Congressional Visits Day
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- March 4-5, 2019
- Local boards nominate
- Up to $500 match for travel expenses
Farm Bill - Sec. 2502

- Nutrient Management Technical Service Provider Certification Act
- Directs the Secretary to approve certifications developed by ASA
- Specifically recognizes CCA and CPAg
CCA Conservationist of the Year Award

Recognizes:

- Exceptional conservation advice and results
- Innovation and leadership in conservation
- Contribution to the transfer of conservation knowledge within the industry
Supported by

- American Society of Agronomy
- USDA-NRCS
- National Association of Conservation Districts
- National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
- The Fertilizer Institute
- The Agricultural Retailers Association
- Syngenta
- CropLife America
Nominations

- Local CCA boards
- Farmers
- Agricultural retailers
- Academic institutions
- Conservation districts
- NRCS employees
USDA-Private Sector Adviser Concept

- Initiative to leverage private sector advisers
- Engage CCAs in delivering technical assistance and conservation implementation
Next steps

- Gather input
- Develop recommendations
- Pilot
- Large-scale implementation
Questions

- What are hurdles to working more closely with NRCS?
- What are the financial constraints?
- What incentives are needed?