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Conservation Stewardship Program Applications Due by June 14

Raleigh, NC May 30, 2013 - The Natural Resources Conservation Service's Conservation Stewardship Program will soon have funding available in North Carolina to enroll additional acres in the program this year.

Although applications are accepted all year, farmers and forestland owners interested in CSP should submit applications by June 14 to their local North Carolina NRCS office to ensure they are considered for this year's funding.

The voluntary program allows producers to go the extra mile in conserving natural resources while also maintaining or increasing the productivity of their operations.

Many of the CSP enhancements improve soil quality, which helps land become more resilient to extreme weather. Other improvements are available for producers, including intensive rotational grazing, intercropping and wildlife friendly fencing.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if the program is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, stewardship threshold requirements and payment types.

For the checklist and additional information, visit the CSP website (<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp/>) or visit your local USDA NRCS office.

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