

2018 Farm Bill



**USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Washington State**

Conservation Planning Intake Summary





WA NRCS Conservation Planning Intake Summary

The purpose of this evaluation is to assist you and NRCS staff in the development of a quality conservation plan. If you are seeking NRCS technical or cost-share assistance from a Farm Bill Program, a quality conservation plan must be completed. Please complete the questionnaire on the following pages and return to your **local NRCS - USDA Service Center**. *Your information is protected by a federal law; Title 120 – General Manual, Part 408 Records, Subpart C – Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act.*

Please answer the following questions.

Date: _____ Name of Decision Maker: _____

Business or Farm/Ranch/Tree Farm Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zipcode _____ County: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Place a check on the preferred method of contact.

Acquire your Farm Service Agency **Farm Data Report**, review it and verify that your AD 1026 is up to date with your current tracts and farms. You will need an FSA Farm # and Tract # to be eligible for financial assistance from NRCS. **Present your Farm Data Report to NRCS with this Evaluation.**

Acres Rented/Leased (private and public): _____ Yes No

Optional. Please select what is relevant.

<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian American	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Farmer, < 10 consecutive years
<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian	<input type="checkbox"/> Black American	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran	<input type="checkbox"/>

General Information

Please fill out the following questions as applicable.

What are your conservation plan objectives?

Short term: _____

Producer Name: _____



Long term: _____

Circle yes or no and fill in the blanks as applicable.

1. Has a conservation farm plan been developed for the current or previous owner? Yes No

- If yes, what year was the plan completed? _____
- If yes, which agency, if any, was involved in the preparation of the plan? _____

2. Has any other type of resource plan, such as a Forest Management Plan, Ag Energy Management Plan or a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan, been written for the property? Yes No

Type of plan and date completed _____
Please provide a copy.

3. What land uses are associated with your land. Circle all that apply:

Cropland Hayland Rangeland Pastureland Forestland Farmstead

4. Do you have any surface waters present on the property? Yes No

- If Yes, what type? Circle all that apply

Lake/pond River/Stream/Creek Wetland Drainage/irrigation ditch

- If yes, do you have any crossings on the streams Yes No
(Crossings = culverts, fords, bridges, etc)

- If yes, how many and what type (identify on a map) _____

- If yes, have they been evaluated by NRCS or State Agencies for fish passage? Yes No

5. Do you have any woody draws and/or streamside tree/shrubs (riparian areas)? Yes No

6. Do you have any natural or constructed ponds on your land? Yes No

7. Do you have persistently wet areas on your property? Yes No
(i.e. - saturated soils or surface flooding/ponding for an extended period during the growing season)

Producer Name: _____



8. Do you use an irrigation system?

Yes No

• If yes, what is your application method? Circle all that apply

flood sprinkler drip Other: _____

• If yes, where do you get your irrigation water and how is it delivered to the farm (i.e. open ditch, pipeline, concrete-line ditch, etc.)? Identify structure(s) on your map.

• If yes, do you have a water right? Yes No

• How do you decide when it is time to irrigate? _____

9. What chemical (pesticides) application method do you implement? Circle all that apply:

No chemical applications Spot spray target pest Follow industry standards and application levels

List other agencies that have been involved with projects on your property. (Examples: CD/DOE/DNR, etc.)

10. Are you interested in conservation activities to reduce energy use on your agriculture operation? (lighting improvements, building insulation improvements, pump efficiency improvements).

Crop Information

1. I have cropped land as part of my operation Yes No
If Yes, continue with this section. If no, proceeded to next land use.

2. Briefly describe your crop system (types of crops and rotations):

3. Do you use a cover crop at any time during your regular crop rotation? Yes No
(A cover crop is a temporary planting to protect the soil or improve soil health. It is not harvested, but rather tilled under or sprayed down, moved, grazed.)

