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The Perry Soil and Water Conservation District's annual meeting will be held on March 23rd starting at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Perryville. The Board of Supervisors wishes to extend an invitation to all landowners and producers in Perry County to come and enjoy the delicious chicken dinner.

The guest speakers for the evening will be Lavern Taylor and Frank Wideman. The topic will be "Issues and Remedies for Our Water".

The Conservation Farmer of the Year Award will be presented to a deserving farm family. Winners of the coloring and poster contest will be awarded as in the past years.

This meeting is how we would like to thank you, the landowners of the district, for making a strong soil and water conservation program possible in Perry County.

Hope to see you on the 23rd!

Reservations for the meeting need to be returned by March 19th. Please send the attached to the Perry SWCD office or call Karen at 547-4077, extension 3.

Name _____

Number planning to attend _____

Perry SWCD Office
1003 North Main St.
Perryville, MO 63775

**6th Annual
Cape and Perry County
Women in Ag Tour**

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

When: Friday, April 30, 2010

- Jones Heritage Farm & Market
- Lunch
- Attendance Prizes

Details are still being finalized for the day, such as meeting times and places and afternoon activities. More information will be sent out shortly or feel free to contact the office with any questions.

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

Please register by calling the Cape County SWCD office at 243-1467 (ext. 3) or the Perry County SWCD office at 547-4077 (ext.3) by Friday, April 16, 2010

Program is being sponsored by:

- Cape County and Perry County Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Natural Resources Conservation Services
- Department of Natural Resources

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Organic Growers and High Tunnels

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Missouri has announced 2 new programs to provide financial assistance to producers. The Organic EQIP and a pilot high tunnel structures sign up. NRCS will take applications for both of these thru March 19th.

The Organic EQIP sign up is part of a nationwide initiative to provide financial assistance to National Organic Program (NOP) Certified Organic producers as well as those transitioning to organic production. EQIP may pay for up to 75 percent of the cost of installing eligible practices. Financial assistance is not available for the certification process.

The second new program is pilot High Tunnel structures. Also known as hoop houses, high tunnel structures increase the availability of locally grown produce by extending the growing season.

High tunnels are made of ribs of plastic or metal pipe covered with layer of plastic sheeting. Producers must use commercially manufactured high tunnel kits, and no electrical heating or mechanical ventilation system can be added. Crops in high tunnels must be grown in the soil profile not in pots or benches. NRCS will provide financial assistance to fund up to a 2178 sq ft structure on existing cropland.

To be eligible for these programs landowners must have Farm and Tract information on file at Farm Services Agency (FSA), must be in compliance with all Farm Bill provisions (Sodbusting and Swampbusting) and must meet certain Adjusted Gross income requirement.

For more information contact James Hunt or Kellen Brandt at the NRCS Service Center or by phone at 573-547-4077 x 3 or on the web at <http://www.mo.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>

COST SHARE SIGN-UP

The Perry Soil and Water Conservation District is announcing the cost-share sign-up for any practices that landowners wish to complete after July 1, 2010. Landowners can come into the office anytime during business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) from June 14th to June 30th and draw a number at random from the hat. Whatever that number is will be the number you are on the list. For example, if you draw number "30" then you will be listed as that. If you draw "1" then you will be the first to get your practices completed. The cost-share funds will be spent until all the funds are exhausted. The owner or the operator may draw a number.

The policy that landowners will not be eligible for cost share in any 2 consecutive years will be in effect again this year. For example, landowners that received a cost share payment this past fiscal year (July 1, 2009 to June 20, 2010) will not be eligible to receive cost share in fiscal year 2011. These landowners will be eligible again in fiscal year 2012.

Be sure and mark June 15 - 30 on your calendar. If you have wanted that erosion control practice, this year may be the year to get it completed. Remember, erosion control does not cost - it pays. If you have any questions, just call 547-4077 (ext 3) or come by the office at 1003 North Main in Perryville.

<p>2 - GREAT PLAINS NO-TILL DRILL 10 ft. - 7 ½ inch spacing (will do soybeans, milo, wheat, alfalfa, clover, fescue, orchard grass) \$8.50 AN ACRE (\$100.00 Minimum Charge) OR 7 FT. GREAT PLAINS NO-TILL DRILL with warm-season grass box \$8.50 AN ACRE (\$35.00 Minimum Charge)</p>	<p>FINN MULCHER NEW - TAILGATE MULCHER Trailer mounted, ideal for yards, conservation practices and road cuts. \$75.00 - ½ Day • \$100.00 - 1 Day To schedule call Karen at Perry County Soil & Water Conservation District 547-4077</p>
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NEW INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR SINKHOLES

The Soil and Water Districts Commission voted to approve an incentive practice to be used for continuing protection of sinkholes that have been stabilized through the district cost-share Sinkhole Improvement to Control Gully Erosion practice. This incentive is applicable to sinkholes on which the ten-year maintenance agreement has expired. The incentive practice will allow landowners to receive \$300.00 to maintain or re-establish a 25-foot minimum buffer surrounding the sinkhole and will include ten-year maintenance of the site.

A letter was mailed to all qualifying landowners advising them of this new practice. If you received this letter you will have to May 15th to come in apply for this practice. Each fiscal year the sinkholes that the ten year maintenance has expired will be eligible for the \$300.00 incentive payment; these landowners will be notified. If you would like more information on this practice stop by the Perry Soil and Water Conservation Office or call 547-4077 (ex. 3).

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