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Dear Fellow Conservationist:

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the beginning of the Federal commitment to conservation on private working lands.

This proud conservation legacy would not be possible without partnerships NRCS has established with organizations like yours that work closely with America’s farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners to help them be good stewards of their natural resources.

We invite you to take a look at our history and the future of conservation in a brief video at www.nrcs.usda.gov/about. I encourage you to share it with your colleagues and place a link to it on your organization’s Web site.

This same page will feature more videos, photos, quotes, facts and figures, and information on events taking place throughout the year.

Please help us celebrate by including NRCS in your meetings and special events. Contact Terry Bish in our Public Affairs Division at (202) 720-5974 or terry.bish@wdc.usda.gov to learn how we can partner on commemorative activities.

Thank you for your support of conservation on private lands. We look forward to continuing to work cooperatively with you to help people help the land.

Sincerely,

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Dave White
Chief