

Appendix A

Select agricultural stewardship programs in the United States (listed alphabetically)

Program Name	Program Website	State / Region	Certification / Award	Agricultural Targets
4R Stewardship Concept and Certification Program	https://4rcertified.org/research/	Western Lake Erie Basin	Certification	Crop production, watersheds, nutrient losses
4Rs Nutrient Stewardship	http://www.nutrientstewardship.org/	National (U.S.)	Award	Reduced and efficient fertilizer use
A.C.E. (Applicators Conserving the Environment) Pilot Program	https://deltafarm.org/index.php/news/ag_pilots_recognized	Mississippi	Awardees receive a plaque and \$1,500 cash	Crop production, application of aerial pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers
Advancing Colorado's Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ACRE3 Program)	https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/agconservation/acre	Colorado	Awardees receive financial and technical assistance and education on how to cut costs	Promotes renewable energy projects for ag producers
Advocacy Award	https://www.landolakesinc.com/Members/Member-News/February-2019/Award-Winning-Farmers-and-Ag-Retailers-Drive-Food	National (U.S.)	Award	Education about broad impacts of farm stewardship
Ag Ambassador Award	https://sdda.sd.gov/office-of-the-secretary/ag-ambassador-award/default.aspx	South Dakota	Awardees are recognized during a luncheon	Livestock and ag land
AgirVision Award	https://www.in.gov/isda/3367.htm	Indiana	Award	Significant advances in agriculture industry

Aglands Preservation Program	https://agriculture.delaware.gov/agland-preservation-planning/the-preservation-program/	Delaware	Participants are paid to sell their farm's development rights	Preservation of ag land for 10 years
Agricultural Blue Legacy Award	https://savetexaswater.org/awards/agriculture/index.html	Texas	Awardees have the opportunity to share their story	Crop production, livestock, water quality
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/acep/	National (U.S.)	Easement depends on term length	Protect, restore, enhance wetlands and grasslands
Agricultural Environmental Enhancement Program (AEEP)	https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-awards-funding-for-environmental-projects-at-massachusetts-farms	Massachusetts	Awardees receive grants	Livestock, crop production
Agricultural Environmental Management Award	https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/SoilWater/esa/2018.html	New York	Award	Crop production, preservation of soil and water quality
Agricultural-Environmental Leadership Award	https://www.fdacs.gov/Agriculture-Industry/Agricultural-Awards-and-Honors/Agricultural-Environmental-Leadership-Award	Florida	Three awardees per year	Preservation of resources
Agriculture Dust Program	https://azdeq.gov/AgriculturalDust	Arizona	Education and monitoring program	Minimize ag dust emissions
Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)	https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/oefi/AMMP/	California	Awardees receive financial assistance	Manure management practices for reduced greenhouse gases
Arkansas Century Farm Program	https://www.aad.arkansas.gov/arkansas-century-farm-program	Arkansas	Certification; Awardees receive personalized certificate and metal sign	Preservation of ag land

Arkansas Farm Family of the Year Program	https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/arkansas-farm-family-of-the-year-program-4497/	Arkansas	Awardees are recognized at a luncheon honoring the families	Encompasses history of farming experience, farm production, farm and family financial management, and environmental and conservation efforts
Bay-Wise Certified	https://extension.umd.edu/baywise	Maryland	Certification; Awardees receive a small sign that can be displayed in yard	Water quality
Centennial Awards Program	https://shpo.nv.gov/services/nevadas-centennial-ranch-and-farm-program	Nevada	Award	Ranch and farm conservation
Certified Wildlife Friendly	http://wildlifefriendly.org/north-america/	North America	Certification	Livestock
Clean Water Farm Award Program	https://pacd.org/?cat=11&paged=2	Pennsylvania	Awardees receive signed certificate and invitation to an award luncheon; districts that nominate individuals are entered to win a \$100 pizza party for their office	Best management practices for improvement of local and downstream water quality
Colorado River Salinity Control Program	https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/agconservation/colorado-river-salinity-control-program	Colorado	Awardees receive financial assistance	Irrigation systems to reduce salinity in Colorado River
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	https://iowaagriculture.gov/water-resources-bureau/iowa-conservation-reserve-enhancement-program-crep	National (U.S.)	Awardees can receive up to 15 years of annual rental payments from the USDA for enrolled acres (150% of the average soil rental rate), 100% cost share for wetland restoration and buffer enhancement, and a one-time payment to enter into a 30-year or perpetual easement	Crop lands, reduce nitrogen loads in streams and rivers
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/index	National (U.S.)	Awardees receive annual rental payment	Water quality, soil erosion, and reduced wildlife habitat issues on environmentally sensitive ag land

