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**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ANNOUNCES FISCAL YEAR 2011
USDA-NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE FUNDING FOR
TEXAS HIGH PLAINS AGRICULTURAL WATER ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

AUSTIN – (January 12, 2011) – The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is currently taking applications for fiscal year 2011 Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) funds. The specific funding for fiscal year 2011 has been announced by NRCS and approximately \$3.0 million is now available for producers in the Texas High Plains. Interested agricultural producers in the Texas High Plains may submit applications for this federal cost share funding at their local county USDA-NRCS office. Producers are requested to submit their applications as soon as possible.

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) was chosen as a Texas partner for the NRCS-AWEP funding in July 2009 and continues to provide technical support to the NRCS for the Texas High Plains program. AWEP funds appropriated to this application are administered by the Texas NRCS State Office through the local county field offices. To qualify for help through the AWEP, producers must meet the 2008 Food Conservation and Energy Act eligibility requirements. To view these requirements, please click on the following link:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farbill/2008/index.html>

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.

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