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Agreement recognizes importance of forestry in agriculture and provides for technical assistance with soil, water and forest management programs

FRANKFORT, KY (Nov. 18, 2009) – The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and various cooperators including the Kentucky Division of Forestry, the Kentucky Division of Conservation, the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts signed a joint agreement today to recognize the importance of forestry in agriculture and to foster a partnership between the agencies in promoting conservation practices. This is the first time the groups have signed an agreement that puts in print what they have been practicing for years.

The agreement will benefit each of the agencies in their missions to provide quality technical assistance to Kentucky landowners and producers. Each of the agencies will work closely with NRCS to deliver conservation programs designed to protect natural resources on private lands. The agencies will also collaborate on standards for appropriate conservation practices and share data including management plans and maps to ensure efficient and effective services.

For information about conservation programs through NRCS and cooperating agencies, visit www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov or visit your local NRCS field office.

For more information on the cooperative agreement, contact Lynn Brammer, Kentucky Division of Forestry, at 1-800-866-0555.

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