

Getting Started with myNRCS

About my.NRCS

The NRCS Portal provides quick access to agency information and applications through a single website. Login access protects sensitive data. Options on tabs depend on your position, location, and security level.

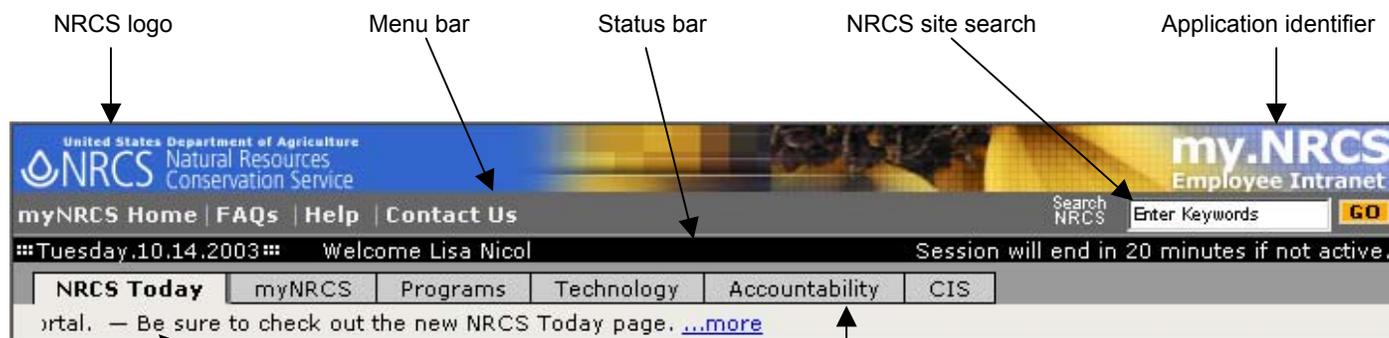
To access the my.NRCS portal:

1. In your browser window type the following URL:
<https://my.nrcs.usda.gov>
2. Click **Login** on the image.
3. Enter your **WebCAAF User ID** and **Password**. (These are the same as your WebTCAS login and password.)
4. **Continue** to the NRCS Today page.



A few preliminaries:

Common elements are used to navigate throughout the portal. They are explained on the graphic below.



Navigate through my.NRCS by clicking the desired tab. Selected tab will be highlighted. Tab contents are described below.

NRCS Today—Information on agency-wide events and news.

MyNRCS—Application access, community information, and community forums.

Programs—Resource data related to the Program area.

Technology—Applications and web references for the Science & Technology and Soil Survey & Resource Assessment areas.

Accountability—Reporting access and news from the Strategic Planning and Accountability area.

CIS—Conservation Information System Reports, specific access based on security, leadership, and position.

A closer look: NRCS Today

Each tab contains different information, however the layout is fairly consistent. Information is arranged in newspaper-style columns. Each column contains one or more articles.

Article headings

Quick reference tools

Links to expanded articles (blue text)

New items highlighted

The screenshot shows the NRCS Today website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for "NRCS Today", "myNRCS", "Programs", "Technology", "Accountability", and "CIS". The main content area is divided into several columns:

- The Chief's Corner:** A message from Bruce I. Knight, Chief of NRCS, welcoming visitors and providing contact information.
- my Calendar:** A calendar for October 2003 with dates 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24, 25, and 26 highlighted in green.
- Did You Know?:** A section titled "Rule Making Highlights".
- Agricultural Market Place:** A table showing commodity prices and changes.

Commodity	Price	Change
Dec. corn	2174	12
Nov. beans	7314	180
Dec. wheat	3364	30
Oct. lean hogs	5415	-60
Oct. live cattle	9882	150
Dec. cotton	7128	-26
- NRCS This Week:** A section titled "NRCS This Week - Issue Date October 3, 2003" containing a "Message from the Chief" and a "Focus on the Field" section with several bullet points.
- Find Someone in USDA:** A search box for "Last Name" with a "Go" button.
- NRCS Employee Spotlight:** A section titled "NRCS In Action" featuring Magaly Rodriguez, a NRCS Soil Conservation Technician.
- Online Suggestion System:** A section titled "Help To Improve NRCS" with an image of a suggestion box.
- USDA News:** A section with several news items, including "Veneman Announces 19 Education Grants to 16 Hispanic-Serving Institutions" and "USDA Awards \$1.5 Million for Research on the Economic Effects of Prevention, Control, or Eradication of Invasive Pests".
- What's New:** A section with several new items, including "IAS 2004 Home", "Performance Results System (PRS)", "Program Operations Information Tracking System (Points)", "Conservation System Guides (CSG)", and "Conservation Journal (CJ)".

Annotations on the left side of the screenshot point to various elements:

- "Article headings" points to the "The Chief's Corner" and "NRCS This Week" sections.
- "Quick reference tools" points to the "my Calendar" and "Agricultural Market Place" sections.
- "Links to expanded articles (blue text)" points to the "Focus on the Field" section and the "What's New" section.
- "New items highlighted" points to the green highlights in the "my Calendar" section and the yellow highlights in the "What's New" section.