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NEWS RELEASE

Tennessee USDA NRCS Application Cutoff Extended to April 7 for FY 2022 CSP Renewals

NASHVILLE, April 1, 2021 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service in Tennessee has extended the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) renewal **application deadline to April 7, 2021** to be considered for FY 2022 funding. The original deadline was set for Friday, March 26th.

Current CSP participants who believe they are eligible should contact their local NRCS office on or before the April 7th application deadline.

Participants with existing CSP contracts expiring on December 31, 2021 can renew their contracts for an additional five years if they agree to adopt additional activities to achieve higher levels of conservation on their lands. **2017-1 CSP** contract holders will be eligible for renewal in FY22.

“CSP helps private landowners continue to build and sustain their operation while implementing conservation activities and helps us protect more of our state’s natural resources,” said Tennessee NRCS State Conservationist Sheldon Hightower. *“We encourage landowners to visit with local NRCS field staff if they have questions about the CSP renewal process.”*

CSP is the nation’s largest conservation program for producers who are already established stewards and who want to add more conservation benefits on their land, such as improved water and soil quality and enhanced wildlife habitat.

To apply for renewal consideration, current contract holders should complete Form NRCS-CPA-1200, “Conservation Program Application,” along with Form NRCS-CPA-1248, “Conservation Stewardship Program Contract Renewal Offer Worksheet.” These forms can be obtained online at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eForms/>. Those interested in contract renewals or applying for CSP for the first time are encouraged to visit the [CSP webpage](#) or contact their [local NRCS office](#).

For more information about the CSP signup process, please contact Jamie Carpenter, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs at jamie.carpenter@usda.gov or 615-277-2576.

For more information about Tennessee NRCS and other technical and financial assistance available through conservation programs, visit www.tn.nrcs.usda.gov or contact your local USDA Service Center.

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