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USDA Farm Bill Continuous Sign-up for Conservation Programs

Jackson, Mississippi, November 9, 2006 -- The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service announced today that a continuous sign-up for 2007 Farm Bill programs is on-going at all Mississippi USDA Service Centers.

December 29, 2006 is the deadline in Mississippi for making application under the first ranking period. Programs included in the sign-up for Mississippi are EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) and WHIP (Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program).

These programs are designed to improve areas for wildlife habitat, install conservation practices to reduce erosion, improve water quality, improve grazing land, and manage animal waste.

Landowners and producers interested in learning more about these voluntary cost-sharing programs should contact their local USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service office or visit their local USDA Service Center.

Information on the Farm Bill programs is also available at the following web site:
www.ms.nrcs.usda.gov. These programs are available on a nondiscriminatory basis to all producers.