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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

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N340 Cover Crops – Cost Share now Available



The Cape Girardeau County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce that they are now able to cost share on cover crops. This practice will apply to no-tilled cropland acres where row crops are grown and a cover crop management system is not currently being implemented. The policy states that the crop prior to the cover crop and following the cover crop have to be no-tilled. All cover crop mixes must include at least 25% cool season annual grass or small grain component. Cover crops cannot be grazed or mechanically harvested. The incentive payment for this practice is set at \$30 per acre with a maximum enrollment of 20 acres. The deadline for signing up is September 15, 2014 to implement this practice this fall. For more information contact the office at 243-1467 ext. 3.

Ephemeral Gullies and HEL Compliance

This past winter and spring we experienced a lot of erosion due to freezing and thawing and high rainfall. This is readily observable through the formation of Ephemeral Gullies.

Ephemeral gullies are small gullies that form frequently in well defined, shallow depressions in fields that have had some previous tillage and are small enough to be crossed with normal tillage operations.

In order to maintain eligibility for USDA programs and crop insurance, producers must follow a crop rotation and use tillage practices to meet soil loss requirements on Highly Erodible Land (HEL). This requirement includes controlling ephemeral gullies. Please note that tilling (working in) ephemeral gullies and not doing anything else to control them does not meet this requirement. Ephemeral gullies typically require a vegetative seeding or structural practice to control them. Examples of control could be seeding them and leaving them in permanent grass, installing a structure, or terraces. Failure to control ephemeral gullies could jeopardize your eligibility for USD programs and crop insurance.



2014 Annual Soil & Water Conservation District Essay Contest

It is our pleasure to announce that Dakota Oehl of Friedheim was the winner of the 2014 Soil & Water Conservation District Essay Contest. Dakota attends Southeast Missouri State University and is majoring in Agribusiness with a minor in Ag Industries. He is a member of Delta Tau Alpha (National Agricultural Honors Society) where he serves as National Parliamentarian and Chapter Parliamentarian; Ag Club where he serves as President; and a member of the Colligate Farm Bureau. Dakota has also made the Dean's list every semester and serves on the Agriculture Department's Banquet Committee. Dakota is very involved in his community. He is a member of the North Cape County Volunteer Fire Department, Trinity Lutheran Church of Friedheim where he serves as an usher, Cape Girardeau County Firefighter's Association, and volunteers to help with various 4-H activities. Congratulations Dakota on all of your accomplishments!



GovDelivery

To help us better communicate with our customers in a timely manner, the NRCS office is initiating a push to sign our customers and partners up to GovDelivery. GovDelivery is a tool that you can use to receive up-to-date information about our work, and deadlines that could affect you. GovDelivery allows users to select what information you wish to receive by simply checking the boxes next to the topic that interests you such as press releases, upcoming events, success stories, program information and deadlines, and various other information. Most GovDelivery topics are available via email. However, Missouri NRCS also offers a text message option for delivering time sensitive information. This system is similar to the one that the Farm Service Agency uses for alerting its producers of informational events and timelines. Please stop by the office at 480 West Jackson Trail, Jackson MO 63755 to sign up for this special free service.

Cape Girardeau County

Women in Ag Tour

BRING A FRIEND AND JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN AND GOOD FOOD!

When: Friday, August 22, 2014

Where: Meet at the University of Missouri Extension office (lower level) in Jackson – Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and busses will depart at 8:45 a.m.

- Meier Horse Shoe Pines Tour
- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)
Presentation by Laughing Stalk Farmstead
- Lunch at University of Missouri Extension – Lower Level
- Attendance Prizes
- SEMO Milling LLC Tour

A \$10 registration fee is requested to defer costs.

Please register by calling the Cape County SWCD office at 243-1467 (ext. 3) by Friday, August 15th.

Program is being sponsored by:

- Cape Girardeau County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Natural Resources Conservation Services
- Department of Natural Resources

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Prescribed Fire Workshops

Thursday, August 28, 2014

Where: Southeast Regional
Conservation Office
2302 County Park Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701



When: 1:00 -4:30 pm and
6:00- 9:30 pm

Presented by: Missouri Department of Conservation

This workshop will be given two different times to provide landowners a better opportunity to attend.

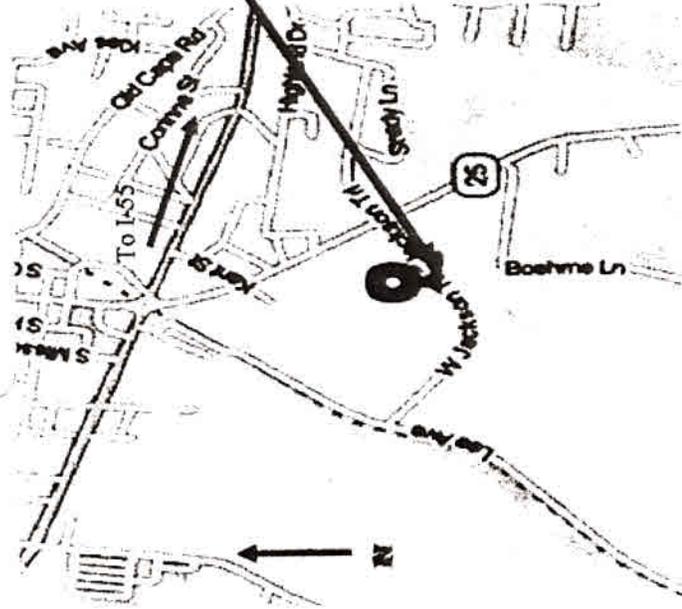
Prescribed fire is a low cost way for landowners to manage grasslands, CRP and old fields for forage production and/or improve wildlife habitat.

This workshop will include classroom discussions on methods, equipment, safety, and why and when you would use fire as a management tool. Emphasis will include how to conduct a safe and effective burn to control sprouts, encourage beneficial plants and create better quality quail habitat. Participation will qualify landowners to have a prescribed burn plan prepared for their fields and use available loan equipment.

Attendees will also be invited to optional demonstration burns which will be conducted later in March around the region to demonstrate the use of tools and techniques.

To register for one of the workshops please contact the Missouri Department of Conservation at 573/290-5730 or the Cape Girardeau County SWCD at 573/243-1467 ext. 3

Fall 2014 Grazing School



From Perryville take exit 105 from I-55.
 From Scott City take exit 99 from I-55 then take 34/61 west to highway 25 and turn south.

University of Missouri Extension Office
 684 W Jackson Trail, Jackson, MO
 (573) 243-3582

USDA-NRCS Jackson Field Office
 Cape Girardeau County Soil &
 Water Conservation District office
 573-243-1468 ext 3.

USDA-NRCS Greenville Field Office
 573-224-3410 ext 3.

Registration questions should be directed to : Sue Denn er @ 573-883-3566 ext. 3.

HURR Park in the lower parking lot at the rear. Enter in lower door.

- Your registration fee covers:**
- Missouri Grazing Manual
 - Forages and Weeds of Pasture
 - One grazing stick per farm operation
 - Meals
 - Refreshments
- Speaker topics will include:**
- The Art and Science of Grazing
 - Evaluation of Farm Resources
 - Watering Systems
 - Grazier's Arithmetic
 - Fencing Systems
 - Pasture Evaluation
 - Forage Diversity and Plant Growth
 - Soils
 - Economics of Grazing Management

Save the Date
September 17th & 18th
Southeast Regional
Grazing School

Classes begin @ 8:00 am each day & end approximately 4:30 pm

Field work planned, please dress accordingly.

REGISTRATION:

The cost is \$75.00 per person. Additional person(s) will be charged @ \$25.00 ea. **AND MUST** be associated with the farm of the first person. The second person will not receive written materials.

Please make checks payable to

"Ste. Genevieve SWCD".

Mail the check and the completed form to:

Ste. Genevieve SWCD
 711 Pointe Basse Dr.
 Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

Number of people attending _____

Name(s): (please print clearly) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Evening Telephone Number: _____

Email: (Optional) _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

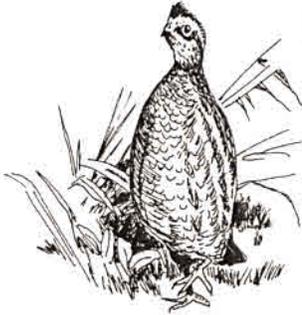
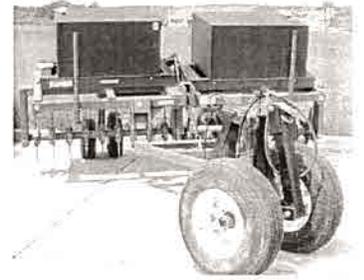
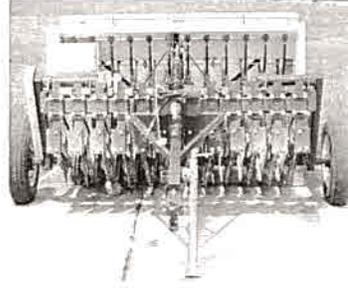
Checks must be received by COB September 5, 2014

Class space is limited to the first 30 paid registration forms received. Absolutely no late registrations.

Keep the Directions!

FOR RENT NO TILL DRILLS & PASTURE RENOVATOR

The SWCD would like to remind everyone the District has a 10' Great Plains Drill and a 7' Great Plains Drill for rent along with a 8' Truax Drill (warm season grasses). The District also has a Rhino Pasture Renovator available for rent. The 10' drill rents for \$9/AC (10AC minimum), the 7' drill rents for \$8/AC (10AC minimum), the 8' drill rents for \$10/AC, and the renovator rents for \$6/AC (5AC minimum). If you would like to schedule either the drills or the renovator, please call 573-243-1467 ext 3.



WILDLIFE WAYS DID YOU KNOW.....

Scientists say 70 to 80 percent of the earth's creatures are insects. Most insect populations are held in check by natural predators - often other insects. This balance of nature is one that has been upset by humans who have killed predator insects as they killed targeted insects.

Return Service Requested

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