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### Ag BMP Revision Process

Most of the ag water conservation BMPs are based on USDA-NRCS conservation practice standards. NRCS staff has recently reviewed the ag BMPs and made suggestions for updating. NRCS is currently in the process of updating their conservation practice standards. A major revision they are including is the addition of energy as a resource concern. Another major need in the BMPs is reviewing and updating cost information.

This updating by NRCS can be incorporated into the Ag workgroups efforts to review and update the Texas ag BMPs. The following priority will be followed.

1. Review all BMPs and eliminate any that may no longer be needed or effective.
2. Correct and update existing BMPs based on NRCS conservation practice standards that have been updated.
3. Correct and update existing BMPs as new revisions to NRCS conservation practice standards revisions are completed.
4. Evaluate and add new BMPs as they are submitted.
5. Update cost data of remaining BMPs
6. Revise formatting of remaining BMPs to current format.