



State Supplemental Not-To-Exceed (NTE) Rates

Not-To-Exceed (NTE) Rates are the basis for payments to Technical Service Providers (TSPs) for conservation technical assistance. The NTE Rates are based on NRCS costs for providing technical assistance associated with the planning, design, installation and checkout of conservation practices. The rates are based on a typical unit description for the natural resource, regulatory, social and economic conditions that exist with the Time Team Regions (TTRs). A typical unit may not be inclusive or descriptive of all possible situations.

All State Supplemental NTE Rates must be justified by meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- There is a one-time, specific need;
- NTE rates are not available for a particular practice; and
- Unique environmental or other natural resource conditions exist and practice implementation is more complex than the typical unit description.

In most instances, a State Supplemental NTE Rate is developed because a NTE rate is not available for a particular practice. State Supplemental NTE Rates are determined through similar estimation methods as other NTE Rates, but are not subjected to regression and statistical analysis because of the limited data available.