

Getting ready: Regenerative Pilot Program checklist

What to gather before you apply to NRCS and before you start keeping records with Made in USA Inc. You apply to the program through your local USDA Service Center; we verify how the work was carried out.

For your NRCS application (you submit these to USDA, not to us)

Done	Item	Where it comes from
	FSA farm number and tract numbers	Your FSA farm record (FSA-156EZ). No number yet? Ask your FSA office.
	NRCS-CPA-1200 Conservation Program Application	nrcs.usda.gov . Write "Regenerative Pilot Program" in Assistance requested.
	AD-2047 Customer Data Worksheet	farmers.gov common forms
	CCC-941 Adjusted Gross Income certification	farmers.gov common forms
	AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation	farmers.gov common forms
	CCC-902 Farm Operating Plan (CCC-901 for entities)	Usually completed with your FSA office
	CCC-860, if you qualify (beginning, veteran, limited resource, socially disadvantaged)	fsa.usda.gov
	Proof of ownership or a signed lease	Deed, county record, or lease

What the program asks of a participating farm

Requirement	What it means in practice
Whole-farm assessment	Done with NRCS staff, a partner, or a technical service provider. Covers every resource concern; must meet planning criteria for soil and water.
At least one primary regenerative practice	From the NRCS list: e.g. Cover Crop (340), Prescribed Grazing (528), No Till (329), Conservation Crop Rotation (328), Nutrient Management (590).
Soil health testing	At least in the first and last year of the contract (CEMA 216). NRCS can cover the cost.

For Made in USA Inc. verification

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	Farm name, county, state, and total acres
	A list of fields with acres and land use (a phone photo of your FSA map is fine)
	Your whole-farm plan or conservation plan, once NRCS completes it
	A phone with location turned on, for field photos of each practice

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	Your soil lab's name, and the baseline lab report when you have it

We never ask for your Social Security or tax ID number. Those go only on USDA forms, to USDA. Made in USA Inc. verifies implementation records; this is not a USDA certification, and NRCS makes all program and funding decisions. "Regenerative" has no federal legal definition.