100,859.75
Total	168	\$1,670,672.96	113	\$714,397.01

Conservation Security Program

Congressional District	Applications Funded	Funds Obligated
First	102	\$3,467,981
Second	4	\$100,238
Third	0	\$0
Fourth	0	\$0
Total	106	\$3,468,219

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