

**Resources for Conservation Farming in Southeast Minnesota**  
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Technical References

**Conservation Tillage, Nutrient Mgmt, Integrated Pest Mgmt, Conservation Buffers:**

United States Department of Agriculture / Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA / NRCS). 1999. CORE4 Conservation Practices: The Common Sense Approach to Natural Resource Conservation. Washington, D.C.: USDA.  
(Available at the CRWP)

*This USDA / NRCS technical publication provides a thorough guide to four key conservation practices: conservation tillage, nutrient management, integrated pest management, and conservation buffers. It contains information on the benefits of each practice, the planning steps needed to implement various practices, and the information sheets and worksheets for landowners.*

Randall, G.W. and M.A. Schmitt. 1998. Best management practices for nitrogen use in southeastern Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Extension Service.  
(<http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/cropsystems/DC6126.html>)

*This University of Minnesota Extension publication reviews nitrogen best management practices for use in a nutrient management program in southeastern Minnesota.*

**Perennial Crop Rotations:**

Chan-Muehlbauer, C., J. Dansingburg, and D. Gunnick. An agriculture that makes sense: profitability of four sustainable farms in Minnesota. The Land Stewardship Project: St. Croix, MN.  
(Available at the CRWP)

*This Land Stewardship Project publication gives a profile of farms in southern Minnesota that have successfully used diversified crop rotations and eliminated the use of chemical fertilizers or pesticides. It describes the strategies they use to maintain soil fertility and control weeds, and also contains detailed economic data.*

Information on Government Conservation Incentive Programs:

Minnesota Department of Agriculture (<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/conservation/programsoptions.htm>)  
90 West Plato Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55107  
(651)297-2200

*The MDA site provides overviews and links to information about federal and state conservation programs.*

USDA / NRCS (<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmland/2002/products.html>)  
Agribank Building, 375 Jackson St.  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
(651)602-7900

*The USDA-NRCS site provides fact sheets about federal conservation incentive programs.*

Soil and Water Conservation Districts:

*SWCDs provide assistance for management, conservation, and protection of soil and water resources. They offer one-on-one conservation planning as well as application assistance for government cost-share and conservation incentive payments. The Dakota County SWCD also rents a no-till drill.*

Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District  
4100 220<sup>th</sup> St. West, Ste. 102  
Farmington, MN 55024  
(651)480-7777

Rice County Soil and Water Conservation District  
1810 N.W. 30<sup>th</sup> St.  
Faribault, MN 55021  
(507)332-5408