



CHRISTIAN COUNTY  
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# Christian County Soil and Water Conservation SOIL AND WATER NEWS

## Jan-March 2020

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## Forage Management Guide

### FORAGE MANAGEMENT GUIDE FOR JANUARY—MARCH

“Manage forage for winter! What forage?” Some people may be asking these questions. If you have planned ahead, and stockpiled forage for the winter months, you may just now be turning in to those fields. Management choices you make can affect how much forage you have next winter. The following items are some of the things you need to be considering in the next few months.

#### January:

Get fields in shape for over-seeding legumes by grazing to within two inches or less. Inventory feed supplies and utilize stockpiled forage to the best advantage. Review your grazing system and make changes for improvements.

#### February:

Start over-seeding of legumes on pastures. Continue to graze or feed hay in order to tread-in seed. Install changes needed in the grazing system.

#### March:

Apply Fertilizer to cool season pastures. Finish over-seeding legumes. Continue to graze over-seeded pastures for growth control. Consider the addition of magnesium to mineral mixes to off-set possible grass tetany. Apply lime according to soil test. Lime can be applied any time of the year.

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## What can your Soil and Water Conservation District do for you?

The Christian County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and partners have the ability to help you make your farm as productive and efficient as you want it to be. Through our various cost-share programs, rental equipment and **free** technical assistance we are here to help you. SWCD's are funded by a one-tenth-of-one percent parks, soils, and water sales tax which is shared by the Department of Natural Resources, Soil and Water Conservation Program and the Division of State Parks. Cost share practices include Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment or Improvement, Planned Grazing Systems, Nutrient and Pest Management, and Water Quality Programs. Most state programs pay up to 75% of the state average cost or a per acre incentive.

Contact our office at 417-581-2719 or [www.swcd.mo.gov/christian](http://www.swcd.mo.gov/christian) to see how **we can help you.**

# **URGENT MESSAGE!**

**THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY SWCD NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAILED TO LANDOWNERS THE NEXT TWO QUARTERS. HOWEVER, AFTER JUNE 30, 2020 THIS PRACTICE WILL BE DISCONTINUED.**

**THE NEWSLETTER WILL CONTINUE TO BE PUBLISHED EACH QUARTER BUT IT WILL HAVE TO BE ACCESSED AT:**

**<https://mosoilandwater.land/christian>**

**IN ADDITION TO THE NEWSLETTER, THE WEBSITE PROVIDES MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DISTRICT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION OFFICE.**

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS, OR IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO HAVE A NEWSLETTER, MAILED TO YOU, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND I WILL MAIL YOU A COPY.**

**JOHN STRATMAN  
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## Calendar of Events

### **January 22, 2020: Spring Calving Clinic 9:00am - 12:00pm or 2:00pm - 5:00 pm**

Extension specialists have been preparing for a calving clinic in Springfield on January 22, 2020. You can choose from a morning session or afternoon session to participate. This program is shaping up to be an outstanding hands-on program to attend. Heather Conrow, Livestock Specialist from Fulton, Missouri, will be the featured presenter and will lead discussion and give demonstrations on assisting difficult births, tubing, and caring for the newborn calf and mother after the birth. There is a \$30 fee to attend.

Preregistration is required by January 15. Space is limited so register early!

Pinegar Arena, Darr Agricultural Center  
2401 S. Kansas Expressway  
Springfield, MO

For more information, contact Jill Scheidt at [sheidtjk@missouri.edu](mailto:sheidtjk@missouri.edu) or 417-682-3579.

### **February 26, 2020: 35th Annual Southwest Missouri Spring Forage Conference**

Oasis Convention Center  
2546 North Glenstone Ave.  
Springfield, MO 65803

Conference layout and sessions on the 26th will remain the same as previous years with multiple breakout sessions, trade show, and a keynote luncheon speaker.

**For additional information, go to: [springforageconference.com](http://springforageconference.com)**

## Christian County SWCD Board of Commissioners

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## Christian County Rented & Loaned Equipment

- **No-Till Drills:** (Rented)
  - 3-10 ft. Haybuster, No-Till Drills; \$10.00 per acre with a \$150.00 minimum charge  
Drill is to be picked up at the Christian County SWCD Office.
  - 1-6 ft. Truax, No-Till Drills; \$10.00 per acre with a \$120.00 minimum charge  
Drill is to be picked up at the Christian County SWCD Office.
- **Spinning Jenny:** \$75 refundable deposit
- **Ground Rod Driver:** \$100 refundable deposit
- **Broadcast Seeder for ATV:** Electric motor; \$100 refundable deposit
- **Soil Auger:** \$70 refundable deposit
- **Burn Equipment:** \$70 refundable deposit (Requires an approved burn plan)
- **Gasoline Powered "T" Post Driver:** Rent at a rate of \$50 per weekday, \$100 per weekend, or \$175 for five consecutive weekdays

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