



## *News Release*

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### *Gulf of Mexico Initiative Meeting to be held February 3*

Agriculture producers and landowners are encouraged to attend a meeting to discuss the Gulf of Mexico Initiative (GoMI) at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2012, at the Walnut Hill Community Center (Ruritan). There will be a barbecue lunch following the meeting. Please R.S.V.P. to the Molino National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office at 587-5404, extension 3, or the Brewton, Alabama NRCS Field Office at (251) 867-3185 by 2 p.m., Monday, January 30.

The GoMI recently announced by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), is providing \$50 million over the next three years, for conservation plan development and financial assistance for the five Gulf Coast states. GoMI will direct additional technical and financial assistance to landowners within the specified watersheds in parts of Escambia County, Florida and Alabama. These funds will be available to eligible producers who voluntarily implement conservation plans and practices that will help enhance water quality along rivers, tributaries and bays that flow into the Gulf of Mexico.

Under GoMI, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) offers financial assistance to help carry out conservation work on private property. Some of the conservation practices that might interest residents under these programs are brush management, pasture and hayland planting, fences, water development for livestock, prescribed grazing, drop pipes for erosion and drainage control and land management practices such as fertilization, pest and weed control. These are just a few of the programs that the NRCS is offering landowners who depend on these significant watersheds.

The application cut-off date for GoMI 2012 funds is Thursday, March 1, 2012. Please contact the Molino NRCS Field Office at 587-5404, extension 3, located at 151 Hwy 97, Molino, FL 32577, or the Brewton, Alabama NRCS Field Office at (251) 867-3185, extension 3, located at 175 Ag Science Drive, Suite A, Brewton, AL 36426, for more information on this and other programs.

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