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Spring 2023

Meeting Date & Time Posted

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Get to Know Janet Braun

Q: What is your position on the board?

A: I am currently serving as the chairman of the board. I have been on the Soil and Water Board for approximately 5 years. Prior to serving as Chairman, I was the treasurer.

Q: What are your responsibilities as a member of the board?

A: I would say my main responsibility as a member of the board is to assist in saving our soil and protecting the quality of the water on agriculture land. As a board we do this by overseeing the distribution of the cost-share funds that our district receives. These funds are used to implement a variety of programs such as cover crops, nutrient management, soil erosion, animal waste control, to name a few. Other responsibilities we have as board members are education and outreach, staff management and district financial management.

Q: How did you get involved with the district?

A: Our family has been utilizing the SWCD cost-share program for many years. My dad was able to build needed ponds through the program as well as erecting fences around wooded areas to keep our cattle out of the woods. When my husband and I began managing the farm, he continued to utilize the practices. When the opportunity to run for the board was presented to me, I was unsure of what to expect, but was happy to step and do whatever I could to continue the good work that the district does.

Q: What is the best part of serving on the board?

A: The best part of serving on the board is knowing that I am doing my part to help save the soil we have and to protect the quality of the water in our area. I am hopeful that the partial reimbursement that we as a district can provide farmers and landowners will encourage them to continue to look for ways to improve and protect the land they have been entrusted with.

Q: What are some of your hobbies, or interests?

A: I am a retired kindergarten teacher so children and education have always been a passion of mine. After I retired I took a few years off to help on our family farm and to do some substitute teaching. Recently I have accepted the position as 4-H Field Specialist, overseeing the 4-H program in three surrounding counties. 4-H has always had a special place in my heart. My siblings and I were active in 4-H and later all of our children were. Now I get to see our grandchildren participating in this wonderful organization. When I am not working, I enjoy helping my husband with our cow/calf operation, spending time with our grandchildren, and eating out with my "retired" friends. I am most looking forward to summer and warmer weather.



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Exciting News! Ste Genevieve Women in Agriculture Day – Fall 2023!

If you'd like to receive an invitation once details have been finalized, please call the office, and give us your name and contact information.

SWCD Website

Ste. Genevieve County Soil & Water has exciting news! We are excited to branch out to more social media sites. We not only have a Facebook, but we also have a website. The website will keep you up to date on everything going on within Soil & Water. We have a bio on who we are, and what we do. Has our address, and phone number. On the website you will also be up to date on upcoming events, and meetings. You should check the website out!

Emaily Lear Named Ste. Genevieve Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist

Emaily Lear is the new Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist located in the Ste Genevieve USDA Service Center, but servicing Ste Genevieve, St Francois and Madison Counties. Emaily is a Missouri native who grew up with a deep love for the outdoors. She graduated from Missouri State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Conservation and Management with a Certificate in Environmental Education.

She joined the Pheasants Forever team in 2021 in northwest Kansas and is passionate about pollinator habitat & education/outreach. In her downtime she loves reading and spending time with her husband and young son outside. She can't wait to continue conservation efforts in her home state!



SGSWCD Facebook

Check out and follow the Ste. Genevieve County Soil & Water Conservation District's Facebook page. We will share announcements of upcoming workshops, meetings, and conferences as well as reminders of upcoming deadlines. We will also share agricultural related articles. Following the page to stay informed of SWCD news. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 573-883-2703 EXT 3 or stop by the office.



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Managing Nutrients Leads to Better Yields, Cleaner Water

Nutrients can help or harm, either leading to bountiful harvests or contributing to water quality issues. How we manage nutrients affects how much is taken up by plants and how much is lost from our farm fields. Farmers and ranchers play an important role in finding solutions to prevent nutrients from making their way into our streams, rivers and other water bodies.

You can help improve water quality by managing nutrients, using the right kind, the right amount, applied at the right time, and using the proper method of application. NRCS can help you use nutrients wisely – through a conservation practice called nutrient management. Nutrient management allows you to achieve optimal agricultural and economic outcomes while improving the quality of air, soil and water.

Through nutrient management, you perform a soil test to determine nutrient needs and apply only the amount needed to optimize crop yields. To improve timing, nutrients should be applied when plants can best absorb them, while considering factors like weather, irrigation events and crops that will follow. Sometimes it's best to split nutrient applications to increase the chances of nutrient uptake by the crop or forage while minimizing losses through runoff and leaching.

Managing nutrients comes with benefits for you, too. You can see cost savings from lower inputs and potential yield increases, thus creating a win-win situation.

Here are a few of the Nutrient Management requirements: 1) soil loss from crop rotation must be at "T" or below (2T or less is required for HELC compliance), 2) soils tests must be two years old or less per 20 acres or less, 3) fertilize according to realistic yield goals or potentials using MU Extension procedures.

