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CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS IN AQUACULTURE AVAILABLE

NRCS State Conservationist Sylvia Gillen has announced the availability of a new 2009 Conservation Innovation Grant dealing with aquaculture. \$200,000 is available through a competitive grant process. The deadline for application is June 17, 2009.

This voluntary program is intended to stimulate the adoption of innovative conservation technologies and approaches in conjunction with agricultural production. The proposals, which can be funded from 1-3 years, could address such resource concerns and technology needs as:

- technologies scalable to small aquaculture operations to maintain, restore, or enhance water quality
- phosphorous control technology from aquaculture waste waters
- innovative aqueous-based animal waste management systems
- wetland function and health
- invasive species management
- innovative approaches to reduce nutrient loading, pests and diseases
- design of wetlands, conservation buffers and filter strips that benefit aquaculture

Additional information is available on the Utah NRCS Web site/programs. To submit an electronic application, visit www.Grants.gov.

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