Producer Name: _____



If yes, what do you plant and when in the rotation? _____

4. Do you no-till any of your crops? Yes No

- This means no tillage equipment is used on your crop acres; ever. Yes No
- This means a no till drill and may include a harrow or two pass systems. Yes No

5. Do you see weeds that are becoming resistant to your pesticides? Yes No

6. What herbicides and/or pesticides do you apply to your cropland?

7. Do you apply nutrients (commercial/manure/soil amendments) to your cropland? Yes No

8. Do you take soil tests? If yes, how often? _____ Yes No

9. Do you use these results to develop a nutrient budget? Yes No

10. Do you have alfalfa or other legumes in your rotation? Yes No

If yes, how many years are in alfalfa or permanent legume? _____

11. What type of hay do you grow?

None Alfalfa Grass/Alfalfa (_____ %Grass) Grass Other: _____

12. Do you use "precision ag" and/or global positioning techniques on your farm/ranch? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

13. Do you practice methods (organic or a similar farming philosophy) that restricts your use of chemicals on the operation? Yes No

Producer Name: _____



14. Farming Equipment

Using farm equipment below, describe what equipment do you use for seedbed prep, summerfallow, after harvest for each crop:

Four horizontal lines for describing equipment use.

Specific farm equipment:

Chisel: Straight Points Twisted Shank Sweeps

Planter: Double Disk Opener Sweeps or Double Row Cleaning Disks Hoe Openers

No-Till Planter: Offset Double Disk Openers, Smooth Ripple or Fluted Coulter, Cross-slot or Single-disc

Disk: Offset Light Duty Offset Heavy Duty Tandem Disk One Way

Field Cultivator (primary tillage): Duckfoot Points Sweeps or Shovels 6-12" Shovels Undercutter

Finishing Tools: Culti-mulcher Harrow Roller/packer Rod weeder

Moldboard Plow: 6-8" Deep >8" Deep With Trash racks removed

15. Do you graze your harvested crop acres, hay acres? No 1 month 2 months all winter
If yes, describe how many animals are on the harvested acres?

Two horizontal lines for describing grazing details.

16. Do you burn your crop residue? Yes No

17. Do you bale and remove your crop residue? Yes No

Producer Name: _____



Forestland Information

Circle yes or no and fill in the blanks as applicable.

1. I have forested land as part of my operation Yes No
If Yes, continue with this section. If no, proceeded to next land use.

2. Do you have a current and approved Forest Stewardship Plan or Forest Management Plan? Yes No

3. Has there been any timber harvested from your land? Yes No

• If harvesting took place, when did it occur? Yes No

• If harvesting occurred, has the stand been reforested?

If reforested, when?

4. Do you have an active Forest Practices Permit with Washington Dept of Natural Resources? Yes No

5. Have you implemented any of the following forest practices? (Circle applicable practices)

- Tree Planting Pre-commercial thinning Site Preparation Post plant weed control
AgroForestry Practices Windbreak Shelterbelt Hedgerows Slash Treatment
Pruning Fire preventative measures Invasive Weed Treatment Silvopasture

6. Do you graze livestock in your forestland? Yes No

• If yes, then fill out the "Rangeland, Pasture, and Grazed Forest Information" section as well.)

7. Do you have noxious or invasive weeds on your forestlands? Yes No

• If yes, what kind?

• If weeds present, what methods are being used to treat? (Circle applicable practices)

- Broadcast herbicide applications Spot spray herbicide applications
Hand pulling Mechanical, hand cutting (hand held cutters, power tools)
Cutting/mowing with tractor and implements

Producer Name:



8. Circle the predominant tree species located in your forestlands.

- Western Hemlock* *Douglas Fir* *Western Red-cedar* *Lodgepole/Shorepine*
- Western White Pine* *Aspen* *Grand Fir* *Big Leaf Maple* *Pacific Sliver Fir*
- Ponderosa Pine* *White-Bark Pine* *Limber Pine* *Lodgepole Pine* *Engleman Spruce*
- Cottonwood* *Western Larch* *Subalpine Fir* *Ash* *Western Juniper* *Red Alder*
- Sitka Spruce* *Other* _____

9. Are forest insects or diseases present? Yes No

- If yes, please identify type (if known) _____

10. Have your timber resources been recently impacted by a wildfire or windthrow? Yes No

- If yes, when? _____

11. Do you have forest roads located in your forest land? Yes No

- If yes, describe their type, condition, and frequency of use. Please locate on a map.

