



May 17, 2011

Dennis Chessman, Coordinator
Georgia Grazing Lands Conservation Coalition
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
355 E. Hancock Ave., Stop 207
Athens, GA 30601

Dear Mr. Chessman,

On behalf of the awards committee, it is my pleasure to announce that your organization has been selected as recipient of the 2011 Merit Award from the Georgia Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (GaSWCS). Your organization's role in providing grazing land managers with information on sustainable farming practices for grazing land conservation and grazing land ecosystem health to promote quality forage and livestock production exemplifies the Society's mission of fostering the science and the art of soil, water, and related natural resource management to achieve sustainability.

We would like to invite you to the 2011 GaSWCS Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at the Hickory Knob State Park, SC, on Friday, May 27 starting at 9:00am. To respond to this invitation and for additional information, please contact me at 770.267.8363 (x-3) or by email at jose.pagan@ga.usda.gov

Sincerely,

José V. Pagán
Awards Committee Chairman
Soil and Water Conservation Society
Georgia Chapter

