



Natural **R**esources **C**onservation **S**ervice

In Colorado

Mission: Helping People Help the Land

Vision: Productive Lands-Healthy Environment

Private Lands and WS Planning

- *Approx 60 % of land is privately owned*
- *80% is in some form of Agriculture*
- *Majority of allocated water is for agriculture production*

Conservation Assistance to Private Lands Agriculture

- *Inventory & Assessment*
- *Technical Assistance*
- *Financial Assistance*

Inventory & Assessment

- *Rapid WS Assessment*
- *Watershed Awareness*
- *Stakeholder Input*
- *Target/Prioritize*
- *Farm/Ranch Inventory & Assessment*

Technical Assistance

- *Conservation Planning*
- *Standards & Specifications*
- *Design , Layout, Certify*

Financial Assistance

- Working Lands Conservation Programs (*cost-share*)
- Easements
- Land Retirement Programs
- Stewardship Payments



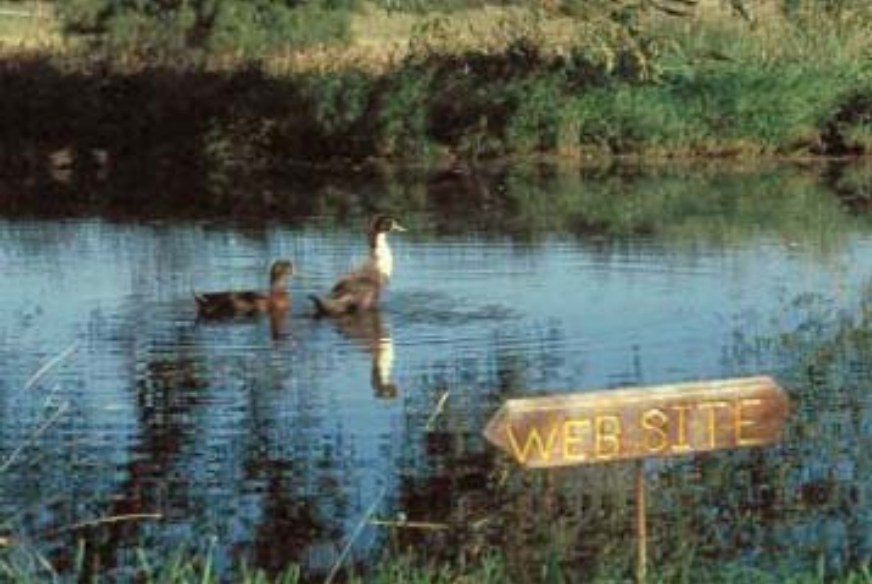
Working Lands Conservation Programs

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)
- Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP)
- Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)



Easements

- Farmland Protection Program (FPP)
- Grassland Protection Program (GRP)
- Healthy Forest Reserve Program (HFRP)



Land Retirement Programs

- Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

(administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency FSA)



Stewardship Payments

- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

Closing

- *Recognition of Importance (and Challenges) of Private Lands Agriculture*
- *Partnerships and Coordination*