Nutrient management is a high priority practice for water quality, so the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is offering accelerated Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding to help crop and livestock producers. Like with the Native Forages Initiative, NRCS is accepting applications throughout the summer of 2023 and beyond. Based on fund availability, applications that meet a minimum threshold will be preapproved immediately.

Grazing Schools in 2023

Management-intensive, also called rotational grazing, schools have been announced for 2023 in our area. The first will be held at Mineral Area College (MAC) May 16th, 17th, & 18th. A second opportunity to attend Grazing School will be August 29th-31st at the University of Missouri Extension in Jackson, MO. Classes will begin at 8:30 and end at approximately 4:30 each day. At Grazing School you will learn:

- The Art and Science of Grazing
- Evaluation of Farm Resources
- Watering Systems/Fencing Systems
- Livestock Nutrition on Pasture
- Grazier's Arithmetic
- Pasture Evaluation
- Forage Diversity and Plant Growth
- Soils
- Economics of Grazing Management
- Plant Nutrient Management
- Grazing System Layout and Design

Cost is \$170.00 per person. Additional person(s) will be charged \$70 if associated with the farm of the primary registrant (ie: husband-wife, father-son, etc) or \$120.00 if not directly associated with the primary registrant's farm. Your registration fee covers: Missouri Grazing Manual, Forages and Weeds of Pasture, One grazing stick per farm operation, Meals, Refreshments and knowledge! Registration and questions should be directed to: Syl Christy at (573) 243-3581.

Missouri Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Announces Additional Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Funding

Missouri NRCS has received additional Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) funding through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) providing more opportunities for agricultural producers and forest landowners to participate in CSP. The CSP IRA funds will support implementation of climate-smart activities.

“With the addition of IRA funding, we look forward to providing greater opportunities to address the unmet demand from producers who have sought funding for climate-smart conservation activities in Missouri,” said Scott Edwards, Missouri NRCS State Conservationist.

Targeted CSP IRA funds will provide direct climate-mitigation benefits and will expand access to financial and technical assistance for producers to advance conservation on their farm or forest land through practices like cover cropping, conservation tillage, prescribed grazing, nutrient management, tree planting and more.

NRCS accepts producer applications for its conservation programs year-round. Program funding cutoff dates for the FY 2023 voluntary CSP Classic programs offered through Missouri NRCS are as follows:

CSP- IRA Classic: April 21, 2023, and June 9, 2023

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CSP funding is provided through a competitive process. Producers can submit applications at local NRCS offices. NRCS also offers free technical assistance to all Missouri residents.

Native Forages Initiative

The Missouri USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is now accepting applications for accelerated Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) ACT NOW funding to help grazing operations diversify their operations and build climate resiliency.

Through this unique opportunity, producers and landowners can receive technical and financial assistance for the establishment of native forages by either renovating existing non-native forage for haying or grazing or converting cropland to native forage for haying or grazing. Native grasses can increase daily weight gain during the summer slump, improve conception rates and are resilient to drought.

NRCS in Missouri will accept applications until August 1, 2023, for the EQIP Climate Smart Agriculture – Native Forages Initiative. Applications submitted prior to August 1, 2023, will be assessed and ranked as soon as the applicant has made treatment decisions through a conservation plan.

Based on fund availability, applications that meet a minimum threshold will be preapproved immediately, allowing the applicant to ACT NOW. NRCS is offering \$459 to \$511 per acre for this initiative.

Newsletters Via Email

Are you tired of waiting for your newsletter to arrive in the mail? Well, the wait is over! Starting with the next newsletter, we are going to offer the newsletter via email to those that are interested. To sign up to receive the newsletter via email, please contact Kinley at 573-883-3566 Ext 3 or email at Kinley.wilkerson@swcd.mo.gov. You can elect to receive just the emailed copy or both the emailed and hard copy.

Dates to Remember

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| June 9th | CSP-Classic and IRA Classic Funding Deadline |
| July 15th | Row Crop, Hay & Pasture Reporting to FSA Deadline |
| July 31st | Continuous CRP Signup Deadline |
| August 1st | EQIP Climate Smart Agriculture – Native Forages Initiative Deadline |
| August 4th | SWCD Sign-up Deadline for Fall 2024 Cover Crops |
| Aug. 29th – 31st | Fall Grazing School at University of Missouri Extension in Jackson |

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4H reaches almost six million young people through our community of 100 public universities. Programs are delivered by 3,500 4H professionals and 500,000 volunteers. Young people experience 4H through school and community clubs, in-school and after-school programs and 4H camps.

Did you know....Ste. Genevieve County has 7 active 4-H clubs with 113 members and 18 volunteers.

Did you know...We are always looking for youth that would like to become part of our 4-H family and adults that would like to give back to the community by becoming volunteers and sharing their knowledge and skills with the next generation.

Did you know...We are part of the MU Extension and located in the Sport's Complex.

For more information contact : Makenzie Fincher mfincher@missouri.edu 573-883-3548 or Janet Braun braunja@missouri.edu 573-756-4539

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