Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Who are we?

- **NRCS assists private landowners with conservation projects aligned with their goals and objectives.**

- **Born out of the 1930's Dust Bowl as Soil Erosion Service.**

- **NRCS is non-regulatory, all participation is voluntary.**

- **All assistance is provided confidentially.**

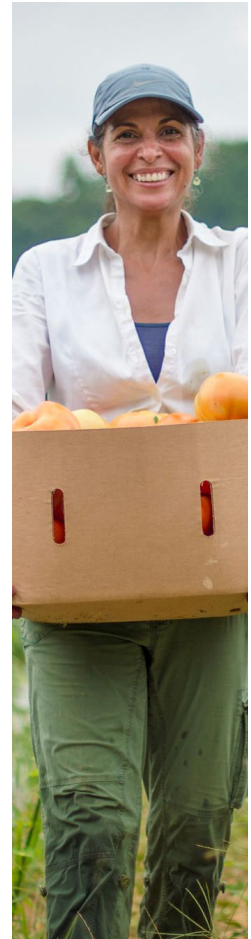- **NRCS accepts applications year-round.**

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Environmental Quality Incentives Program

- **NRCS' primary program for helping producers implement conservation practices on their land.**

- **Provides financial and technical assistance to address natural resource concerns.**

- **Benefits include:**
    - Improving air, soil and water quality
    - Conserving water and energy, saving money
    - Preventing soil erosion
    - Enhancing on-farm wildlife habitat
    - Mitigating impacts from climate change

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Conservation Practices

- **Structural, vegetative, and management practices that producers can implement to conserve natural resources.**

- **Most commonly used practices in Yolo County:**
  - Microirrigation systems w/ soil moisture sensors
  - Cover crop
  - Whole orchard recycling
  - Compost or mulch
  - Hedgerow planting
  - Tractor/equipment replacement
  - Livestock watering systems

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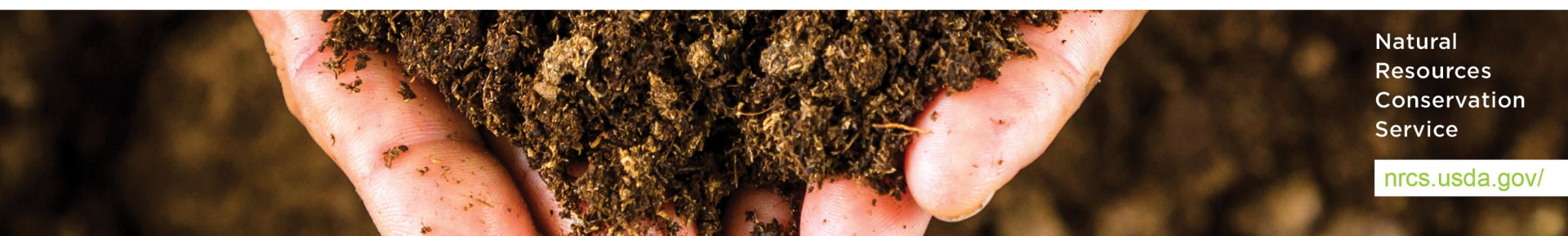Nicholas.Gallagher@usda.gov

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