

Morgan County Soil
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Conservation District

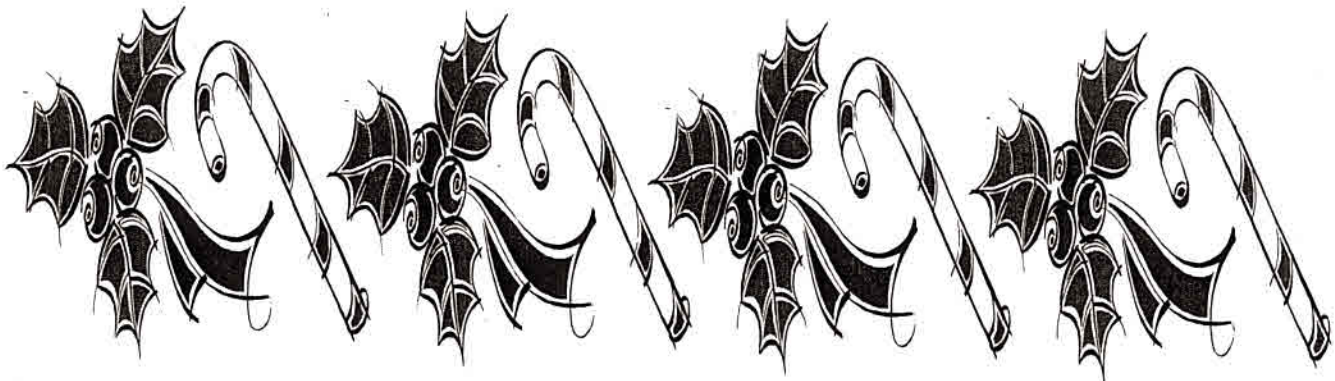
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Soil Conservation News

*The Staff and Supervisors of the
Morgan County Soil and Water
Conservation District and the
Natural Resources Conservation
District all join together to wish each
and everyone a Merry Christmas
and a prosperous New Year.*



Mid-Missouri Grazing Conference**Mid-Missouri Grazing Conference****Thursday, January 29, 2015****Capital Plaza Hotel—415 W. Mc Carty—Jefferson City, MO**

This years keynote speakers will include Chris Chinn—Agriculture Advocacy: Telling Agriculture's Story and Doug Peterson—Rainfall Simulator Demonstration.

Come and see the Trade Show beginning at 8:00 a.m.

8:00 Registration and Vendor Time; 9:00 Morning Breakout sessions begin; 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Keynote Speakers; 3:30 pm adjourn

Topics available will include: Soil Health, Producing What Feedlots Want, Sheep and Goat Parasite Management, Beef Quality Assurance, Soil Health Testing and Intretation, Beef Heifer Development, Grazing Native Forages, Animal Rights Organizations, Neonatal Care, Tall Fescue Renovation with Novel Endophyte Varieties, Missouri Fence Law

Advance registration due by Jan. 23, 2015: \$50.00 individual, \$85 couple or \$25 student
Late/Door Registration: \$85 individual, \$120 couple or \$35 student.
Includes: Meal, Refreshments & Proceedings

The Morgan County Soil and Water Conservation District will pay the registration for 5 landowners to attend the Mid Missouri Grazing Conference. Registrations will be on a first come first served basis with a limit of one paid registration per household. Please call the district office at 573-378-5822 ext. 101 if you are interested. Please contact us before January 20th if you would like your registration paid.

NRCS Announces December 19**Deadline for EQIP Funding in Missouri**

COLUMBIA, MO – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced a cut-off date of December 19 to apply for funds through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Funding is available for general EQIP, as well as On-Farm Energy, Seasonal High Tunnel, and Organic initiatives.

EQIP helps producers of agricultural products improve water quality, build healthier soil, improve grazing and forest lands, conserve energy, enhance organic operations, and achieve other environmental benefits.

NRCS accepts applications for EQIP on a continuous basis, but producers must file applications by December 19 for the next round of funding. Applications filed after December 19 will be considered in the next ranking period if funds are available.

