

FSCAP Certified Steward

Steve Ernst
Ernst Grain and Livestock



Steve Ernst and his family own Ernst Grain and Livestock, a grain, hog, and sheep farm in Clear Spring, Maryland with approximately 500-acres of cropland. The Ernst family has utilized many best management practices to manage nutrients and minimize sediment loss on their Washington County farm, including: an animal waste storage structure, filter strips, cover crops, nutrient management, conservation crop rotation, residue management no-till, prescribed grazing, and riparian forest buffers. Steve Ernst has participated in both the Maryland Agriculture Cost-Share Program (MACS) and the federal Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). Steve is currently using crimson clover as a cover crop, a legume that fixes nitrogen from the atmosphere for the next crop. The Ernst family sells their products directly to the public and can be contacted at sfernstsales@aol.com or (301) 842-3926.

