

# Eric B. Banks

## State Conservationist

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- Eric B. Banks became the State Conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kansas on June 8, 2008. His office is located in Salina, Kansas. Banks, before accepting the position in Salina, served as the NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Financial Assistance Programs in Phoenix, Arizona, where he was responsible for the management of all Farm Bill programs.
- Banks brings a background of diverse experience to the Kansas natural resources conservation partnership. His experience in a variety of NRCS managerial and technical positions includes Acting National Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) Manager in Washington, D.C.; area conservationist in northeast Missouri; and resource conservationist and district conservationist in Indiana. He also held positions in South Carolina and Nebraska. He began his career with the agency as a student trainee in Wilber, Nebraska.
- Banks has served
  - Acting Associate Deputy Chief for Management
  - Representative for Central Region Cultural Transformation
  - Audit Remediation Team to Improve Accounting and Controls
  - Lead State Conservationist on the 5-State Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative (Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Colorado)
- Originally from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Banks graduated from Alcorn State University with a degree in Agriculture Economics.