



## Ag Cost Share Programs Available

Soil and Water Conservation Districts implement four cost share programs, all of which share a common goal of increasing water quality. These programs include the Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP), the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP), and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). The District accepts applications year-round for each of these programs. Applications are ranked based on various criteria and conservation concerns. The highest-ranking application is considered for assistance to install best management practices.



**ACSP**-The major cause of water quality problems in the area is non-point source pollution. Damage to our water resources comes from soil erosion, excessive fertilizer use, animal waste contamination, and improper use of agricultural chemicals. The Agriculture Cost Share Program helps address nonpoint source pollution.



**AgWRAP**-The Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program was recently created to address water quantity issues. Producer concerns include water to be used for cropland irrigation and livestock watering. Multiple best management practices are available to help producers increase their water use efficiency, availability, and storage.



**CREP**-The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program is available to protect environmentally sensitive cropland and marginal pastureland long term. This is accomplished through 10, 15, and 30-year conservation easements.



**CCAP**- The Community Conservation Assistance Program is for homeowners who have water quality issues. The program is designed to improve water quality through the installation of various best management practices (BMPs) on urban, suburban and rural lands not directly involved with agriculture production. Eligible landowners may include homeowners, businesses, schools, parks and publicly owned lands.

For more information on the services and how to apply come by our office, email Chuckie Bass at [ccbass@cabarruscounty.us](mailto:ccbass@cabarruscounty.us) or phone at 704-920-3303.