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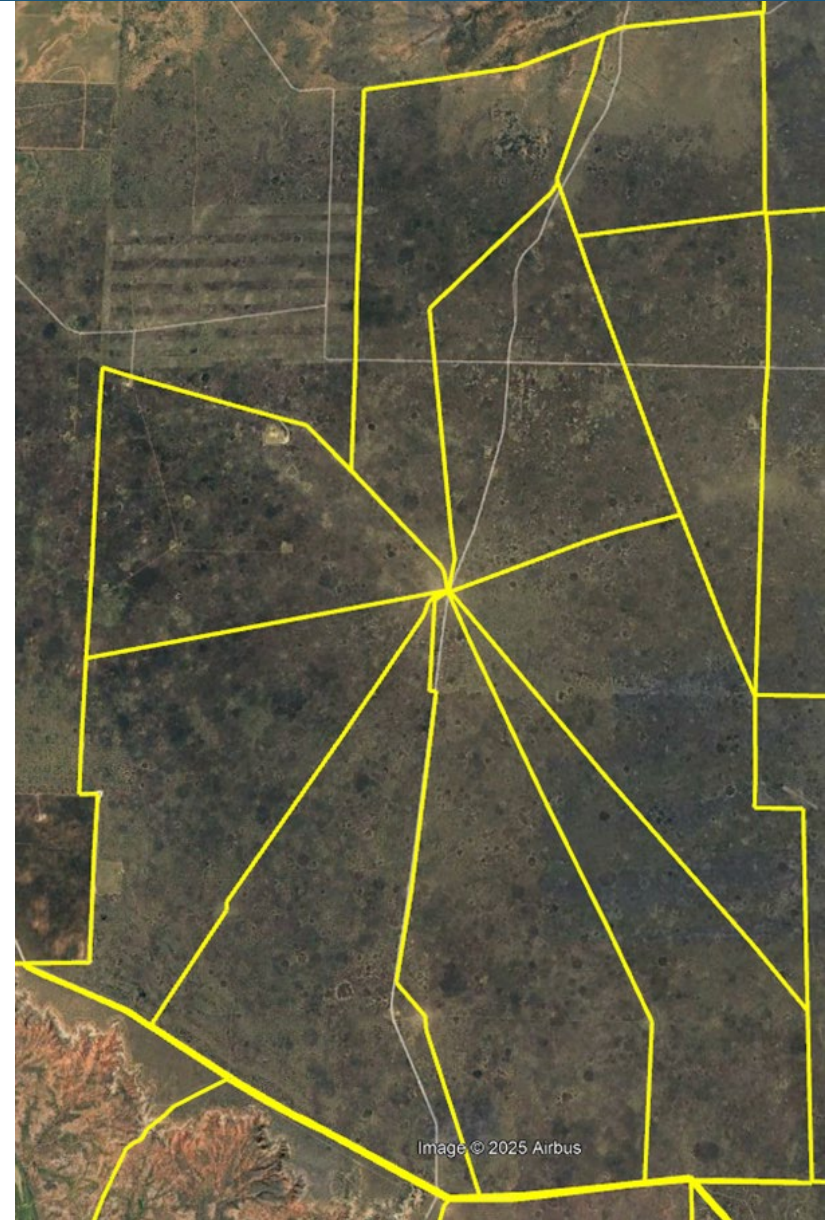
Who We Are

- Founded in 1935 in response to the Dust Bowl
- Rich history of 90 years working with farmers and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- We partner with landowners of private agriculture (cropland and rangeland) and non-industrial private forest lands to identify resource concerns and develop conservation plans to address those issues
- Funding is made available through Farm Bill Programs
- Participation is voluntary



Our assistance

- **Technical assistance**
 - Providing expert technical assistance is the core of our mission. NRCS staff have the training, expertise and knowledge to address natural resource challenges through science-based conservation planning
- **Financial assistance**
 - NRCS offers voluntary financial assistance programs through the Farm Bill
- **Determining what is right for your operation starts with a visit to your local USDA Service Center.**



Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)

- Boots on the ground
- No program requirements, no cost
- The NRCS is a technical agency here to assist agricultural producers. Programs are not required to receive assistance



Program - Eligibility

- Registered with Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- Agricultural producer
 - Individual, legal entity, Indian tribe, or joint operation
- SSN or EIN and entity documents
- Land control
 - Own or lease
- Compliant with Highly Erodible Land / Wetlands regulations: Food Security Act of 1985
- **Determining if you are eligible starts with a visit to your local USDA Service Center.**

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- EQIP supports producers by implementing structural, vegetative, and management practices
- Producers will work with a NRCS conservation planner to develop a conservation plan that addresses the identified resource concerns
- The length of an EQIP contract can vary.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Common Practices

