



EnSave Begins Conservation Tillage Program

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EnSave, Inc. has partnered with two resource conservation and development (RC&D) councils on an U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 grant to reduce diesel emissions. The Diesel Emission Reduction Program is a multi-year project that offers growers a cash incentive to convert from conventional tillage to conservation tillage.

Crop growers in Washington's Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Spokane, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties are eligible to receive a \$4.00 per acre incentive for each acre of land converted to no-till direct seeding from conventional tillage practices. Upper Columbia RC&D Council and Blue Mountain RC&D Council will enroll growers in the program. EnSave helped design the program and created the marketing and application materials for the program, and is also responsible for quantifying the diesel emission reductions.

No-till direct-seeding is a practice to reduce the number of passes a tractor takes to till and plant the soil. In addition to reducing fuel cost, labor, tractor runtime, and machinery wear and tear, no-till direct seeding can help growers reduce soil erosion, release of carbon, air pollution, and soil compaction.

"Eastern Washington growers are fortunate to be among a few groups nationwide selected to receive this grant money," said Gerald Scheele, President of Upper Columbia RC&D. "It really speaks to how our local growers are working hard to be good stewards of the land."

About EnSave

EnSave supports the American agricultural sector with innovative energy efficiency and pollution prevention programs. EnSave provides agricultural producers and food processors with cost-effective ways to reduce operating costs while saving energy and reducing pollution. EnSave's clients include state and federal energy and environmental agencies, investor-owned utilities, and rural electric cooperatives. EnSave implements its programs by developing relationships with equipment manufacturers, local equipment dealers and the local agricultural community. Ultimately, these programs promote economic investment in the rural economy and improve the quality of America's land, air, and water.