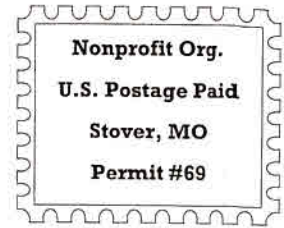
EQIP offers farmers, ranchers, and forestland managers options to conserve natural resources while boosting production. EQIP provides financial assistance for a variety of conservation activities, such as cover crops, rotational grazing systems, field buffers and animal waste management systems.

Farmers and ranchers can submit applications at local NRCS offices. To find the USDA service center nearest you, look in the telephone directory under, "U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture" or go to this website: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs>.

You may contact us at 573-378-5822 or stop by our office at 100 S. Burke Street in Versailles, MO.

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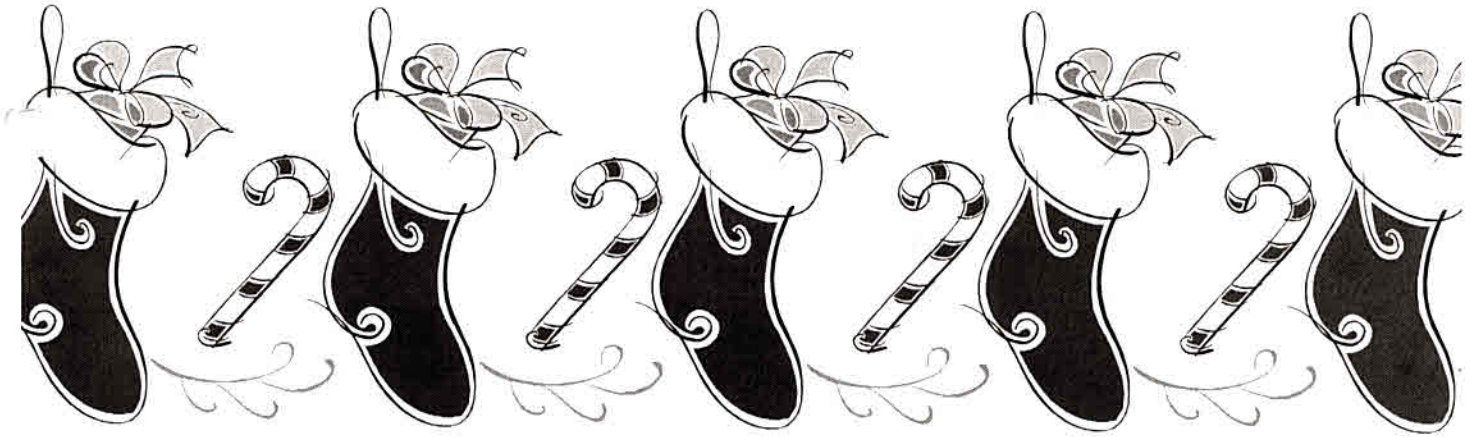
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SIGN UP FOR COST-SHARE PRACTICES

We have limited funding still available for FY2015 cost-share practices. If you are thinking about implementing a cost-share practice between now and May 31st please call us now and get on our commitment list.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).



You are invited to our Customer Appreciation Open House

Hosted by the

Morgan County Soil and Water Conservation District

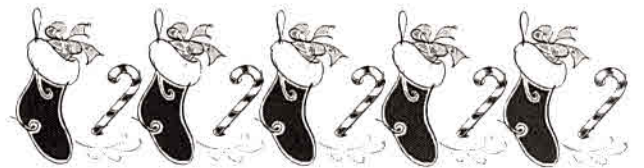
And the

Natural Resources Conservation Service

December 17th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

USDA Service Center—100 S. Burke Street—Versailles, MO

Chili and holiday refreshments will be served. There will be a drawing for door prizes. You do not need to be present to win. To enter for the door prizes we are asking that you bring a non perishable food item to be donated to a local food pantry.



*If you need an accommodation please contact
Patty Wittrock at 573-378-5822 ext. 101 by
December 16th, 2014.*