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Funding Available to Minnesota Producers through the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)

ST PAUL, MN, April 25, 2012 –USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Don Baloun reminds potential applicants in eleven Minnesota counties to contact their local NRCS office soon for CCPI. The CCPI is a voluntary conservation initiative that enables the use of certain conservation programs along with resource of eligible partners to provide financial and technical assistance to owners and operators of agricultural and nonindustrial private forest lands.

“Funding and technical assistance for CCPI is available in the following Minnesota counties:

Dakota, Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Steele, Wabasha, Washington and Winona,” said Baloun. “The deadline for CCPI applications is June 1.”

These Minnesota counties are within the Driftless Area, an area that includes parts of Northeast Iowa, Southeast Minnesota and Southwest Wisconsin. The Driftless Area is a unique region of the Upper Mississippi River Basin that was passed by the last continental glacier and has differential weathering and erosion that results in a steep, rugged landscape referred to as karst topography.

For more detail regarding eligibility and requirements for CCPI please contact your local NRCS field office in Minnesota.

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