- Rangeland
 - Brush Control
 - Fence
 - Range Planting
 - Livestock Water Development
 - Grazing Management
 - Wildlife Habitat Management
 - Many more
- Pastureland

- Pasture Planting
- Pest Management
- Nutrient Management
- Herbaceous Weed Control
- Fence
- Livestock Water Development
- Many more

- **Finding out which practices best address**

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Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

- CSP offers technical and financial assistance to help agricultural producers take their conservation efforts to the next level
- Current level of conservation will be maintained as a baseline, while adopting additional enhancements to increase level of conservation
- The length of a CSP contract is 5 years
- Management driven program

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)

- Easement program
- Agricultural Land Easements
 - Permanent
 - Requires an agreement with eligible partners
- Wetland Reserve Easements
 - Permanent and term
- Landowners retain private ownership but must follow certain land use requirements



Questions?

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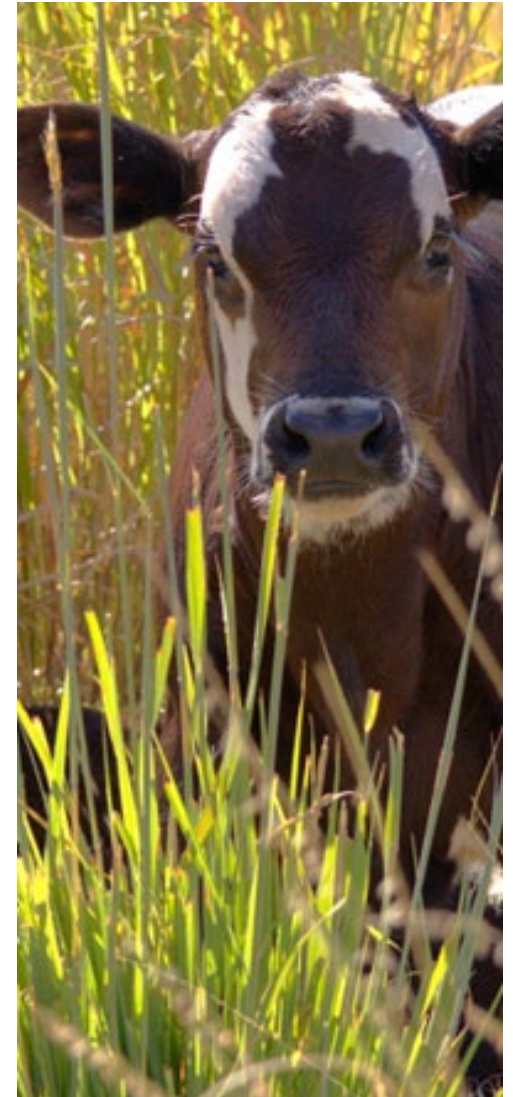
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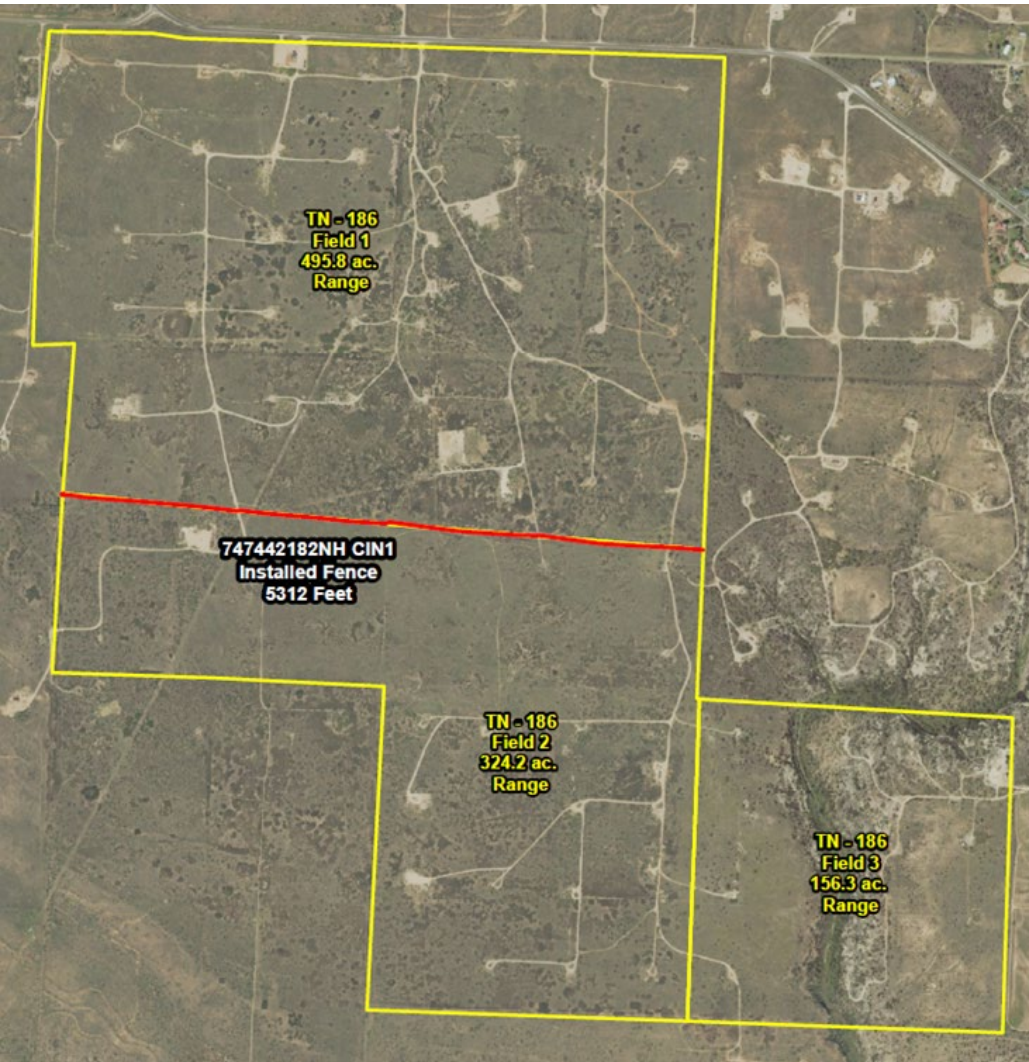
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/getting-assistance/conservation-technical-assistance>





