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Cost Share Program Rewards Water Quality Protection

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland Soil and Water Conservation District will begin the 2014 Program Year for the North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program on July 1. This program provides financial assistance to encourage farmers and other agricultural land users to install “Best Management Practices” that help protect or improve water quality in North Carolina.

Under the cost share program, the state will normally reimburse applicants up to 75 percent of the pre-determined costs of implementing approved practices. The applicant will be responsible for the remaining 25 percent and for maintaining the practice throughout its maintenance period, which is 10 years for most practices. Farmers or landowners can apply for contracts starting July 1.

The application process must be completed in person at the county’s Soil and Water Conservation District office in the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center at 301 E. Mountain Dr. For more information, call 910-484-8479 or email Agricultural Specialist Larry Simpson at Larry.Simpson@nc.nacdnet.net.

There are about 40 practices currently approved for use in controlling erosion and sedimentation, managing nutrients and managing livestock waste and mortalities. A complete list of approved practices is available on the North Carolina Department of Agriculture’s website at <http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/costshareprograms/ACSP/BMPs.html>.

For more information about the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District and programs to help with land management, call 910-484-8479 or visit the district’s website at http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/soil_water.

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