

# LOUISIANA STATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA CONFERENCE ROOM

ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

NOVEMBER 28, 2012

## AGENDA

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks.....Kevin Norton  
NRCS, State Conservationist

10:15 a.m. Farm Bill Update.....Kevin Norton  
NRCS, State Conservationist

10:30 a.m. NRCS Payment Schedules/Cost List.....Johanna Pate  
NRCS, Acting State Resource Conservationist

The payment schedule is a list of all eligible practice and/or activity payment rates. NRCS uses payment schedules for all conservation program contracts.

10:45 a.m. On-Farm Energy Initiative.....Mari Gilford  
NRCS, State Conservation Engineer

The On-Farm Energy Initiative offers assistance to producers in the planning and implementation of energy conservation. It enables the producer to identify ways to conserve energy on the farm through an Agricultural Energy Management Plan.

11:00 a.m. Programs Update.....Steve Cruse  
NRCS, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Wetland Reserve Program (WRP), and Grassland Reserve Program (GRP). Through these programs the agency approves contracts to provide financial assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns.

11:30 a.m. Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi Cottonwood WRP Memo.....Steve Cruse  
NRCS, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs

11:45 a.m. Developing a Nutrient Management Strategy Through Stakeholder..... Jan Boydston  
Involvement LDEQ, Environmental Scientist Senior

12:00 p.m. Partner Updates of New Activities.....Group

12:15 p.m. General Topics and Closing Comments.....Kevin Norton  
NRCS, State Conservationist

12:30 p.m. Adjourn