Conservation Stewardship Program	https://sustainableagriculture.net/publications/grassrootsguide/conservation-environment/conservation-stewardship-program/	National (U.S.)	Awardees receive payments for conservation activities (e.g. \$350 for each resource concern plus per acre payments)	Water quality, biodiversity, and soil erosion protection through cotton, corn, crops, dairy, forestry, livestock, organics, pork, poultry, soil health, soybeans, wheat and wildlife
Delaware Nutrient Management Certification	https://agriculture.delaware.gov/nutrient-management/certification-education/	Delaware	Certification; 4 possible levels (Nutrient Generator, Private Nutrient Handler, Commercial Nutrient Handler, Nutrient Consultant)	Nutrient management plan for livestock, agricultural lands and landscapes
Direct Seed Loan Program	https://www.idaholandcan.org/local-resources/Direct-Seed-Loan-Program/38880	Northwest (U.S.)	Awardees are offered low interest loans	Crop production; improve water and soil quality
Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award	https://www.michfb.com/MI/Distinguished_Service_to_Agriculture_Award/	Michigan	Award	General service to agriculture
Excellence in Agriculture Award	https://www.scfb.org/excellenceaward	South Carolina	Awardees receive \$7,000 toward the purchase of a new ATV; each finalist receives \$500 and a one night stay at the SCFB Annual Convention	General ag stewardship
Extra STEP Award	https://naba.com/2019/11/award-nominations-needed/	Nebraska	Award	Crop protection and fertilizer usage
Farm Stewardship Certification and Assessment Program (FSCAP)	https://stmarysscd.com/farm-stewardship-certification-and-assessment-program-fscap/	Maryland	Certification	Soil conservation and water quality plan for the Chesapeake Bay
Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP)	https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/farmable-wetlands/index	National (U.S.)	Awardees receive cost share support and annual rental payment based on acres enrolled	Groundwater quality, prevent soil erosion, provide wildlife habitat, reduce downstream flood damage

Farmland Preservation Program	https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/ADaRC/ADaRC/Farmland-Preservation-Program	Connecticut	Volunteers receive a check for the development price of the property	Preservation of ag land
Fayette Alliance	https://fayettealliance.com/fayette-alliance-awards/	Kentucky	Award	Water quality, greenspace, local food
Georgia Conservation Incentives	https://georgiawildlife.com/sites/default/files/wrd/pdf/management/Landowners_Guide_to_Conservation_Incentives.pdf	Georgia	Awardees can receive financial and technical assistance and tax relief	General conservation
Global Gap	https://www.globalgap.org/uk-en/what-we-do/globalg.a.p.-certification/globalg.a.p./	Global	Certification	Crops, livestock, aquaculture
Grown and Certified Grant Program	https://peconiclandtrust.org/our-work/farms/grown-certified-grant-program	New York	Certification; Can receive up to \$50,000 in capital investment	Food safety
Headwaters Agricultural Stewardship Project	https://www.cbf.org/how-we-save-the-bay/programs-initiatives/virginia/headwaters-agricultural-stewardship-project.html	Virginia	Funding for BMP's	Livestock, water quality
Hoosier Homestead	https://www.in.gov/isda/2337.htm	Indiana	Awardees receive an honor at a ceremony	Farms owned by the same family for over 100 years that have made economic, cultural, and social advancements
Indiana State Nutrient Reduction Strategy (SNSR)	https://www.in.gov/isda/2991.htm	Indiana	Awardees can receive financial, technical and educational assistance	Water quality and soil health (reduce runoff)
Innovation Award	https://www.landolakesinc.com/Members/Member-News/February-2019/Award-Winning-Farmers-and-Ag-Retailers-Drive-Food	National (U.S.)	Award	Crop production, reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Iowa Farm Environmental Leader	https://iowaagriculture.gov/farm-environmental-leader-awards	Iowa	Award ceremony	Best management practices for healthy soils and water quality
Iowa Farm Environmental Leader	https://iowaagriculture.gov/farm-environmental-leader-awards	Iowa	Award	Soil health and water quality
Kansas Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers	https://www.k-state.edu/agreport/research/spring18/masterfarmers.html	Kansas	Award and banquet	Ag leadership, environmental stewardship, and service to communities
Kentucky Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year	http://www.kyreefarm.org/	Kentucky	Award	Sustain forests, protect wildlife habitats and watersheds
Lake Champlain Basin Program	https://www.lcbp.org/education/programs/public-outreach-programs/farm-award/	Vermont	Award	Water quality
Land Stewardship Project	https://landstewardshipproject.org/morefarmers/farm	Minnesota	Stewardship training program	Livestock and crop production
Leopold Conservation Award Program	https://sandcountyfoundation.org/about/	Midwest and West Coast (U.S.)	Awardees receive \$10,000 and a crystal award	Conservation and land management for livestock (dairy)
Lone Star Land Steward Awards Program	https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/private/lone_star_land_steward/	Texas	Awardees receive recognition and honors	Habitat management
Maine Farmland Trust	https://www.maineFarmlandtrust.org/stewardship/	Maine	Agricultural conservation easement	Preservation of rural farm land
Maryland Agricultural Certainty Program	https://mda.maryland.gov/resource_conservation/Pages/agricultural_certainty_program.aspx	Maryland	Certification; Awardees exempt from new environmental laws and regulations for 10 years if they install BMPs to meet local or Chesapeake Bay Total Daily Maximum Load (TMDL) goals	Crop production, soil conservation, water quality, and nutrient management plan

