Financial assistance from USDA is available for orchard, vineyard and berry growers in Wasco and Hood River counties to create, restore and protect habitat for pollinators and beneficial insects.

Pollinators and beneficial insects are critical for crop production, pest control, wildlife habitat and biodiversity.

But unfortunately, they are at risk and in decline because of habitat loss, alteration, and fragmentation, as well as diseases and exposure to pesticides.

Local conservationists in Hood River and Wasco counties have teamed up to offer technical and financial assistance to fruit growers for pollinator habitat improvements.

You can address your farm conservation and production goals while also enhancing pollinator habitat. For example, you could remove invasive species like blackberry and replace it with native wildflowers and pollinator-friendly plants.

There are many other examples—talk to your local NRCS District Conservationist to see how we can help you achieve your goals.

Apply at your local USDA service center.

**WASCO COUNTY**
The Dalles Service Center
2325 River Road #3
The Dalles, OR 97058
541-298-8559 x3
garrett.duyck@usda.gov

**HOOD RIVER COUNTY**
6780 Hwy 35
Parkdale, OR 97041
Contact: Carly Heron
District Conservationist
541-352-1037
Carly.Heron@usda.gov

**OREGON**
Natural Resources Conservation Service

www.or.nrcs.usda.gov
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ON YOUR PROPERTY:

- Hedgerow Planting
- Conservation Cover
- Cover Crop
- Field Border
- Microirrigation System
- Mulching
- Obstruction Removal
- Access Control
- Herbaceous Weed Control
- Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
- Brush Management
- Tree or Shrub Establishment
- Pest Management

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THESE LOCAL PARTNERS:

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Hood River and Wasco Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation
Oregon Bee Project
OSU Extension
Farmers Conservation Alliance

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