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Agriculture Commission Announces Seminar for Farm Owners and Operators

PRINCE FREDERICK, MD – February 4, 2009 – Do you own or operate a farm? Are you aware of the Maryland cost-share and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) financial assistance programs for installing conservation practices? This seminar, sponsored by the Calvert County Agriculture Commission and the Calvert Soil Conservation District, will provide you up-to-date information about state and federal conservation programs, and help you understand the cost-share practices that apply to your farm.

The seminar will be held on Thursday, February 26, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Planning Commission Hearing Room, first floor, 205 Main Street, Prince Frederick, MD.

Speakers include Mark Rose, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, USDA-NRCS, and Louise Lawrence, Chief, Office of Resource Conservation, Maryland Department of Agriculture.

The seminar is free, but advance registration is required. For questions or to register, call Craig Mask or Jennifer Snoddy, Calvert Soil Conservation District, at 410.535.1521 ext.3.

The Calvert County Agriculture Commission acts as an advisory board to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners on issues that affect the County's farming industry, promotes the continuance of viable farming industries in the County and works to develop new agri-businesses.

Calvert Soil Conservation District provides planning, technical support, and assistance for installing conservation practices on Calvert County farms.

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