

# Compliance Plan Final

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December 31, 1994 is the last day for Conservation Compliance Plans to be certified as fully applied. According to the 1985 Food Security Act (FSA) and the 1990 Food and Agriculture Conservation Trade Act (FACTA), this certification is necessary if agricultural producers wish to remain eligible for affected USDA Programs.

In the 1985 FSA and 1990 FACTA, Agriculture producers are to abide by certain conservation guidelines in order to be eligible for certain USDA programs. These guidelines focus on soil erosion. They were developed by the local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) board in conjunction with the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS). Agriculture Producers were to work with the SCS in developing a Conservation Compliance Plan that met the guidelines. The initial development of these plans was completed by December 31, 1989. Then the agriculture producer has the next five years to work with the local SWCD and SCS to refine the plan and apply any needed practices to meet the ero-

sion guidelines.

These practices may involve a management system with crop residue or a complex system of crop rotation, strip cropping, terraces, and crop residue. In Morrow County, on the dryland wheat fields, most of the erosion control practices have addressed water erosion with a combination of terraces and residue. On the irrigated cropland, mostly on the north end where wind erosion is the concern, a system of crop rotation with residue management is primarily used. For those participating in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the practice is perennial grass cover.

The 1985 FSA and 1990 FACTA stipulate that at the end of the five year implementation period (December 31, 1994), all the necessary management and structural practices be completed so the Conservation Compliance Plan is fully applied. To ensure that their Compliance Plan is completed, producers need to review their plan and make sure they know what is necessary. Then they should contact the SCS and check to see what they need to do to certify their Conservation Compliance Plan. The SCS is to assist the producer in develop-

ing and applying the plan. However, the ultimate responsibility is with the producer. If a plan is not certified by December 31, 1994, eligibility for certain USDA programs may be jeopardized.

For further information or to check on your plan, please contact the Soil Conservation Service at 676-5021, or stop by the office at 430 Heppner/Lexington Highway in the Pettyjohn Office Building.

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Doug Drake (l) with Chuck Nelson and Bruce Andrews

The Chuck and Lisa Nelson farm near Lexington was chosen as the state conservation winning farm for 1993. A barbecue and tour was held on June 2 and was attended by nearly 250 people from around the state.

Bruce Andrews, director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, delivered the keynote address and reminded the attendees that farming is more

than a business because of the "caring relationship" that a farmer has with his land.

In his remarks on the tour, Chuck pointed out that this award was the culmination of years of hard work and sound conservation practices begun by his father, Norman Nelson. He also stated that a moldboard plow has not been used on the farm since 1918.

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**MORROW COUNTY SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

1993  
STATISTICAL  
SUMMARY

**Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
Changes in Fund Balances -- All Governmental Fund Types  
(Arising from Cash Transactions)  
Year Ended June 30, 1993**

Individuals & Groups Assisted	134
Individuals & Groups Applying Practices	70
Resource Management Systems Planned	4,744 acres
Farms with an Approved Conservation Plan	53/30,479 acres
Land Treated with Conservation Plan	53,634 acres
Total Soil Saved on All Land Uses	68,360 tons

Governmental Fund Types	
General Soil and Water	Special Revenue Weed Control

**REVENUES:**

Grant revenue	\$ 18,000	\$ 6,903
Morrow County funds	25,748	45,006
Interest income	831	717
Contract Services	9,913	8,692
Miscellaneous	813	4,846
Oregon Department of Agriculture	-	2,230
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>55,305</b>	<b>68,394</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

Personal services	39,511	47,562
Materials and services	26,746	23,407
Capital outlay	-	19,044
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>66,257</b>	<b>90,013</b>

**EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES  
OVER EXPENDITURES**

(10,952) (21,619)

**FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR**

32,857 44,037

**FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR**

\$ 21,905 \$ 22,418

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