



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Re: Conservation Security Program

Dear Farm Operator/Owner:

You are invited to an informational workshop on the Conservation Security Program (CSP). CSP is the new conservation program authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill to support ongoing stewardship on privately owned agricultural lands. Program participation is voluntary.

Lower Bear/Malad Watershed



The Lower Bear-Malad Watershed has been selected as one of 60 watersheds nationwide that is eligible for the new Conservation Security Program in 2006. This watershed covers an area from Willard, Utah, in Box Elder County to Malad, Idaho, in Oneida County. To be eligible, you must have at least 50 percent of your total operating land within this designated watershed.

Sign-up for the CSP is February 13 to March 31, 2006 at your local USDA Service Center. Interested producers can sign up for a workshop that will help them determine their eligibility for this new program. Earlier information meetings were held to make local producers aware of the new program, but these new workshops will help those who now feel they may be eligible to participate in CSP get the assistance they need to properly apply for the program. The workshop sessions will help producers complete a self-assessment workbook available at the meeting, or online at the USDA-NRCS Web site. It will also be a good opportunity for producers to learn about the operating records that will be necessary for their application. Please call (435) 257-5403 ext. 21 to make an appointment to attend a workshop at the Tremonton USDA Service Center located at 85 South First East, Tremonton on one of the following dates:

Workshops will be held daily beginning on Friday February 10th thru Friday February 24th at 10:00AM. Meetings will be limited to ten participants, so that we may provide as much individual attention as possible and answer everyone's questions. Make sure to call ahead to reserve your space at a workshop, as we will not hold workshops on days without any pre scheduled appointments. Also, walk-ins may not be accommodated due to limited space.

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CSP identifies and rewards farmers who currently maintain high standards of soil and water conservation practices on their lands and who have maintained two years of records indicating levels of irrigation water, fertilizer, manure and pesticides applied along with soil testing records. On pasture and rangeland, documentation of a grazing plan that includes forage balance, livestock distribution, time of use, and managing livestock access to surface water is required. Qualifying farms are eligible for financial and technical assistance to maintain and enhance their conservation efforts. More information about CSP can be obtained online at www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp.

Join us at one of these workshops to learn how you can determine, if the Conservation Security Program has a place in your farming operation.

Sincerely,

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