

Holt County Soil & Water Conservation District

118 W Davis St, Mound City, MO 64470

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May 2014

FISCAL YEAR 2015 COST-SHARE ALLOCATION

(July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015)

Holt SWCD has been allocated funds for **FY15** in the following resource concerns:

Sheet, Rill & Gully – **\$391,947***

Nutrient – **\$6,400**

Irrigation - **\$15,000**

*\$41,833.83 has been obligated via Advanced Allocation. \$350,113.17 remains for Summer and Fall.

Landowner cost-share limit = \$15,000 (\$20,000 for Summer Projects) per fiscal year per resource concern

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

N590 Nutrient Management –Cost-share incentive payment is up to \$20.00 per acre with a lifetime practice maximum of \$10,000 for contracts approved between January 1 and April 15, 2015. Continuous Sign Up (\$20/acre not to exceed \$10,000 lifetime). Please contact our office for further information.

IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT

N442 Irrigation System, Sprinkler – Cost-share is authorized for replacement of existing sprinklers or nozzles with those that increase system efficiency, limited to 75% of the state average cost and four pivots per cooperators and/or farm. Continuous Sign Up (Limit of 4 Pivots).

N554 Drainage Water Management – Cost-share is authorized for the cost of main and lateral line materials and installation, not to exceed 75% of \$350 per acre, water control structures and their installation, and separate components needed to run pip from the water control structure to the outlet point. To reduce nutrient, pathogen, and/or pesticide loading from drainage systems into downstream waters and to reduce wind erosion. Please contact our office for further information.

FY15 WORKFLOW PROCESS

- The **COOPERATOR** advises our office:
 - Crop is out (fall) OR they are within 2 weeks of being ready to construct practices (spring/summer)
- Our office schedules an on-site planning visit (within 2 weeks) with **cooperator AND contractor(s)**.
- Our technician will assist the contractor with the survey and/or GPS/Trimble if needed. Contractors with GPS/Trimble capabilities may submit their survey to the office after the on-site planning visit.
- Survey notes **will be designed in date order** based upon the date the completed survey data is logged in our office.
- Upon completion of the design and submission of ALL required forms (authorization, vendor, landowner agreements), a Pre-Construction Conference will be held with the **cooperator, earthmoving AND tiling contractors**.
- Designs will be released after the PCC but not until contracts have been board approved.
- Upon release of the designs, our technician will meet the contractor in the field to establish the flags for construction.
- Within approximately **2 weeks of receipt of contractor checkout notes, practices will be checked in the field**. *Technicians will not create an 'as-built' design in lieu of the contractor constructing the project as originally designed.
- **Projected timeframes are subject to workload, weather, and staff availability.**

NO-TILL SYSTEM

DSL-15 No-Till System –Cost-share incentive payment is up to \$15.00 per acre (40 acres/\$600 maximum). Authorized to reduce erosion or runoff pollution. Not authorized for producers who have utilized a no-till system. Continuous Sign Up. Please contact our office for further information

The **Cost-Share Program** is a state funded program which provides financial incentives to landowners for installing erosion reduction practices. This funding comes from the 1/10th of 1% parks, soils and water sales tax.

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LOESS HILL TIMBER and PRARIE FIELD DAY

The Missouri Dept. of Conservation (MDC) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service will host a Loess Hill Timber and Prairie Field Day on **May 31, 2014** at the Sean and Erin Slocum farm south of Mound City on Hwy E. MDC Foresters will provide advice and take participants on a walk through the timber on private land in the morning. Information on proper timber management including timber stand improvement, sales and how to obtain a forest stewardship plan will be covered with plenty of time for questions. The afternoon section will focus on loess hill prairie restoration. A walking tour will cover work that has been accomplished on the land. Discussions on the benefits and problems associated with restoration will be covered. Other topics will be cost-share opportunities for both timber and prairie.

Lunch will be provided by MDC. For more information and further details please contact

Jim Pierson, Private Land Conservationist at 660-442-3173 ext. 114.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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History of the Soil and Water Conservation Program and the Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax

In the 1930s, as the Dust Bowl swept across the nation relocating an estimated 300 million tons of soil, Americans realized the devastating effects of soil erosion. Legislation began to take shape to better manage and conserve the nation's soil. Despite these actions, Missouri was still plagued with high erosion rates.

