

## Conservation Stewardship Program Applications Due by May 31

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*maintain or increase productivity of their operations while also conserving natural resources*

WASHINGTON, May 1, 2013 - [Natural Resources Secretary Tom Vilsack](#)'s Conservation Stewardship Program

"The Conservation Stewardship Program is different than other USDA financial assistance programs," s

Vilsack explained that although applications are accepted all year, farmers, ranchers and forestland ow

The voluntary program allows producers to go the extra mile in conserving natural resources while also

Playing a significant part in conserving and improving our nation's resources, producers enrolled an ad

Many of the CSP enhancements improve soil quality, which helps land become more resilient to extreme

Several other improvements are available for producers, including intensive rotational grazing, intercrop

Because of the extreme weather in 2012, more interest and participation in the cover crop enhancemen

