In Program Year FY12 NRCS Will Offer the Following National Initiatives:

- Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs)
- Seasonal High Tunnels
- Energy
- Organic
Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs):

- Applications for CAPs will not be ranked
- Approved by NHQ as funding is available
- National Payment Rates are being Developed (Except for CNMP)
- States Will Not modify CAP planning criteria
- CAPs must be developed by Certified Technical Service Providers (TSP)
Seasonal High Tunnels:

- **Land Use – Crop**
- **Ranking Criteria – States can Develop local ranking questions**
- **Application Periods – 3 will be offered and set by NHQ**
- **Payment Schedule – States will set payment amounts except for CAPs**
- **Practices Offered – Set by NHQ, (not just High Tunnel Practice)**
Energy:

- **Land Uses** – Crop, headquarters, pasture/rangeland
- **Ranking Criteria** – States can develop local ranking questions
- **Application Periods** – 3 will be offered and set by NHQ
- **Payment Schedule** – States will set payment amounts except for CAPs
- **Practices Offered** – Set by NHQ
Organic:

- **Land Uses** – Crop, headquarters, pasture/rangeland
- **Ranking Criteria** – States can Develop local ranking questions
- **Application Periods** – 3 will be offered and set by NHQ
- **Payment Schedule** – States will set payment amounts except for CAPs
- **Practices Offered** – Set by NHQ
High Tunnel, Energy & Organic:

• Ranking Criteria:
  • High Tunnel & Organic – The General EQIP Washington State Questions will be used
  • Energy – State specific questions are being developed

• Application Periods:
  • Period 1 – Ends February 02, 2012
  • Period 2 – Ends March 30, 2012
  • Period 3 – Ends June 01, 2012
National Initiatives:

• **Negatives:**
  - Takes some of the control for implementation out of the states control
  - No guarantee of funding levels compared to previous years
  - Change

• **Positives:**
  - Streamlines some of the processes
  - Potential to receive more funding than previous years
  - Change
Questions?

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