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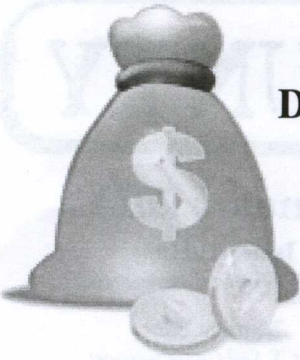
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Byrd Creek Watershed SALT Project Progress Update

As of January 1, 2013 we have successfully completed 4 ½ years of our 7 year Byrd Creek Watershed Special Area Land Treatment (SALT) Project. When the project ends on June 30, 2015, so will the funding for all SALT Projects across the state. There is still time and cost share money available for landowners in the Byrd Creek Watershed for various practices, and most practices are available without being put on a waiting list.

To date we have met 70.74% of our goals for the project. Our goals were divided into six categories: Cropland, Gully Erosion Control, Pasture & Hayland, Buffers, Woodland, and Information & Education. To complete the project at 100% we will need to concentrate on the woodland and buffers category, as these are the two categories with the least amount of work completed. There are many opportunities for funding in both of these categories as you will see in related articles in this newsletter. Cost share is available for field borders, filter strips, riparian buffers, stream protection, and livestock exclusion from your woodlands. If you would like more information concerning our programs, or have an area on your farm that needs evaluation, please call 573-243-1467 ext.3.



CAPE COUNTY SWCD AND THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION COMBINE FORCES TO PROVIDE EXTRA INCENTIVES FOR SEEDING AND FENCING PRACTICES

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is providing extra incentives to landowners who are interested in planting native species for seeding practices or establishing a minimum 30 foot habitat strip in addition to fencing to exclude livestock. If a landowner is involved in a Cape Girardeau County SWCD seeding practice, and would like to plant native species, the MDC will provide an additional \$50-\$150 per acre for planting these native grasses and forbs. This would be in addition to what the SWCD will cost share.

Another incentive provided by MDC encourages landowner to fence out their woodlands from livestock and at the same time create a field border between the woods and fence. This incentive will pay \$330 - \$365 per acre, one time, to establish a 30 foot wide average habitat strip between the woods and the fence. This incentive is in addition to the \$1.50 per foot the SWCD will cost share on to build the fence and the cost share for establishing native grass and forbs in the habitat strip.

For more information on these programs, contact the Cape Girardeau County SWCD or Brad Pobst, Private Land Conservationist, at 573-243-1467 ext. 3.

LANDOWNER WILDLIFE AND FORESTRY WORKSHOP



Want to enhance wildlife on your property? How about improving your forest or pond? The Missouri Department of Conservation will be hosting a day long Landowner Workshop on February 23, 2013, at the Old Greenville School, 250 Maple, Greenville, MO 63944. The workshop will go from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. with an optional field trip from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Landowners will be able to choose from 16 different one hour presentations on a variety of conservation topics that pertain to your land. You will get techniques and tips from the top authorities on many subjects like deer management, wild turkey needs, forest health and management, pond fishing enhancement, small game habitat, cost share options and addressing trespassing problems. Several sessions will be given twice to allow maximum attendance. Pre-registration is required.

For more information and to register before February 8, please call the Southeast Regional office in Cape Girardeau at 573-290-5730.

Missouri Department of Conservation Offers Financial Incentives For New and Existing CRP Ground

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is offering financial incentives for enrolling new Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres and to assist existing CRP contract holders with implementing Mid-Contract Management activities in Cape Girardeau County and other counties in Missouri. MDC will provide an additional \$100-\$150 per acre incentive to enroll new CP33-Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds, CP38-State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE), or CP42-Pollinator Habitat. This incentive is in addition to the \$100-\$150 per acre Sign-up Incentive Payments already provided by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) for new enrollments. MDC will also provide an additional \$18-\$60 per acre for Mid-Contract Management activities such as prescribed burning, disking, herbicide application and legume or native forb interseeding on existing cool-season grass (CP1) and warm-season grass (CP2) CRP acres. This MDC incentive will be in addition to the cost-share assistance provided by FSA for completion of Mid-Contract Management activities. MDC incentives ranging from \$100-\$200 are also available for installation or enhancement of shrubby cover within or adjacent to CRP land.

