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HYDE SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NC COST SHARE PROGRAM & COMMUNITY CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM SIGN-UP

Hyde SWCD has received its initial allocation of \$46,026.00 for the North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program for the 2016-2017 program year. The sign up for applications is now available and will continue through January 31, 2017, on BMP's such as nutrient management, water control structures, and 3 year continuous no-till crop rotation. The limit for nutrient management acreage is 250 acres and applicant must agree to carry out the practice for three years on the same land. The incentive payment for this practice is \$6.00 per acre. The acreage limit on conservation tillage is 100 acres. The incentive payment for this practice is \$60.00 per acre. The District is offering land smoothing at \$150.00 an acre with a 40 acre cap.

The purpose of the cost share program is to reduce the amount of nutrients entering surface and groundwater through best management practices (BMP's) such as nutrient management.

The Hyde SWCD has received an initial allocation of \$7,500.00 for the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP) part of the North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program. This program is designed to identify opportunities to increase water use efficiency, implement best management practices (BMP's) to conserve and protect water resources and increase water storage and availability for agriculture purposes.

If you are interested in these programs, please contact the Hyde Soil & Water Conservation District office located at 30 Oyster Creek Road, Hyde Government Center, Suite 117 in Swan Quarter, North Carolina. You may also call our office at (252) 926-4195 or (252) 926-7253.