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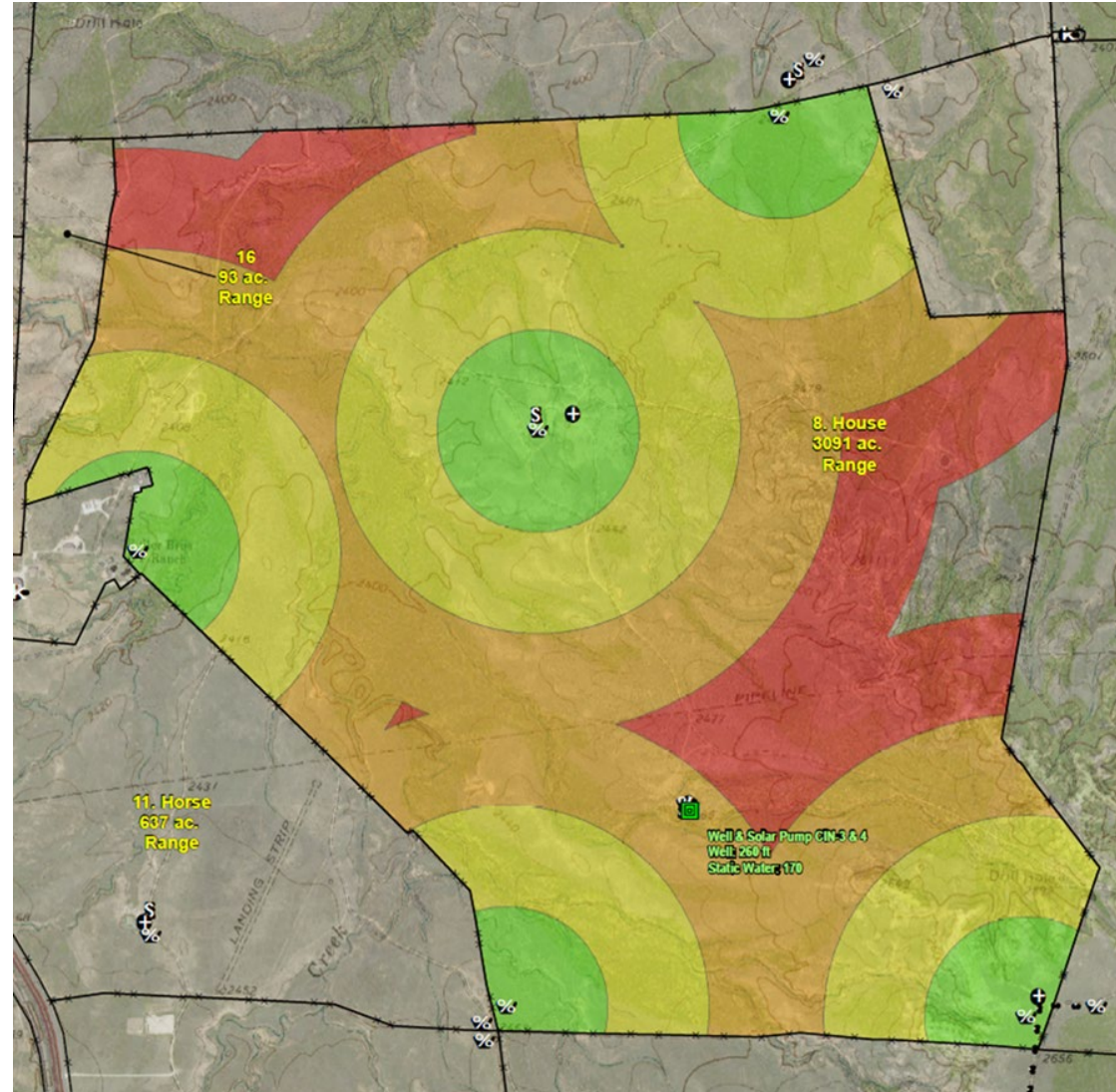
