

**Program Name:** Agricultural Assistance  
**Project Name:** 2008 Farm Bill  
**Project ID:** 3301 (Formerly Project ID 3202)  
**Lead Agency:** Natural Resources Conservation Service  
**Authority:** Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill)  
**Funding Source:**

**Strategic Plan Goal(s) Addressed:** 3.A.2

**Measurable Output(s):** Acres Enrolled in 2008 Farm Bill Programs

**Project Synopsis:** The 2008 Farm Bill responds to a broad range of emerging natural resource challenges faced by farmers and ranchers, including soil erosion, wetlands, wildlife habitat, and farmland protection. Private landowners will benefit from a portfolio of voluntary assistance, including cost-share, land rental, incentive payments, and technical assistance. The 2008 Farm Bill places a strong emphasis on the conservation of working lands, ensuring that land remain both healthy and productive. The assistance includes the design, layout and consultation services associated with the conservation practice application or management guidance provided. Technical assistance is targeted towards nutrient management, water quality, and water conservation concerns associated with animal feeding, livestock grazing operations and fruit and crop production within the Everglades Ecosystem. As of 2011, a total of 408,135 acres in the sixteen-county South Florida region were enrolled in these and other Farm Bill Conservation Programs at an obligated cost of \$322,730,600.

**Current Status:**

**Cost:** \$300,000,000  
 Project Development:  
 Land Acquisition:  
 Implementation:  
 Operations and maintenance:

**Project Schedule:**

Start Date: 2009  
 Finish Date: 2012

**Detailed Project Budget Information (1000's)**

	Through 2009	2010	2011*	2012	Balance to Complete	Total
Federal	\$57,500	\$153,409	\$6,399	\$7,266	\$75,426	\$300,000
State						
Tribal						
Local						
Other						
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 57,500</b>	<b>\$153,409</b>	<b>\$6,399</b>	<b>\$7,266</b>	<b>\$75,426</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>

\*Total for 2012 does not include conservation easement programs (WRP, GRP, and FRPP). Funding for these programs will not be completed until after August 15, 2012.

**Hyperlink:** <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2008/index.html>  
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