

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

(Hillsborough/Pinellas) District Conservationist Report

DC Name: Leslie Diaz-Alvarez, DC

HSWCD Board Meeting Date: 8 / 7 / 2024

NRCS Farm Bill Programs:

Program Titles:

○ **Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) –**

PLANT CITY SERVICE CENTER (Approved contracts)

12 \$1,219,506.00

FY24 Florida EQIP Classic Area 3: Plant City FO

○ **Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP)-**

FY24 Florida CSP Classic (Approved contracts)

9 \$291,528.00

❖ CSP payments to eligible producers are based on adopting new conservation activities and improving, maintaining, and actively managing existing conservation practices.

- Payment can range from a minimum of **\$ 4,000** per year or capped **\$200,000** over the five-year contract.
- Eligible land: cropland, rangeland, pastureland, and forestland

○ **Other:**

- ✓ Area 3: Obligated 219 contracts for a total of **\$15.9 million**.
- ✓ Those of you who have heard of damage reports from producers or who have seen crop or pastures damaged, please let me know or contact your local FSA office.
- ✓ We will be opening two soil conservationist positions within the next few months at Plant City.
- ✓ Kamila Colon Reyes is no longer a Plant City employee. Kamila was selected as District Conservationist in Brooksville FO.
- ✓ The field office is actively collecting EQIP/CSP applications for FY2025.