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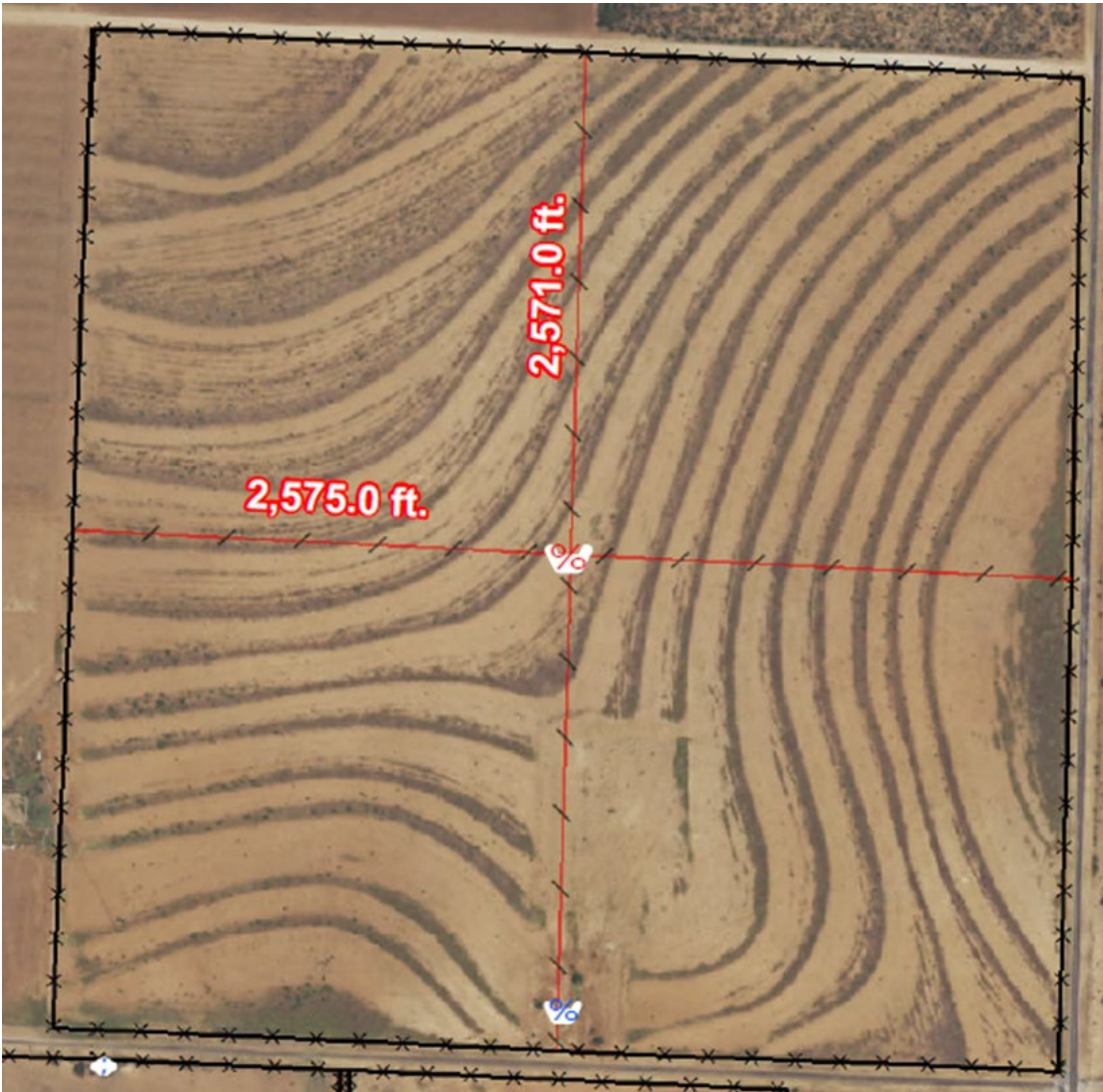
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