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The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service is excited to announce a new conservation program. The Conservation Security Program (CSP) was authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill to reward farmers who are already applying sound conservation practices on their land.

In 2005, the Little Bear-Logan Watershed was selected as one of three watersheds in Utah that are eligible for CSP. The program boundary covers the southern end of Cache Valley and extends northward to approximately the Logan - Cache Airport Road running east to west. Eligible participants must have at least 51% of their agricultural operation within the program boundary.

A series of public information meetings will be held:

January 20, 2005
2:00 pm or 7:00 pm
Bridgerland Applied Technology College, Room 901
(1301 N. 600 West, Logan)

January 26, 2005
10:00 am or 7:00 pm
Hyrum Civic Center (83 W. Main St., Hyrum)

Meetings should last approximately 90 minutes and are intended to explain producer eligibility, land eligibility, minimum program requirements, and potential payment options under CSP.

CSP identifies and rewards farmers who currently maintain high standards of soil and water conservation practices on their crop, hay, orchard, pasture or range lands and who have maintained two years of records indicating levels of irrigation water, fertilizer, manure and pesticides applied along with soil testing. On pasture and rangeland documentation is required of a grazing plan that includes forage balance, livestock distribution, time of use, and managing livestock access to surface water. Qualifying farms are eligible for financial and technical assistance to maintain and enhance their conservation efforts.

For more information, contact your local NRCS office at 1860 North 100 East, North Logan or call (435) 753-5616.