12. Are there any structures on the forestland? Yes No

- If yes, what types of structures are present and how many? Please locate on a map.

Pasture, Rangeland, and Grazed Forest Information

1. I graze livestock as part of my operation Yes No
If Yes, continue with this section. If no, proceeded to next land use.

2. How many acres of each land use are grazed?

Acres of rangeland: _____ After harvest crop residue: _____

Acres of pasture: _____ Acres of forest: _____

Producer Name: _____



3. How long are animals grazing?
 Approximate days per year on rangelands: _____ On pasture: _____
 Approximate days per year on forest: _____ days per year confined: _____
 Approximate days per year on hayland: _____ days per year fed hay: _____
4. Are there any streams or other surface waters (ponds, wetlands, etc.) going through or alongside your pasture, range, or forest? Yes No
- If yes, do animals have access to the water? Yes No
5. What is the drinking water source that is available to the grazing animals? (circle all that apply)
- Well & troughs Spring River/Stream/Creek Lake/Pond Public Utilities Other _____
6. Do you measure stubble height to determine when to rotate livestock to another pasture? Yes No
7. Do you use a rotational system to graze your rangeland, pasture, and forest? Yes No
- If yes, does it include any of the following:
 - Identifying periods of grazing, rest, rotation, etc... for each management unit. Yes No
 - Identifying and maintaining adequate plant cover or residue in each pasture and in sensitive areas (riparian, wetlands, or other habitats of concern). Yes No
 - Identifying & monitoring key areas/plants to evaluate grazing management decisions Yes No
8. Do you balance forage availability with livestock and wildlife demands for each field? Yes No
9. Supplemental Forage needed:
 Average tons of hay fed per year? _____ How much hay is fed per head each year? _____
10. Do you apply nutrients and/or soil amendments to your pastureland? Yes No
11. Do you have any noxious weeds on your rangeland, pastureland, or forestland? Yes No
- If yes, please identify (if known): _____
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12. Are there poisonous plants that limit when you can graze in certain fields? Yes No
13. Are wildlife/predators a factor in the management of your operation? If yes, please identify. Yes No
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Producer Name: _____



Please provide livestock information for current operation.

Typical Livestock	Number	Average Weight	Days/Years on Farm	Weaning Date	Selling Date
Horses					
Dairy Milking Cows					
Dairy Dry Cows					
Dairy Heifers					
Dairy Calves					
Beef Cows					
Beef Calves					
Beef Yearlings					
Bulls					
Beef Replacements					
Sheep					
Ewes					
Rams					
Lambs					
Poultry					
Layers					
Pullets					
Broilers					
Turkeys					
Swine					
Lactating Sows					
Piglets					
Feeders					
Other					
i.e. llamas, goats, bison					

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Wildlife Habitat: Terrestrial (lives on land or in the ground)

1. Do you specifically manage any of your land for wildlife habitat? Yes No

- If yes, what areas are managed, how is it managed and for what species do you manage?

