

Landowner/Contractor Workshop Update

A Landowner's / Contractor's meeting was held on March 16th 2005 at the Brooks Yates Center in Circleville. This meeting was held to emphasize the importance of installing an erosion control blanket during the construction of grassed waterways.

The Pickaway Soil & Water Conservation District and Pickaway NRCS now requires the use of an Erosion Control Blanket on all waterways for immediate cost share approval. The Erosion Control Blanket should cover at least the center one-third of the width of the waterway, and should be installed according to manufactures recommendations; the remainder of the waterway should be mulched according to the engineering specifications.

Another topic discussed at this meeting was the timely seeding of all waterways and other earthworks. It is generally expected that the seed,

fertilizer, mulch and Erosion Control Blanket will be applied within a maximum of 7 days of a waterway being approved for seeding by a technician.

Additionally, any construction site that is not undergoing active construction for more than 10 days should be seeded with a temporary seeding. For further details regarding the use of Erosion Control Blanket, or seeding times/rates please contact the Pickaway Soil & Water and Pickaway NRCS office.

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important for producers to be assembling these records now in order to improve their chances of being accepted for future signups. A self assessment workbook for CSP is available online at <http://csp.sc.egov.usda.gov/>. Any additional questions concerning this program may be directed to Joe Weber at the Pickaway Soil & Water and Pickaway NRCS office (740-477-1693).

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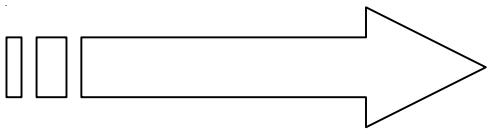
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