In 1982, Missouri was losing soil at a rate of 10.9 tons per acre each year on cultivated cropland. A one-tenth-of-one-percent parks, soils and water sales tax was passed by Missouri voters in 1984 to fund state parks and soil and water conservation efforts. Prior to the passage of the sales tax, Missouri had the second highest rate of erosion in the nation. Almost two-thirds of Missouri voters renewed the tax in 1988 and 1996. In 2006, the tax passed by its highest percentage to date (70.8).

Since 1982, Missouri's erosion rate dropped more than any other state. It is estimated that more than 148 million tons of soil have been saved since the start of the sales tax, but millions of tons of soil still wash away every year on cultivated cropland in Missouri.

The majority of the soil and water portion of this tax has been used to assist agricultural landowners through voluntary programs that are developed by the Soil and Water Districts Commission. They are administered by the Soil and Water Conservation Program through district boards in each of the 114 counties.

The cost-share program provides financial incentives to landowners for up to 75 percent of the estimated cost for installation of soil and water conservation practices that prevent or control excessive erosion and improve water quality. Soil and water conservation districts provide technical support with the design, implementation and maintenance of practices.

By promoting good farming techniques that help keep soil on the fields and waters clean, each soil and water conservation district is conserving the productivity of Missouri's working lands.

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From <http://dnr.mo.gov/env/swcp/history.htm>

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IMPORTANT COST-SHARE INFORMATION

-CONDITION OF PAYMENT OF STATE COST-SHARE FUNDS: *If a practice is removed, altered, or modified so as to lessen its effectiveness without prior consent of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors during the maintenance life of the practice, the cooperators shall refund to the Missouri Soil and Water Districts Commission the state cost-share funds used for the practice. The cooperators that received the cost-share payment remains responsible for the maintenance of the practice upon change of ownership unless the responsibility is transferred with the deed for the property.*

(Note: Holt SWCD conducts annual maintenance checks on a random selection of cost-share practices from the last 10 fiscal years)

-Any unauthorized changes to a project not contained in the engineering design and not reflected on the cost-share contract will result in non-payment of the contract.

-Missouri One Call verification will be required at the pre-construction conference.

-*Vendor Input/ACH/EFT Form will be required prior to contracting.

-*Landowner Authorization Form will be required to verify legal ownership as it is listed on the property deed and for signature authorization.

-Notarized landowner agreements will be required when construction activities to install a conservation practice will extend water to land beyond the ownership of the landowner. Agreements are the responsibility of the cooperator and must be submitted to our office prior to consideration for contract approval.

-Notarized landowner agreements will be required for erosion control projects located on or across property lines. Agreements must be submitted to our office prior to consideration for contract approval.

*Vendor and Landowner Authorization forms are available at our office or via our website: www.swcd.mo.gov/holt

NRCS & MU Hosting Soil Health Expo

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the University of Missouri are hosting a **free Soil Health Exposition August 13-14**. The exposition will be at MU's Bradford Research and Extension Center (4968 Rangeline Road), about six miles east of Columbia.

The two-day exposition will feature vendors, tours, demonstrations and presentations by farmers who have successfully incorporated cover crops into their operations.

The exposition will feature an open admission, so participants may attend as few or as many of the sessions as they choose. Events will be occurring from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. Topics will include: climate variability; understanding soil data; economics of cover crops; cover cropping and improved infiltration; effects of Glyphosate on soil biology; the latest soil health field equipment; field demonstrations; soils exhibits; and soil pits and properties. Equipment and seed dealers also will be present. A detailed agenda will be available later.

WE HAVE A NEW FAX NUMBER: 855-835-0063

RENTAL EQUIPMENT

The Holt County Soil & Water Conservation District has the following rental equipment available for non-commercial use:

Hurricane Ditcher - \$400.00 deposit, \$400.00 per day.

Mulcher - \$400.00 deposit, \$100.00 per day.

10' No-Till Drill - \$400.00 deposit, \$60.00 per day plus \$8.00 per acre.

*Equipment users are financially responsible for any/all damages upon the return of equipment.

To reserve equipment, please contact Dallas Kurtz, District Technician/Equipment Manager. (660) 442-3173 Ext 111

FISCAL YEAR 2014 COST-SHARE

(July 1, 2013 to date)

Resource Concern	Allocated	Obligated
Sheet, Rill & Gully	\$411,947	\$328,502.05
Nutrient –	\$6,400	-
Irrigation -	\$12,000	\$11,093.21