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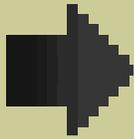


# Pettis County Soil & Water Conservation District

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## New Cost Share Rates



Extra! Extra!

### New Signup For Conservation Stewardship Program

Missouri farmers have until June 11th to apply for the next round of funding.

### Congratulations Kathy Cooper on 30 years of service!

#### Dates to Remember

5/31	Office Closed Memorial Day
6/11	Deadline for CSP Sign-up
7/4	Independence Day
7/5	Office Closed Observed
9/6	Office Closed Labor Day

### Area I & II Election Results

Results from Spring election of Board of Supervisors is as follows:

Area I: Mark Jones

Area II: Alan Ream

A special thanks from the Pettis County Soil & Water District goes out to all those who participated and donated their time during this years election. Congratulations Mark and Alan!

### Cost Share Allocation for Fiscal Year 2011

As stated in the March newsletter, funding had been cut statewide due to the downturn in revenue. Although there have been a few other changes that have been enacted by Pettis County Board of Supervisors to ensure fiscal responsibility within the county. Cost year will be allocated at a 65% ratio for fiscal year 2011. Also, there will be a cap of \$15,000 per landowner.

Pettis County Allocation		Muddy Creek S.A.L.T.	
Grazing Management	\$6465	Allocation	\$43,076
Sheet/Rill & Gully	\$287,136.69	<i>*Note: Fiscal Year 2011 Starts July 1, 2010</i>	
Sensitive Areas	\$7600	Heaths Creek S.A.L.T.	
Total	\$301,201.69	Allocation	\$82,500

### NRCS Celebrating 75 Years of Helping People Help the Land

For 75 years the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has been helping people help the land by providing financial assistance and free technical assistance to land users. NRCS employees want to use their agency's 75th anniversary to help spread the word about the work that they and their partners do.

"NRCS is an agency that has done a lot of good for a lot of people," State Conservationist J.R. Flores said. "We want to get the word out to the communities about our amazing 75-year history and the wide variety of assistance that we can provide."

NRCS was founded April 27, 1935. Hugh Hammond Bennett, known for his studies regarding the effects of soil erosion, was named the first chief.

"We are a federal entity that works primarily with local people," Flores said. "We don't work with them in a regulatory sense, where we are telling them what to do. We have a true partnership in which we are always looking for ways we can work together."

NRCS serves all 114 Missouri counties. Across the Show-Me State, 400 NRCS employees work out of more than 100 offices with another 400 employees of local soil and water conservation districts and state agencies also working out of Missouri NRCS offices.

Throughout the coming months, NRCS offices will be celebrating the diamond anniversary of the agency with a variety of activities in their local communities.

To get more information about NRCS and its programs, visit the Missouri NRCS website at <http://www.mo.nrcs.usda.gov>.

### CSP

Authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, CSP offers payments to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and who agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship. CSP is administered by the NRCS and offers payment for adding conservation practices to existing maintained managed conservation operations. "Applying is not a commitment to participating. Applicants can make their final decisions to participate in the program once the CSP final rule is issued," said State Conservationist J.R. Flores.

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