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ABSTRACT
The Nation’s expectations of its farms, forests and ranches continue to increase. By extension, expectations from farmers, forest owners and ranchers are also increasing. Expectations include clean water and air, safe and healthy food, vibrant local economies, abundant wildlife, beautiful places to play and work, and now clean renewable energy and moderation of climate change. Agroforestry is the blending of trees and agriculture to enhance the sustainable production of food, fiber, energy and other useful products while protecting soil and water, diversifying and expanding local economies, providing homes for wildlife, and ensuring a more pleasing and healthy place to work and live. There are six categories of agroforestry practices: alley cropping, silvopasture, windbreaks/shelterbelts, forest farming, riparian forest buffers, and special applications. The USDA National Agroforestry Center (NAC) is a long standing partnership among the FS and NRCS, with its origins in the 1990 Farm Bill. NAC develops and delivers technology and tools on a broad suite of agroforestry practices, and conducts research on how to design and strategically install these practices at the site, landscape, and regional scales to protect natural resources and enhance productivity on farms, forests and ranches. NAC's primary audience is the natural resource professionals who work with farmers, forest owners, ranchers, and communities throughout the nation.

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