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## RANKING DEADLINES SET FOR MANY NRCS PROGRAMS

Lisa Coverdale, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, has provided the latest program deadlines to assist NRCS employees with workload planning. This is the time of the year when most applications should have been filed and the process of reviewing and ranking those applications should be underway. Program work this year includes new Conservation Activity Plans, such as energy, nutrient management, and conversion to organics. In addition, we have new initiatives, such as Sage-Grouse and air quality.

Following is a quick-reference chart with application, ranking and fund obligation deadlines for several NRCS conservation programs:

PROGRAM	APPLICATION DUE	RANKING	\$ OBLIGATED
EQIP Programs (General)	Oct 1 each fiscal year	April 1	June 1
AMA (Agricultural Management Assistance)	Oct 1 each fiscal year	April 1	June 1
WHIP (Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program)	Oct 1 each fiscal year	April 8	June 1
Air Quality Initiative	January 28, 2011	April 1	June 1
Organics Initiative	January 28, 2011	April 1	May 2
Energy Initiative	February 25, 2011	March 15	April 8
Sage Grouse Initiative	March 1, 2011	April 15	June 1
SPCC (Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures)	January 28, 2011	April 1	June 1
CAPS (Conservation Activity Plans – such as energy, nutrient management and organics)	Applications any time		June 1 (Except when associated with above Incentives)

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