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Special points of interest:

- SWCD Internship Opportunity
- Cover Crop Report and Sign Up
- Stoddard County Field Day
- Open House March 15th!

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Prescribed Fire Workshop—MDC

The Missouri Department of Conservation will be hosting an annual prescribed fire workshop. The workshop will be held at Southeast Regional MDC Office located at 2302 County Park Drive Cape Girardeau. This workshop will be given two different times to provide landowners a better opportunity to attend. The two separate times are 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Prescribed fire is a low cost way for landowners to manage grasslands, CRP, old fields, glade and woodland complexes 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 pollinator, butterfly, small game, quail, deer and turkey habitat. Participation will qualify landowners to have a prescribed burn plan prepared for their property and use available loan equipment.

Attendees will also be invited to optional demonstration burns which will be conducted at a later date around the region to demonstrate the use of tools and techniques.



Interns Wanted

Cape Girardeau SWCD Internship Opportunity

Do you know someone who needs a summer internship? The Cape Girardeau County and Perry County Soil and Water Conservation Districts will once again be hosting a shared summer intern for the 2017 summer.

This position is to assist field office staff with implementing conservation practices that address conservation on private land. Basic re-

quirements include the applicant must be a higher education student (college, university or technical school.)

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Assist with conservation practice design, planning and surveying.
- Prepare maps and designs in accordance with SWCD policies and NRCS standards and specifications.
- Participate in and provide

support to district programs. - Assist with district annual maintenance follow up.

To apply, applicants must complete the application which can be found in our office or on our webpage.

Please have application filled out and turned back into the office by March 31st 2017 by noon. Please call or stop by the office with any questions.

Wildlife Ways did you know.....

The ring-necked pheasant, native to Manchuria, Korea, Japan, and other Asian countries, has one of the widest introduced distributions among birds on earth. People have attempted to introduce it in nearly 50 countries, on every continent except Antarctica.

Record Cover Crop in Cape Girardeau County

After implementation of the fall of 2015 the Cover Crop program, the Cape Girardeau SWCD Board voted to remove the 40 acre limit. This allows for more acres and more enrollment in cover crops for Cape Girardeau County.

In comparison, during FY16 Cape Girardeau County SWCD had around 800 acres enrolled in cover crops. For

FY17 we have over 2,400 acres enrolled and planned! That equals to over \$90,000 allocated for cover crops in our county. In addition, NRCS has planned over 4,660 acres in Cape Girardeau County. That means Cape County had over 7,000 acres in cover crop planned for this year.

Through the hard work of our cooperators we are able to have more ground covered dur-

ing the winter than ever before.

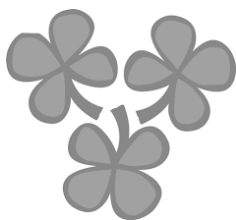
For next years cover crop program Fall 2017, we are starting sign ups now. Cooperators can call the office 573-243-1467 ext.3 with any question and to get on the list for next years sign ups!

Open House—March 15th

The Cape Girardeau County Soil & Water Conservation District cordially invites you to attend the Cape Girardeau County SWCD Open House Appreciation Day. This year's annual event will happen on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. The event starts at 11:00 am and goes until 1:30 p.m. with lunch provided.

Our presenter this year will be Anthony Ohmes from the University of Missouri Extension office in Cape County.

Landowner Awards to follow. The Open House will be held at the University of Missouri Outreach and Extension Lower Level.





10' John Deere—\$9/AC * 10 AC minimum
Requires a 80 HP tractor



7' Great Plains Drill—\$8/AC * 10 AC minimum
Requires a 60 HP tractor



Offset Disk —\$30/day or \$75 /weekend
Requires a 60 HP tractor



8' Truax Drill —\$10/AC
Requires a 60 HP tractor

Women in Ag Tour

The annual Women in Ag tour took place on September 8, 2016 with over 65 women in attendance.

The day started at the University of Extension with some warm temperatures to accompany the women. The tour then went to Knowlan Family Farm (pictured right) to learn more about their

unique operation with apples and Scottish Highland cattle. The women were able to see the process of an orchard and how long it takes to become profitable in that business.

After Knowlan's, the buses loaded up and went to Apple Creek Winery for lunch. During lunch, Grant Gillard discussed and answered questions

about bees and pollinators.

Once the speaker finished, Apple Creek Winery took the ladies on a tour of the vineyard and their operation. At the end of the day attendance prizes were handed out. Thank you to everyone who came out and all of our sponsors!



Return Service Requested

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Cape Girardeau County SWCD



Mark your Calendars:!

Feb.
20
Offices closed in
observation of President's
Day

Feb.
21
MDC Prescribed Fire
Workshop

March
15
Cape SWCD Open House
at Missouri Extension
Lower Level @11:30

Check us out on the web: <http://swcd.mo.gov/capegirardeau/index.html>

Stoddard County Field Day

The Stoddard County Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting their 3rd annual Soil Health Tour.

There will be discussion and demonstrations throughout the day on planter set-up, termination before or after planting, and planting into cover crops. You will get a first hand look at cover in cotton, corn, rice, and soybeans. Come with your questions and see how others are improving their soils and their bottom line with the use of cover crops.

Lunch will be provided if you call and RSVP in advance to (573)624-5939 ext 3 by March 14th.

The agenda for the day includes registration starting at 9:00am along with visiting sponsor booths. The day will kick off with a rain stimulator at 10:00 and include a nuts and bolts of cover crops. Lunch will be provided at 11:45. After lunch, the planter set up and plating demonstration along with termination discussion will take place. After that, there will be a Q & A session. This year they will be meeting at Allen Below's farm near Parma at 2179 State Hwy 153.

