

FY12 Cost-Share Accomplishment

With fiscal year 2012 ending we would like to report our cost share accomplishments. Cost-share funding claimed within July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 was 337,526.94. The District's allocation for the year was \$376,690.10 with 19,788.00 for Grazing Management, 9,236.10 for Nutrient Management, 16,524.00 for Sensitive Areas and 331,142.00 for Sheet/Rill and Gully. Total cost for these practices are determined by the state and county average prices. The district's percentage of cost-share is 75% of this determination. Landowners or operators participating in this program numbered 46 individuals. Total tons of soil saved over the life span (10 years) of these practices computed out to 13,409 tons. The Soil and Water Conservation Program is funded by the one-tenth-of -one-percent parks, soils and water sales tax and administers those funds through local soil and water conservation districts.



Open House - Landowners Recognized

On April 3, 2012, "Celebrate Agriculture" was the theme for the Andrew County Soil and Water Conservation Districts fourth open house. Along with Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency and the MO Department of Conservation,



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county landowners and operators were recognized for their efforts in conserving the soil and

water in their farming operations. Dorothy and Arnold Hughes of Rosendale,

MO, received the *Master Conservationist Award*. This award is given to an Andrew County landowner who continuously displays outstanding soil and water stewardship on his or her operation. Such as No-Till planting, Wildlife Habitat Management and terrace installation. The Hughes have also



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instilled conservation into their sons. Gary and Lisa Hughes received the *Young Farmers Award* for their important role in being good stewards of

our natural resources.

2012 Poster Contest Winners

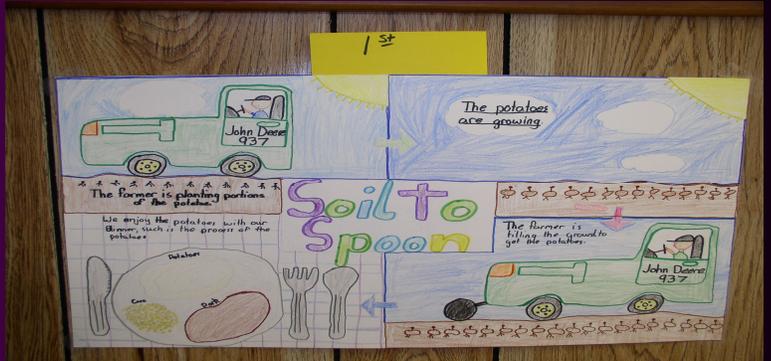
Each year, the Soil and Water District sponsor a poster contest for approximately 260 Andrew County fourth grade students. Each student creates a poster depicting the importance of our natural resources. This year's theme was "Soil to Spoon". It is important to understand the journey our food takes from the soil to our tables. The students completed their posters after attending Conservation Connection, an outdoor classroom held at the Ford Farm. The students learn about soils, forestry, wildlife and aquatics.

A panel of judges select a first place winner from each class. From the thirteen classes a first, second and third place county winner is selected. The first place winner's poster will proceed to the state competition.

The class winner for 2012 were as follows:

Bailee Belding - Amazonia, Jacob Ball - Avenue City, Emily Maddox - Helena, Scott Fanner - John Glenn, Olivia Engel - John Glenn, Hallie Law - King City, Isabela CDebaca - King City, Jaden Brady - Minnie Cline, London ray - Minnie Cline, Jocelynn Kallauner - Minnie Cline, Maria Stanton - Minnie Cline, Braden Brincks - North Andrew, Gunner Rutherford - North Andrew. The county winners were: First place – Jacob Ball - Avenue city, Second place: London Ray - Minnie Cline and Third place: Emily Maddox - Helena.

The District also recognized the teacher with the best overall class work. This year, Ms. Schneider from Helena School, received this award. Ms. Schneider was awarded a \$50.00 gift certificate to Pig Tails N Ink Wells.



Jacob Ball - First Place



London Ray—Second Place



Emily Maddox - Third Place

Board of Supervisors Election Results!!

The Andrew County Soil and Water Conservation District held an election for two of its four elected board supervisors on April 3rd.

Ron Willis was elected to represent the Empire/Platte Townships.

Jeff Lance was elected to represent the Lincoln/Jackson/Nodaway Townships.

It is the responsibility of the board to review the operation of the district, cost-share programs, and oversee the employees. Each elected member to the board is the representative of the people of Andrew County.

District Board of Supervisors

Chairman - Ron Willis Area II

Vice Chairman - Danny Lightle Area I

Treasurer - Jeff Lance - Area IV

Member - Dallas Tritten - Area III

Secretary - Jim Humphrey

Over the last few years, many in Missouri have taken advantage of the High Tunnel cost-share program in EQIP, a program administered by NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service). More information about these greenhouse-like structures can be found at: www.hightunnels.org or stop by the USDA office in Savannah or call 816-324-3196 ext. 3.



Important Dates!

September 12 - Conservation Kids Day
September 13 - Board Meeting
October 8 - Columbus Day - Office Closed
October 11 - Board Meeting
November 4 - Daylight Savings Time
November 8 - Board Meeting
November 12 - Office Closed in observance of Veterans' Day
November 22 - Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
December 13 - Board Meeting



December 21, 2012 - First day of winter.

The district receives funding from the one-tenth of one percent parks and soils tax!

Listening to the chirps of crickets can give you a rough estimate of what the temperature outdoors is on the Fahrenheit temperature scale. Count the amount of chirps you hear in fifteen seconds and add 37!



Some Drought Relief....

The 2012 drought hit the Midwest hard and on July 23, Gov. Nixon issued an executive order authorizing the State Soil & Water Districts Commission to establish a program to provide urgent relief for farmers and producers facing critical shortages of water. To be eligible for the program, projects had to provide immediate and material relief for the farmer or producer. Applications were due by 5 p.m. Aug. 6. Gov. Nixon reported that the emergency cost-share program approved 3,712 applications for assistance, totaling \$18.7 million. The Andrew County SWCD along with NRCS helped to allocate over \$150,000.00 in drought assistance funds to provide farmers with getting water to their livestock.



CRP Mid-Contract Management (MCM)

Producers who have enrolled acreage in CRP since the 26th sign up (2003), are required to complete a round of MCM, per the guidelines of their conservation plan. MCM is typically completed in years three to six of the CRP contract. Types of MCM include chemical application, strip disking, and burning. Cost share of 50% (based on county average rates) is available once the practice has been completed and all bills are turned in to the office.

Be advised, in the past FSA offices have contacted producers by letter to inform them they have MCM to complete during the year. Due to budgetary constraints FSA will no longer follow that policy. Producers should take care to ensure they don't miss any required MCM on their contract as penalties are quite steep, ranging from \$40 to \$64 per acre.

If you have questions about your contract and its required mid-contract management please contact your local FSA office.

Remember !! On July 1st, 2012, The Andrew County SWCD Board Supervisors voted to make the following change in implementing cost – share funds.

Landowners will now be eligible for funding every third fiscal year on terraces, diversion, seeding and waterways.

Example, if a landowner received cost share in FY11 they will be eligible to apply again in FY14.