The Mid-Contract Management incentives will be available starting December 1st, however the incentives for enrolling new CRP acres will not be available until Congress passes or extends the Farm Bill. Contact Brad Pobst, MDC Private Land Conservationist at 573-243-1467 ext. 123, for additional information or to enroll in the MDC CRP Incentive program.

Prescribe Burn Workshop – Thursday, March 7, 2013

The Missouri Department of Conservation will conduct a Prescribe Burn Workshop at the Southeast Regional Conservation Office, 2302 County Park Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 on Thursday, March 7, 2013. This workshop will be given two different times to provide landowners a better opportunity to attend, 1:00-4:30 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Prescribed fire is a low cost way for landowners to manage grasslands, CRP and old fields for forage production and/or improve wildlife habitat.

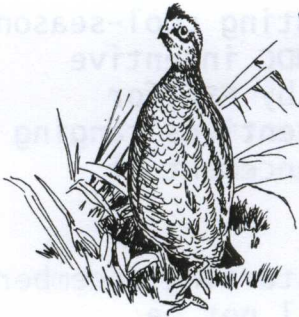
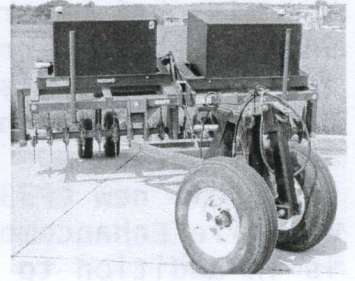
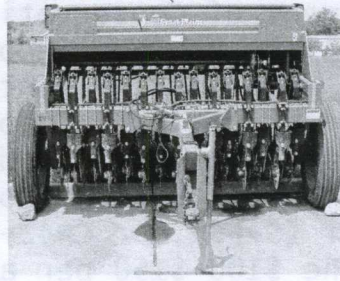
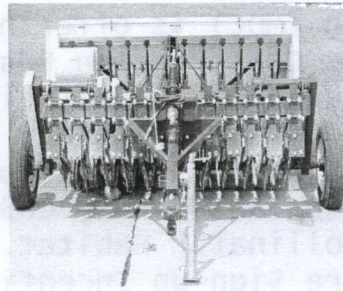
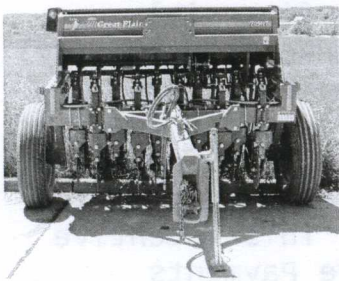
This workshop will include classroom discussions on methods, equipment, safety, and why and when you would use fire as a management tool. Emphasis will include how to conduct a safe and effective burn to control sprouts, encourage beneficial plants and create better quality quail habitat. Participation will qualify landowners to have a prescribed burn plan prepared for their fields and use available loan equipment.

Attendees will also be invited to optional demonstration burns which will be conducted later in the month to demonstrate the use of tools and techniques.

To register for one of the workshops, please contact the Missouri Department of Conservation at 573-290-5730 or the Cape Girardeau County SWCD at 573-243-1467 ext. 3.

FOR RENT NO TILL DRILLS & PASTURE RENOVATOR

The SWCD would like to remind everyone the District has a 10' Great Plains Drill and a 7' Great Plains Drill for rent along with a 8' Truax Drill (warm season grasses). The District also has a Rhino Pasture Renovator also available for rent. The 10' drill rents for \$9/AC, the 7' drill rents for \$8/AC, the 8' drill rents for \$10/AC, and the renovator rents for \$6/AC. If you would like to schedule either the drills or the renovator, please call 573-243-1467 ext 3.



WILDLIFE WAYS DID YOU KNOW.....

Migrating ducks normally fly at high altitudes; some have been spotted at 20,000 feet. Most fly at night, at speeds of 40 to 60 miles an hour. Most people think of migration as a north-south phenomenon, but there is nearly as much east-west movement.

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