

ICS is a cooperative program that strives to furnish incentives that advance cropping management systems that offer efficiencies in crop production and enhance pollution reduction performance. ICS adoption incentives include outreach, technical transfer, education, demonstration, research, cooperation, development, partnerships, and financial assistance.

ICS Mission Statement: Conserve natural resources for future generations.

ICS goals and objectives are designed to meet the dynamic needs of producers and natural resource conservation managers.

Accomplishments:

- Pilot for State Cost Share Program for Continuous No-Till (CNT) Practice.
- Reached over 5,000 individuals through formal presentations.
- Financed and executed CNT carbon sequestration, runoff, erosion and nutrient fate research projects.
- Provide leadership in the acceptance of assigned BMP efficiencies by USEPA in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.
- Finance and facilitate numerous crop producer and professional training events.
- ICS highlighted in numerous publications to include: CTIC Partners, No-Till Farmer, Regions Bank, Chesapeake Bay Journal, Atlantic Monthly, Southeast Farmer, Progressive Farmer magazines, newspapers, technical journals and other publications.
- National Winner of 2001 District Outreach Award in Broadcast Media sponsored by National Assoc. of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (NACD) & Equipment Manufacturers Institute (EMI)
- National Winner of No-Till Innovator Award (organization category) sponsored by No-Till Magazine and Syngenta.
- Secured over 3 million \$ in grant funds.
- Approximately 97% adoption of acres to CNT within the district.

Current initiatives:

- USDA Conservation Innovation Grant - In support of environmental credit markets, the advancement of systems innovation and measurement of pollutant reduction efficiencies.
- Research and development of Greenseeker sensing and variable rate application technologies in a CNT system.
- Measurement and modeling of Soil Carbon for the Atlantic Region
- Locality funded feasibility study for agriculture and stormwater trading markets.

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