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Soil and Water Conservation Society Releases “Position Statement on Climate Change and Soil and Water Conservation”

Washington, DC - As part of the opening plenary session at the 66th Annual International Conference of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, the Society released a position statement on Climate Change and Soil and Water Conservation. The position statement is available online at www.swcs.org/climate

“We are pleased with the work of Dr. Jorge Delgado, research editor of the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation and his team of scientists, in producing this comprehensive analysis of how conservation practices can contribute to the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, “ said Jim Gulliford, executive director. “This product was the basis for the Society’s Science and Policy Committee and its chair Andy Manale, to produce the position statement containing the principles of agricultural practice and guidance for outreach, research, and collaboration.”

The position statement was reviewed and adopted by the Board of Directors on July 7, 2011. This was the result of a year-long process that resulted in several products published in the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation this month: a feature article on the science of conservation practices related to climate change, a research editorial that presents a review of related scientific literature, and a viewpoint article by Gulliford on how, through good conservation and agricultural practice, farmers can mitigate and adapt to climate change.

All of these products are available online at www.swcs.org/climate