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## High Tunnel Cost Share Program Fiscal Year 2013 application deadline: June 15, 2012

Juneau, AK, 2012 — *Cost share program assists landowners with extending the growing season.*

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) may provide funding assistance to qualified landowners to offset the cost of purchasing professionally manufactured high tunnels (also known as temporary greenhouses), which are highly effective in extending the growing season for a variety of crops. Unlike greenhouses where plants are generally grown in containers, high tunnels create a controlled environment for growing crops directly in the soil profile or in raised beds. NRCS will cost-share on structures up to 2,178 square feet in size (5% of 1 acre). Both the landowner and land must meet certain eligibility criteria. Funding is provided on a reimbursable basis, after the high tunnel has been installed and certified to meet NRCS specifications.

Applications are currently being accepted for the fiscal year 2013 funding period (Oct. 1, 2012 through Sep. 30, 2013), and must be received by the Juneau Field Office on or before June 15, 2012.

For information regarding NRCS technical service or program participation in southeast Alaska, contact the Juneau Field Office (907) 586-7220, or [samia.savell@ak.usda.gov](mailto:samia.savell@ak.usda.gov). Contact information for the offices in Alaska is also available at [www.ak.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/fieldoffices.html](http://www.ak.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/fieldoffices.html).

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