



THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET WAS RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 12.

How will it affect conservation funding and agricultural research?

CONSERVATION FUNDING

25%
cut to the
total USDA
budget

- \$15 billion **cut** to farm bill conservation programs.
- \$183 million **cut** to Conservation Technical Assistance, the program that funds Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) "boots on the ground" to help farmers implement conservation practices.
- A proposal to **eliminate** the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), a program that pays producers to maintain or enhance soil and water-conserving practices on their land. The program is the most popular federal conservation program in the country, currently enrolling 72 million acres.
- A proposal to **eliminate** the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP), a program that brings together public-private partnerships to reach conservation goals. Current projects are focused in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and the Mississippi and Colorado river basins.
- **Eliminates** \$500 million grant component of the USDA's rural water and wastewater program.

ELIMINATES EPA Section 319 nonpoint source grant program. This popular program funds conservation projects and staff across the nation.

RESEARCH FUNDING

50%

(\$32 million) **cut** to the Economic Research Service's (ERS) budget.

23%

cut to the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program.

14.5%

(\$173 million) **cut** to the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) budget.

