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VOLUNTARY, LONG RANGE PROGRAM
The Great Plains Conservation Program is a voluntary and long range program. It is designed to assist producers apply needed work in accordance with a complete conservation plan. It is an additional program designed to meet long term needs and problems of farmers and ranchers in the Plains region.

PROGRAM WELL LIKED
Farmer-ranchers like the Great Plains Conservation Program for several reasons:

- Practices included in the Program help reduce severity and even extent of drought conditions.
- Program permits stepped-up rate of establishing needed conservation practices.
- Long-term agreement guarantees cost-sharing help to complete conservation plan.

- Cost-share payments are made promptly upon completion of various conservation practices.
- The written agreement may be altered to meet changing agricultural conditions.

South Dakota Counties Eligible and Designated for assistance under the Great Plains Conservation Program

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A complete conservation plan is developed under the Great Plains Conservation Program.

Properly located stockwater developments, such as springs, ponds, wells and dugouts, provide more uniform range use.
INDIVIDUAL HELP ASSURED

Technical assistance at no cost is one of the benefits to the farmer-rancher. The operator who participates in the Great Plains Conservation Program is assured of receiving individual help with the technical problems of establishing conservation practices on his entire ranch or farm. The need and schedule of these practices becomes part of his Great Plains Conservation Program agreement. The program schedule, varying in length from 3 to 10 years, may be changed jointly by SCS personnel and the cooperator when the need arises.

COST-SHARING

Cost-sharing is available to Great Plains Conservation Program cooperators because the Plains area is important to the whole nation as a food producing region. A cooperator may receive as much as 80% cost-sharing on some urgent practices.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The Great Plains Conservation Program is administered through the Soil Conservation Service and its offices serving each county. Each county Great Plains Conservation Program Committee consists of local representatives of the Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service, Cooperative Extension Service, Soil and Water Conservation District and others associated with conservation in the county.
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