



Soil Conservation And Regeneration Education (Soil CARE) Act of 2023

Training and education regarding regenerative agriculture have been critically underfunded, but education and technical support are crucial components to successfully implementing conservation efforts in the country. The Soil CARE Act invests in expanded technical assistance and provides U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) staff and personnel with the latest knowledge, tools, and innovations to help producers produce and boost healthy soil.

The Soil CARE Act would:

- Utilize cooperative agreements to develop and deliver curriculum, drawing on existing materials of organizations with biological soil health expertise (organic, agroecology, regenerative, etc.) and experienced training producers.
- Develop a nationally-available online training curriculum based on the latest science and practices. Research findings from Long-Term Agroecosystem Research sites and other relevant programs to be included in curriculum development.
- Encourage all relevant USDA NRCS staff and TSPs to complete the online training. Relevant staff include field agents and those involved in conservation planning activities and technical assistance provision.
- Hold regular soil health workshops/in-person training sessions, with full regional coverage. Participation is encouraged but not mandatory for relevant NRCS staff and TSPs.
- Dedicate resources to providing required continuing education for all NRCS and TSPs.
- Require NRCS to use the training curriculum to develop soil health education materials for producers accessing NRCS programs relating to soil health.