

## LOUISIANA NRCS STATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

SUMMER TELECONFERENCE

9:30 TO 11:30 AM

AUGUST 22, 2013

### **Agenda**

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks.....Sarah Haymaker, NRCS, State Conservationist

9:45 a.m. NRCS Program Update and Action Plans.....Steve Cruse, NRCS  
Assistant State Conservationist for Programs

*Wetland Reserve Program (WRP):*

*Each fiscal year, the State Conservationist, in consultation with the State Technical Committee, must establish a process to determine easement and 30-year contract compensation values. The basis for the compensation offer for an easement or 30-year contract enrollment will be the **lowest** of the following:*

- *The fair market value (FMV) of the land using either of the following: A Uniform Standards for Professional Appraisal Practices (USPAP) appraisal or an areawide market analysis (AWMA) or survey*
- *The geographic area rate cap (GARC)*
- *An amount voluntarily offered by the landowner*

*Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP)*

*We will review the draft state Farm and Ranchland Protection Program Plan that will guide the program direction for FRPP. This plan will identify the needs of Louisiana to protect important farmland. It will include the degree of development pressure, such as local rates of land conversion, as documented by population growth and density, and farmland loss.*

10:30 a.m. 2103 Conservation Innovation Grants.....Scott Edwards, NRCS  
State Resource Conservationist

*Each year NRCS Louisiana requests applications for Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. For fiscal year 2013, up to \$150,000 was made available for the Louisiana State CIG competition. We will discuss the applications received and those selected for funding.*

10:45 a.m. Partner Updates of New Activities.....Group

*Each participant will be given the opportunity to provide updates on recent activities or upcoming events.*

11:15 a.m. General Topics and Closing Comments.....Sarah Haymaker

11:30 a.m. Adjourn