1b. Are you interested in managing your property for wildlife? Yes No

- If yes, check wildlife species groups you are interested in managing portions of your land for:
(include species if known)

___ Pollinators (bees, butterflies) Species: _____

___ Raptors (hawks, eagles) Species: _____

___ Waterfowl (ducks, geese, heron) Species: _____

___ Gamebirds (pheasant, turkey) Species: _____

___ Perching Birds (robin, woodpeckers) Species: _____

___ Amphibians (frogs, salamanders) Species: _____

___ Reptiles (snakes, lizards, turtle) Species: _____

___ Large Mammals (bear, coyote) Species: _____

___ Grazing Mammals (elk, deer) Species: _____

___ Small Mammals (squirrel, rabbit) Species: _____

2. Do you have large concentrations of migratory wildlife use your land? Yes No

If Yes, what species and when: _____

3. Do you use your land for any recreational activities (ie. hunting, trapping, bird watching) Yes No

- Do you provide or allow for public access? Yes No

- Do you plant a wildlife food plot or leave a crop or hay for this purpose? Yes No

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4. Do you consider wildlife needs during seedbed prep, seeding, spraying, tillage, haying, harvest and/or grazing? Yes No
- If yes, how? _____

5. Yes - Are you interested in managing your land for rare or declining wildlife species? Yes No
- If yes, which species and when? _____

Wildlife Habitat – Aquatic

1. Is your surface water fenced off? Yes No
2. Do you have a wet area on your property that you have trouble cropping? Yes No
- How often? _____
3. Do you pump water from a surface water body for irrigation or livestock? Yes No
- If yes, do you have a fish screen? Yes No
 - Do you provide wildlife protection in your livestock tanks? Yes No
 - Do you provide wildlife protection with your fence wire spacing? Yes No
4. Are you interested in managing wet areas on your property for wildlife? Yes No
- If Yes, check fish/wildlife species groups you are interested in managing portions of your land for, include species if known:

___ Fish (salmon/ trout, non-game)	Species: _____
___ Pollinators (bees, butterflies)	Species: _____
___ Raptors (hawks, eagles)	Species: _____
___ Waterfowl (ducks, geese, heron)	Species: _____
___ Gamebirds (pheasant, turkey)	Species: _____
___ Perching Birds (robin, woodpeckers)	Species: _____
___ Amphibians (frogs, salamanders)	Species: _____
___ Reptiles (snakes, lizards, turtle)	Species: _____
___ Large Mammals (bear, coyote)	Species: _____

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___ Grazing Mammals (elk, deer) Species: _____

___ Small Mammals (squirrel, rabbit) Species: _____

Farmstead

1. Does your operation generate and store any manure on the farmstead? Yes No

2. Do animals have access to surface waters in any concentrated areas? Yes No

3. Do you have a fertilizer/pesticide storage site and /or mixing and loading areas? Yes No

4. Is your cistern, well, or spring (domestic water source) well at least 100 feet from:
• Fertilizer/pesticide mixing areas? Yes No
• Your Feedlot Yes No
• Fuel storage area? Yes No

5. Is this an animal feeding operation (AFO)? (animals are confined and fed forage for 45 days or more in a year) Yes No

6. Do you have a current manure management plan or a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)? If yes, please provide a copy with your application Yes No

7. Are there any permitting or regulatory concerns related to the operation? Yes No
• If yes, please describe _____

8. Is the runoff from the operation currently managed? Partially Yes No

9. Is there any seepage occurring from existing storage facilities or structures? Yes No

10. This AFO is requesting assistance for (check appropriate box)

- An existing operation
 An existing operation that is expanding
 A new operation

11. Is manure spread on the operation? Yes No

- If yes, circle all that which applies: Liquid Solid Both
• If liquid, how many days storage do you have? _____

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12. Do you manage runoff from manure handling and feed handling areas? Yes No

13. Does the runoff from the feeding area enter a natural water body? Yes No

14. How many acres are available to spread manure (include pasture, crop ground, rented and owned) that are part of your operation?

15. Do you test the manure? Yes No

If yes, please describe when: _____

16. Do you test the soil for Nitrogen Phosphorus Potassium? Yes No

If yes, please describe when: _____

17. Do you have more than one confined operation?

• If yes, please describe. _____

Please provide any other beneficial information you think necessary to help us understand your operation.

Well done, thank you for completing this informational evaluation. This will facilitate being able to tailor your conservation plan for your needs. Note any questions or concerns for your visit with a NRCS conservation planner.

Producer Name: _____