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**12:03:01:05.01. Definition -- Urban area.** ~~For the purpose of district supervisor elections, "urban area" means any municipality as defined in SDCL 9-2-1 and any unincorporated municipality that is not prohibited from incorporating by SDCL 9-3-1 Repealed.~~

**Source:** 16 SDR 75, effective October 30, 1989; 21 SDR 90, effective November 14, 1994.

~~**General Authority:** SDCL 38-7-8, 38-8-39.~~

~~**Law Implemented:** SDCL 38-8-39.~~

~~SOIL~~ NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AWARD PROGRAM

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**12:03:06:01. Definitions.** Terms used in this chapter mean:

(1) ~~"Resident of South Dakota," a person, firm, or corporation, public or private, who has legal title to or is a legal lessee, renter, or tenant of any agricultural crop, grazing, or forest land within the state;~~

(2) "Active agricultural producer," ~~any~~ a person who is ~~producing~~:

(a) Producing or causes to be produced an agricultural commodity in a quantity beyond the person's ~~own~~ family use and is able to transfer title or sell the commodity to another; ~~or a forest landowner managing their~~

(b) Managing the land the person owns for long-term forestry uses; and

~~(3)~~ (2) "Outstanding farming or ranching practice," a practice that demonstrates outstanding land stewardship.

**Source:** 35 SDR 165, effective December 22, 2008.

**General Authority:** SDCL 38-7-30.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 38-7-29, 38-7-30.

**12:03:06:02. Purpose.** ~~The purpose of the soil conservation award program is to recognize active agricultural producers that demonstrate exemplary farming or ranching practices that conserve soil and other natural resources in South Dakota and prevent their loss or damage~~ Repealed.

**Source:** 35 SDR 165, effective December 22, 2008.

**General Authority:** ~~SDCL 38-7-30.~~

~~— **Law Implemented:** SDCL 38-7-29, 38-7-30.~~

**12:03:06:03. Eligible recipients.** A recipient of a ~~soil~~ natural resources conservation award must be a resident of South Dakota and directly and actively engaged in agriculture within the state ~~meet the requirements in SDCL 38-7-29.~~ Recipients of a soil conservation award The following persons are not eligible to receive ~~another~~ a natural resources conservation award:

- (1) A recipient of a natural resources conservation award within the same conservation district ~~for up to five years after the date of the award.~~ Conservation prior;
- (2) A conservation district supervisors are not eligible to receive an award while serving on the board of supervisors. Advisors to the supervisor;
- (3) Advisors to the board of supervisors are not eligible; and
- (4) State Conservation Commission members are not eligible to receive an award while serving on the commission.

**Source:** 35 SDR 165, effective December 22, 2008.

**General Authority:** SDCL 38-7-30.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 38-7-29, 38-7-30(4).

**12:03:06:04. Nominations.** Any current resident or any group within South Dakota may nominate an eligible agricultural producer for a ~~soil~~ natural resources conservation award. Nominations must be submitted to the conservation district where the outstanding practices are located. Nominations must be received by the conservation district by no later than January ~~1~~ first of each ~~calendar~~ year.

**Source:** 35 SDR 165, effective December 22, 2008.

**General Authority:** SDCL 38-7-30.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 38-7-29, 38-7-30(2).

**12:03:06:06. Selection criteria.** An award recipient must demonstrate that the recipient is implementing land management practices that exemplify outstanding land stewardship and protect or enhance natural resources on the recipient's property. The recipient must be using one or more of the following practices:

- (1) Grassed waterways are properly installed and maintained;
- (2) ~~Installed terraces~~ Terraces are properly installed and maintained;
- (3) Crop rotations are used;
- (4) Sufficient crop residues are left to protect and enhance soil stability;
- (5) ~~No-till~~ No-till is used in crop production;
- (6) Grasslands are managed for sustainable productivity;
- (7) Livestock are managed to limit soil and nutrient runoff; ~~and~~
- (8) Forest lands are managed according to a forest stewardship plan; and
- (9) Cover crops and other soil health practices are implemented.

**Source:** 35 SDR 165, effective December 22, 2008.

**General Authority:** SDCL 38-7-30.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 38-7-29, 38-7-30(1).

**12:03:06:10. Submittal of selections to State Conservation Commission.** By April ~~4~~ first of each ~~calendar~~ year, any selections made by the selection committee ~~shall~~ must be forwarded to



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the State Conservation Commission, South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural  
Resources, ~~Soil~~ Natural Resources Conservation Award Program, 523 East Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD  
57501.

**Source:** 35 SDR 165, effective December 22, 2008; SL 2021, ch 1, §§ 8, 19, effective April  
19, 2021.

**General Authority:** SDCL 38-7-30.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 38-7-29, 38-7-30(2).

NOMINATION FORM FOR AWARD WINNING ~~SOIL~~ NATURAL RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

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**Source:** 35 SDR 165, effective December 22, 2008; SL 2021, ch 1, §§ 8, 19, effective April 19, 2021.

APPENDIX A

**SOUTH DAKOTA-~~SOIL~~ NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AWARD**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**AWARD WINNING-~~SOIL~~ NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH**

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Conservation District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Nominator's information intended only for use by the selection committee in case further clarification is needed pertaining to the nomination.)*

**Which of the following criteria/practices are used by the nominee? (Check all that apply)**

- Grassed waterways are installed and maintained properly
- Terraces are installed and maintained properly
- Proper crop rotations are utilized-
- Sufficient crop residues are left to enhance soil stability
- ~~No till~~ No-till is utilized in crop production
- Grasslands are managed for sustainable productivity
- Livestock are managed to limit soil and nutrient runoff (~~feedlot and riparian buffers~~)
- Forest lands are managed according to a forest stewardship plan
- Cover crops and other soil health practices are implemented

**Based on the above checked items, explain why you feel this nominee is deserving of the award.**

**Use no more than one additional sheet if necessary. Please submit two to eight photographs no larger than 5 X 7, with a brief caption (50 words or less) for each. Digital photos are acceptable.**