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## **Resource Inventory Supplements for Producers Participating in USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Conservation Activity Plan 138**

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This document is intended only for producers working with NRCS on a Conservation Activity Plan 138. As explained below, this is a supplement to the CAP 138. If you are interested in learning more about NRCS support for transition to organic certification, contact your local NRCS office.

## **Overview:**

Organic farmers planning to transition land to organic production may be eligible for financial assistance through EQIP to develop and implement plans for addressing needed conservation practices. To apply for financial assistance, producers must work with a <u>Technical Service</u> Provider (TSP) to complete a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) 138.

The CAP 138 has three sections: (1) Resource Inventory; (2) Erosion Control Inventory; and (3) Summary Record of Planned NRCS Conservation Practices. Section 1, the Resource Inventory, collects information on the operation's natural resources and conservation practices. It addresses the operation's management of natural resources related to soil, water, and wildlife habitat.

To reduce paperwork, the National Organic Program (NOP) developed Resource Inventory Supplements as a companion to the CAP 138 Resource Inventory (Section 1). Instead of completing a full separate organic system plan (OSP) for their certifier, organic producers who complete a CAP 138 to apply for NRCS financial assistance may submit to their certifiers the CAP 138 Resource Inventory section together with the necessary Resource Inventory Supplement(s). When submitted together, these documents contain all the required components of a complete OSP.



## **Resource Inventory Supplements:**

- 1) Resource Inventory Supplement Organic Production. This supplement must be completed by all organic crop and livestock producers.
- 2) CAP 138 Resource Inventory Supplement Crop Production. Crop producers must complete this supplement.
- 3) CAP 138 Resource Inventory Supplement Livestock Production. Livestock producers must complete this supplement.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although organic farmers are eligible for all USDA NRCS financial assistance programs, the EQIP Organic Initiative is designed specifically for this purpose. Learn more at www.nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill.