

# NEWSLETTER

**Cole County Soil and Water  
Conservation District  
1911 Boggs Creek Road  
Jefferson City, MO 65101**

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## **ANNUAL MEETING**

We would like to extend a special invitation to each of you to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Cole County Soil and Water Conservation District. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at Reinhardt Circle (formerly Donita's), 5007 Buffalo Road in Jefferson City.

The meal will be provided by the District. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner service to begin at 6:30 p.m. As always, families are invited.

The planned program will include a presentation by the Highway Patrol on road safety for farm equipment. There will be door prizes donated by local businesses to be given away at the end of the meeting

To make reservations to attend, please contact the Cole County SWCD office at the USDA Service Center in Jefferson City by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Call 573-893-5188 ext. 3.

## **New District Conservationist**

With the new field office structure of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), came some change in the staff serving Cole County landowners.

Previously Cole County was part of a 2-county Field Office Service Area (FOSA) with Moniteau County. Cole County will now be part of a 4-county FOSA that includes Osage, Maries and Gasconade Counties. Moniteau County is now part of a 3-county FOSA with Cooper and Howard Counties.

The District Conservationist for the new FOSA is Melinda Barch. Melinda has been the District Conservationist for Osage, Maries and Gasconade Counties for the past 10 years.

Mark Brandt who was the District Conservationist in Cole County will now be the Lead Resource Conservationist working more on highly erodible land determinations and federal program contracts.

There is NRCS staff stationed in Cole, Osage and Gasconade Counties. They will now be working across all 4 counties to assist landowners as needed.



**2015 Stewardship Week  
April 26 - May 3, 2015**

## Women in Agriculture Conference

## Grazing School

Ladies! Mark your calendars for the 2015 State Women In Ag Conference, September 21-23, 2015 at The Elms Hotel and Spa in Excelsior Springs <http://www.elmshotelandspa.com>. The WIA Conference is designed for lady landowners and Agriculture/Conservation Partners to visit venues of agriculture tours, unique workshops, banquet & entertainment! Follow Missouri Women in AG on Face Book at [www.facebook.com/WomenInAgriculture](http://www.facebook.com/WomenInAgriculture).



There will be a grazing school held in September at St. Martins for landowners interested in signing up for cost-share for a grazing system, or just wanting to refresh their knowledge on operating a grazing system.

The dates will be September 22-24 in the evening each night. There will be a cost for the school that will include the reference books for you to keep.

For more information contact Ed Gillmore our office at 573-893-5188 ext. 3.

The Programs and Services of the Cole County Soil and Water Conservation District are funded by the 1/10-cent Parks and Soils Sales Tax and private donations. For more information about the Cole County Soil & Water Conservation District see our web page at [www.swcd.mo.gov/cole](http://www.swcd.mo.gov/cole).

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