Maryland Cover Crop Program	https://mda.maryland.gov/resources_conservation/Pages/covercrops.aspx	Maryland	Cost-share, certification, and recognition for planting cover crops	Planting cover crops to reduce nutrient loss and protect water quality
Maryland Farm Stewardship Certification and Assessment Program	http://www.mascd.net/FSCA/	Maryland	Recognition for good conservation stewardship	Sustainable management of natural resources for soil conservation and water quality
Master Farmer Program	https://agfax.com/news/2010/01/louisiana-master-farmers-0115.htm	Louisiana	Award and 12x20-inch sign for property	Farm conservation, BMPs for irrigation and pest management
Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program	https://maeap.org/	Michigan	Certification; Can lead to preferred treatment for cost share, technical assistance and regulatory protections	Farmstead, cropping, livestock, forest, wetlands and habitat; aim is to reduce erosion and runoff into streams, ponds, and rivers
Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP)	https://www.mda.state.mn.us/environment-sustainability/minnesota-agricultural-water-quality-certification-program	Minnesota	Certification; Can receive financial aid up to \$5,000	Best management practices for water quality
Missouri Agriculture Environmental Steward Award	https://agriculture.mo.gov/awards/	Missouri	Award	Soil health, reducing nutrient loss, animal ag advancements, conservation
Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement	https://ianrnews.unl.edu/nebraska-hall-agricultural-achievement-honor-two-induct-new-members	Nebraska	Award and banquet	Preserving and improving all aspects of agriculture
Outstanding Ag Retailer	https://www.landolakesinc.com/Members/Member-News/February-2019/Award-Winning-Farmers-and-Ag-Retailers-Drive-Food	National (U.S.)	Award	Crop production
Outstanding Cropland Conservationist Award	https://www.macdweb.org/awards/	Mississippi	Award at the MACD annual meeting	Crop production, conservation tillage and residue management

Outstanding Sustainability	https://www.landolakesinc.com/Members/Member-News/February-2019/Award-Winning-Farmers-and-Ag-Retailers-Drive-Food	National (U.S.)	Award	Improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
Section 319 Grant Program	https://www.epa.gov/nps/319-grant-program-states-and-territories	National (U.S.)	Awardees can receive 60% cost share	Water quality
Swisher Sweets / Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year Award	https://sunbeltexpo.com/foty/	Southeast (U.S.)	Awardees receive cash prizes	Encompasses history of farming experience, farm production, farm and family financial management, and environmental and conservation efforts
Special Gold Certificate Awards	https://www.colsa.unh.edu/nhaes/article/2018/11/dfa	National (U.S.)	Award	Livestock (dairy), animal care and wellness, environmental stewardship
Spring 2018 Sustainable Agriculture and Stewardship of Resources	https://www.santafecf.org/2018---nonprofits---grantee-list-sustainable-agriculture--stewardship-of-resources	New Mexico	Award money is divided up by program	Water quality
State Water Efficiency & Enhancement Program (SWEEP)	https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/oefi/sweep/	California	Grant program	Irrigation systems (e.g. soil moisture monitoring, drip systems) or installation of renewable energy or reduced farm energy and water use
Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE)	https://www.sare.org/	National (U.S.)	Awardees can receive grants (amount dependent on the project)	Sustainable agriculture
Tyler Hansell Agricultural Water Efficiency Award	https://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/WaterRights/Conservation/Awards/Pages/default.aspx	Oregon	Award	Waste water
Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP)	https://wsfb.com/advocacy-4/voluntary-stewardship-program/	Washington	Stewardship funding program	Ag production

Watershed and Wetland Stewardship Awards	https://mtwatersheds.org/app/biennial-watershed-wetland-stewardship-awards/	Montana	Award presented at a ceremony	Water quality
Young Farmer Awards	https://www.michfb.com/MI/YFAwards/	Michigan	Award and \$400	Leadership in the ag community

