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Georgia Small Farm Conference June 20-21 at Unicoi State Park *No cost for farmers to attend state meeting*

ATHENS, Ga. – The Broad River Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a statewide conference at Unicoi State Park in Helen, Ga., on June 20-21, 2013, that will focus on helping farmers with small-scale operations improve their farms and run them more efficiently.

Financial assistance through the Broad River Soil and Water Conservation District and the Oconee River Resource Conservation and Development Council will cover costs for 120 farmers to attend the meeting, which includes one night at the Lodge at Unicoi State Park. For other individuals interested in attending, the registration cost is \$220, which includes one night's lodging.

The two-day meeting will include general educational sessions covering major agricultural topics, as well as breakout sessions covering topics unique to small farming operations.

Registrations must be received by June 10.

Farmers interested in attending should contact the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission Region II office at 706-552-4479 or email region2@gaswcc.org.

The Broad River Soil and Water Conservation District is one of 40 districts in Georgia led by volunteer district supervisors who work to conserve, improve and protect Georgia's natural resources. The Oconee River RC&D strives to improve the quality of life by protecting and improving our natural resources while improving the local economy.

Local conservation project funding is provided by the State of Georgia, along with grants from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

At the state level, the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) supports locally led soil and water conservation districts through education, technical, financial and planning assistance and through program oversight.

Information about the GSWCC is available at <http://gaswcc.georgia.gov> or by calling (706) 552-4470.

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