

For Newsletters

Georgia NRCS Conservation Programs

Key Dates

As of February 04, 2005

Georgia farmers are encouraged to participate in this year's portfolio of conservation programs. More than \$17.4 million is available in cost-share funds and additional dollars are available through national grants for conservation innovation and partnership initiatives.

Below is a list of due dates for the state and national programs. Producers may want to check the Georgia web site for the most current information. www.ga.nrcs.usda.gov.

Georgia will also hold four information workshops on the Conservation Security Program. The workshop schedule is as follows:

Feb. 14	6:30-9:00 pm	So. Ga. Tech. College, Americus
Feb. 15	7:00-9:00 pm	Crisp Co. Ag. Center, Cordele
Feb. 22	7:00-9:00 pm	McClendon Barn, Hwy, 37 West, Leary
Feb. 24	7:00-9:00 pm	C.M. Stripling, Hwy 37 West, Camilla

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Conservation Program	Application Due
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	February 25
EQIP (Limited Resource Farm)	February 25
EQIP (Forestry Health/Wildlife) This special cost-share project is for the prescribed burning and thinning of pine forest stands.	March 11
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	April 1
EQIP (Southwestern counties of: Baker, Ben Hill, Bibb, Brooks, Calhoun, Clay, Colquitt, Crisp, Crawford, Decatur, Dooly, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Houston, Irwin, Lee, Macon, Miller, Mitchell, Peach, Pulaski, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Seminole, Sumter, Stewart, Terrell, Taylor, Tift, Turner, Thomas, Webster, Wilcox, and Worth) Due to anticipated Conservation Security Signup, EQIP applications will be due a little later for these counties.	April 29
Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program	April 5
Wetland Reserve Program	To Be Determined

Grassland Reserve Program

To Be Determined

Conservation Security Program

To Be Determined

National funding is available through Conservation Innovation Grants (Proposals due March 28, 2005) and the Conservation Partnership Initiative (CPI) (Proposals due Feb. 17, 2005). Information on these two opportunities can be found on the national NRCS web-site at www.nrcs.usda.gov