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HYDE SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NC AGRICULTURE COST SHARE PROGRAM SIGN-UP

Hyde SWCD has received 50% of their North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program Funds in the amount of \$18,608.00 for the 2021 program year. The remaining funds will be allocated once the state has finalized its budget. In addition the District received, \$7,204.00 in cost share funds for identified impaired/impacted watershed areas. The District also received \$7,500.00 through the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP). The sign up for applications is now available and will continue through January 29th, 2021, or until all funds have been expended. The District offers funding on BMP's such as nutrient management, water control structures, land smoothing 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 \$187.50 an acre with a 40 acre cap and cover crop at 150 acres at \$40.00 an acre with a lifetime cap not to exceed \$15,000.

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.

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 131 in Swan Quarter, North Carolina. You may also call our office at (252) 926-4195 or (252) 926-5291. Cruise Gibbs, District Cost Share Technician will be happy to talk to you about our programs and assist you with the application process.