

Louisa County Soil Commissioners approve cost-share

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Conservation Service. Remember that this is for first time users only. If you have used no-till in the past or are presenting contouring, you will not qualify. The land must be farmed with a row crop (corn-soybeans). The deadline for sign up is February 1, 1988.

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