

# Water-Harvesting Catchment

## PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service - practice code 636



### DEFINITION

Water-Harvesting Catchment is a facility for collecting and storing precipitation.

### PRACTICE INFORMATION

This practice involves sealing a watershed or portion of a watershed to increase, collect, and store runoff water for future use. It may also involve installing curbs and/or diversions to direct the runoff water to a storage facility. The contributing area may be rock outcrops, paved areas, or other impervious areas that yield high rates of

runoff. The contributing area, or apron, may require sealing with material such as asphalt, wax, rubber, plastic, concrete, metal, or other impervious material.

The purpose of a catchment is to provide needed water for uses such as livestock, wildlife, or recreation.

Additional information including design criteria and specifications are in the local NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.