



# Acronyms for Ag Conservation Professionals

This document is intended to be a reference guide of the most commonly used acronyms in the agricultural conservation profession.

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Acronym/Abbreviation	Full Name
102	PA Code Chapter 102 - Clean Stream Law (Erosion and Sediment Control)
105	PA Code Chapter 105 - water obstructions and encroachments regulations
AASL	Ag Analytical Services Laboratory
A Value	Predicted Average Annual Soil Loss Rates over crop rotation in tons per acre per year
ABACT	Anti Degradation Best Available Combination of Technologies
ACA	Animal Concentration Area
ACAP	Ag Conservation Assistance Program

Acronym/Abbreviation	Full Name
ACT 38	PA's Nutrient Management Act
ACT 49	PA's Commercial Manure Hauler & Broker Act
AEU	Animal Equivalent Unit
AFBF	American Farm Bureau Federation
AFO	Animal Feeding Operation
AG	Agriculture / Agricultural
AG E&S PLAN	Agricultural Erosion & Sediment Control Plan
AMA	Agricultural Management Assistance
AMAP	Agricultural Management Assistance Program
AMD	Abandoned Mine Drainage
AMR	Abandoned Mine Reclamation
APZ	Agricultural Protection Zones
ARCP	Agricultural Resources Conservation Program
AREERA	Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998
ASA	American Society of Agronomy
AU	Animal Unit

Acronym/Abbreviation	Full Name
BAMR	Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation
BMP	Best Management Practice
BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand
BSWC	Botanical Society of Westmoreland County
C2P2	Community Conservation Partnership Program
CACAT	Center for Agricultural Conservation Assistance Training at Penn State Extension
CAFO	Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
CAO	Concentrated Animal Operation
CAP	Countywide Action Plan - Implementation Block Grant
CBF	Chesapeake Bay Foundation
CBP	Chesapeake Bay Program
CCA	Certified Crop Advisor
CCD or CD	County Conservation District or Conservation District
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CEMA	Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activity
CEG	Conservation Excellence Grant

Acronym/Abbreviation	Full Name
CES	Cooperative Extension Service (now Penn State Extension)
CIG	Conservation Innovation Grants
CNMP	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
CPA	Conservation Planning Activity
CPS	Conservation Practice Standard
CREP	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
CSL	Clean Streams Law
CSO	Combined Sewer Overflow
CSP	Conservation Stewardship Program (NRCS)
CSSA	Crop Science Society of America
CWA	Clean Water Act (the Federal Water Pollution Control Act)
DIA	Design and Implementation Activity
DRBC	Delaware River Basin Commission
DU	Ducks Unlimited
EA	Environmental Assessment

Acronym/Abbreviation	Full Name
E&S	Erosion and Sediment Control
EFOTG	Electronic Field Office Technical Guide
EPCAMR	Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program
ESA	Endangered Species Act
EV	Exceptional Value (DEP Stream Classification)
FA	Financial Assistance
FCP	Farm Credit Program of the FSA
FMP	Forest Management Plan
FSA	Farm Service Agency
FSP	Forest Stewardship Program
FWS	US Fish & Wildlife Service
FY	Fiscal Year
GG	Growing Greener
GM	Genetically Modified
GP	General Permits

Acronym/Abbreviation	Full Name
GIS	Geographical Information System
HEL	Highly Erodible Land
HPAI	Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
HQ	High Quality (DEP Stream Classification)
HUA	Heavy Use Area
I&E	Inventory and Evaluation
INSR	Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction
IP	Individual Permit (Application for Permit to Discharge Industrial Wastewater)
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
IR	Implementation Requirements
K	Elemental Potassium
KPB	Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful
LS	Slope Length and Steepness Factor
L&I	Labor & Industry
LA	Load Allocations
LWVPA	League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania

Acronym/Abbreviation	Full Name
MAA	Municipality Authorities Act
MEB	Most Effective Basins
MEP	Maximum Extent Practicable
MMM	PA's Manure Management Manual
MMP	Manure Management Plan
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPC	Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code
MS4	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
N	Nitrogen
NACD	National Association of Conservation Districts
NAICC	National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants
NAIS	National Animal Identification System
NFWF	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
NHEL	Non-Highly Erodible Land
NMA	PA's Nutrient Management Act
NMEGP	Nutrient Management Education Grant Program

Acronym/Abbreviation	Full Name
NMP	Nutrient Management Plan
NMPIGP	Nutrient Management Plan Implementation Grant Program
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOI	Notice of Intent
NOT	Notice of Termination
NPC	Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPS	Nonpoint Source Pollution
NWI	National Wetlands Inventory
NWQI	National Water Quality Initiative
OMP	Odor Management Plan
P	Elemental Phosphorus
PA DCED	PA Department of Community & Economic Development
PA DCNR	PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
PA DEP	PA Department of Environmental Protection
PACD	Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts



Acronym/Abbreviation	Full Name
PFBC	PA Fish and Boat Commission
PAG	PA General Permit (NPDES)
PATG	Pennsylvania Technical Guide
PC	PA Cleanways
PCSM	Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan
PDA	PA Department of Agriculture
PDG	Permit Decision Guarantee
PDIP	Plan Development Incentive Program
PEC	PA Environmental Council
PennDot	PA Department of Transportation
PGC	PA Game Commission
PI	Phosphorus Index
PNDI	PA Natural Diversity Inventory
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PPC	Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency Plan
PSP	Point Source Pollution

Acronym/Abbreviation	Full Name
RC&D	Resource Conservation & Development Council
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RD	Rural Development
REAP	Resource Enhancement and Protection (PDA Program)
REAP	Rural Economic Area Partnership (USDA Program)
RMP	Resource Management Plan
ROI	Return on Investment
ROM	Responsibilities & Required Output Measures
RTC	Regional Trail Corporation
RUSLE2	Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation Version 2
SARE	Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program
SCC	State Conservation Commission
SCS	Soil Conservation Service
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act
SFI	Sustainable Forestry Initiative
SIP	Stewardship Incentives Program

Acronym/Abbreviation	Full Name
SMCRA	Surface Mining Control Reclamation Act
SMZ	Streamside Management Zone
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SOW	Statement of Work
SRBC	Susquehanna River Basin Commission
SSSA	Soil Science Society of America
SWCA	Soil and Water Conservation Assistance
SWM	Stormwater Management
T Value	Soil Loss Tolerance
TA	Technical Assistance
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
TRM	Turf Reinforcement Mat
TSP	Technical Service Provider
TU	Trout Unlimited
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture

Acronym/Abbreviation	Full Name
USDA ARS	United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service
US EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USDA FSA	United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency
USDA NASS	United States National Agricultural Statistics Service
USDA NRCS	United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service
USDE	United States Department of Energy
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VAO	Volunteer Animal Operation
WHIP	Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
WIP	Watershed Implementation Plans
WLA	Waste Load Allocations
WNV	West Nile Virus
WPC	Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
WPCAMR	Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
WQBEL	Water Quality Based Effluent Limits
WREN	Water Resources Education Network

Acronym/Abbreviation	Full Name
WS	Watersheds
WSS	Web Soil Survey

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  - Onlot Septic Systems
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