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SUBJECT: LTP – Conservation Security Program (CSP) Proposed Rule

Purpose: To inform NRCS employees of the CSP proposed rule.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2004

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman announced the release of the proposed rule for the Conservation Security Program (CSP) on December 17, 2003. The proposed rule will be published in the Federal Register during the week of December 22, 2003. The following documents are posted on <http://my.nrcs.usda.gov/> under the Programs tab:

- Conservation Security Program (CSP) Proposed Rule
- CSP Messages
- CSP Fact Sheet
- CSP Questions and Answers
- CSP Summary of Proposed Rules
- Proposed Requirement for CSP Farmers
- Proposed Requirements for CSP Vineyards and Orchards
- Proposed Requirements for CSP Pasture Land
- Proposed Requirements for CSP Ranchers

**Several of the above documents are ONLY available on <http://my.nrcs.usda.gov/>.**

The CSP Proposed Rule, CSP Summary of Proposed Rules, and CSP Fact Sheet are available to the public on <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>. There will be a 60-day public comment period during which NRCS wants and needs all comments, ideas, concerns and potential solutions to questions asked in the proposed rule. Comments from NRCS employees should be emailed to Robin Martinek, [robin.martinek@mn.usda.gov](mailto:robin.martinek@mn.usda.gov). She will coordinate a state response. Employee comments should not be sent to NHQ.

The following should be made available to producers at each field office:

- CSP Fact Sheet
- Proposed Requirement for CSP Farmers
- Proposed Requirements for CSP Vineyards and Orchards
- Proposed Requirements for CSP Pasture Land
- Proposed Requirements for CSP Ranchers

NRCS employees should be familiar with the CSP Questions and Answers and the CSP Fact Sheet and direct interested producers to the above information. NRCS is setting up future listening sessions in Minnesota to gather additional information from the public.

Questions may be directed to Robin Martinek, State Agronomist, 651-602-7866, [robin.martinek@mn.usda.gov](mailto:robin.martinek@mn.usda.gov) or Leah Moore, Economist, 651-602-7867, [leah.moore@mn.usda.gov](mailto:leah.moore@mn.usda.gov).

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