Helping You Care for the Land
A Cuyahoga County Farm

growing healthy food for you and your family
Traditional Agriculture Products
Conservation Farm “Products”

- Soils
- Water
- Animals
- Plants
Conservation - Benefits for Everyone

- Quality Food
- Clean Water
- Healthy Plants
- Recreation
Conservation - Benefits for Everyone

Wildlife

Clean Air
Conservation - For the Future

Conservation efforts now can ensure benefits for tomorrow.
Private Lands Conservation

2015 STATE AGRICULTURE OVERVIEW
Ohio

Farms Operations†
- Farm Operations - Area Operated, Measured in Acres / Operation
- Farm Operations - Number of Operations
- Farm Operations - Acres Operated

Livestock Inventory†
- Cattle, Cows, Beef - Inventory (First of Jan. 2016)
- Cattle, Cows, Milk - Inventory (First of Jan. 2016)
- Cattle, Ind Cows - Inventory (First of Jan. 2016)
- Cattle, On Feed - Inventory (First of Jan. 2016)
- Goats, Meat & Others - Inventory (First of Jan. 2016)
- Goats, Milk - Inventory (First of Jan. 2016)
- Sheep, Ind Lambs - Inventory (First of Jan. 2016)
- Hogs - Inventory (First of Dec. 2015)
- Chickens, Broilers - Production, Measured in Head
- Turkeys - Production, Measured in Head

Milk Production†
- Milk - Production, Measured in Lb / Head
- Milk - Production, Measured in $ 983,247,000
- Milk - Production, Measured in Lb 5,493,960,000

† Survey Data from QuickStats as of June 22, 2016.
Conservation Affects Us All

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<th>Farm Characteristics</th>
<th>Census of Agriculture</th>
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<th>2007</th>
<th>2012</th>
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<td>Farms (number)</td>
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<td>77,797</td>
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<td>Approximate total land area (acres)</td>
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<td>Cropland (acres)</td>
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<td>Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. (acres)</td>
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<td>676,551</td>
<td>503,425</td>
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<td>Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. in farmland (percent of total farms)</td>
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Conservation Partnership – Working Together

NRCS works with land users to protect and improve natural resources on private lands.
NRCS Mission

To provide leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and environment.
NRCS Employees

Skilled Technical Specialists
NRCS Employees

Committed to conservation and customers
NRCS Customers

Farmers, ranchers, and many other land users
NRCS Customers

- Rural and urban communities
- Federal, state, and local agencies
- Policymakers
- Special-use districts
- American Indian tribes
Our Partners
Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Conservation of land and aquatic resources in a developed environment through stewardship, education, and technical assistance.
Our Partners
Ohio Conservation Partnership

– Conservation Districts of Ohio

– State Conservation Committee

– Ohio Department of Agriculture
Our Partners
A Large and Diverse group

- Universities
- Commodity groups
- Professional societies
- Environmental groups
- Agricultural organizations
- Local, state and federal agencies
Our partners
Earth Team Volunteers

Work in office, on the land, schools

Help with conservation work
Our partners
Earth Team Volunteers

Get involved!
Call 1-888-LANDCARE

Learn New Skills
Legacy of Conservation

Soil Conservation Service, now the NRCS, was established in 1935.
Legacy of Conservation
Programs and Services

- Conservation Operations
- Soil Surveys
- National Resources Inventory
- Small Watershed Programs
Conservation Operations
Technical assistance
Conservation Technical Assistance

Natural Resources Inventory/Assessment

Conservation Planning
Soil Surveys

- Published scientific inventories and the web soil survey provide limitations and uses of soils
- Assist land users make resource management decisions
NRI - National Resources Inventory

- Evaluates resource conditions and trends
- Helps Americans make wise land use and management decisions
Small Watershed Programs

• Helps improve natural resources in small watersheds
2014 Farm Bill Programs

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- Conservation Reserve Program
- Wetlands Reserve Program
EQIP
Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Address serious threats to natural resources
CRP
Conservation Reserve Program

Establish permanent vegetation on environmentally sensitive cropland
WRP
Wetlands Reserve Program

Restore and protect wetlands
Ohioans Meet Challenges
Conservation Achievements
Conservation - The Future
For more information

– Contact Your Local NRCS Office
  Cuyahoga/Summit County Office
  6000 Lombardo Center, Suite 110
  Seven Hills, OH 44131

– Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District office

– Visit the NRCS homepage at www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov
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