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Feb. 15th, Presidents' Day
May 31st, Memorial Day

Board Meeting Dates

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www.swcd.mo.gov/lafayette/ for more info

HIGH TUNNEL SYSTEMS

Seasonal high tunnel systems offer an option to extend the growing seasons in many areas of the United States to successfully produce vegetable and other specialty crops.

A high tunnel is a greenhouse like structure, at least 6 feet in height; which modifies the climate to create more favorable growing conditions.

Should you be interested in high tunnel systems information, contact your local USDA-NRCS office, 120 West 19th Street, Higginsville, MO; 660-584-8732, extension 3.



HELLO PHILLIP!!!!!!

We have a new District Technician. His name is Phillip Boydston from the Odessa area. He started working for the District on July 27, 2009. He grew up near Odessa on the family farm that raises row crops, livestock and hay. Phillip participated in several sports and other activities throughout school and graduated from Odessa High School in 2004. He then pursued a degree from the University of Missouri where he was active in the School of Agriculture, MU Student Council, as well as Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity. Phillip graduated with honors from Mizzou with a B.S. in General Agriculture in 2007. He has since worked for the state's largest cattle operation and has also managed a grass based dairy in northwest Missouri. In getting this job it gave Phillip the opportunity to move back to Lafayette County and pursue a career with the Soil District. Phillip looks forward to meeting you!!



FUN FACTS:

How many apples eaten in the US are from Washington state? 6 out of 10—the most popular varieties are Red Delicious, Granny Smith, Golden Delicious & Gala.

What state produces the most cranberries? Wisconsin—each year cranberry producers grow more than 300 million pounds of the tart berries.

What nut is the peach related to? Almond—almonds are stone fruits related to cherries, plums & peaches. California produces 80% of the world's supply of almonds.

How many honeybees does it take to produce a tablespoon of honey? 12—twelve busy little bees must collect the nectar from 2,000 flowers to make a tablespoon of honey.

How many pounds of tomatoes does the average American eat each year? 22 lbs.—more than half the nation's tomato consumption is in the form of ketchup and tomato sauce.

What is the oldest known plant used for livestock feed? Alfalfa—records of its use as livestock feed date to as early as 1,000 B.C. Alfalfa is one of the most nutritious crops to feed to animals.

How many glasses of milk can one cow produce in a year? 46,000—the average cow produces 2,100 pounds of milk a month.

10th Annual Open House

Lafayette Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors and staff cordially invite you and your family to attend our **10th Open House, Thursday, March 4th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** It will be held at the **Community Building (Fairground Park)**, 801 West 29th St., Higginsville. Soil District accomplishments, poster winners and some entries on display. Photo winner and some entries on display. Poster winners and photo winner will be announced and presented with awards at 1 p.m.

The Soil District will furnish lunch (boneless pork loin sandwiches, baked beans, cole slaw and drinks).

PLEASE RETURN THE SECTION BELOW OR CALL OUR OFFICE (660-584-8732, ext. # 102) WITH YOUR RSVP BY FEBRUARY 17th.

**Lafayette SWCD Open House — March 4, 2010
120 W. 19th St., Suite 103, Higginsville, MO 64037**

PLEASE RSVP for LUNCH

By FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

Name

Number Attending