

# Gasconade County SWCD

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## 2020 Annual Meeting

March 26, 2020

6 p.m.

Owensville Middle School

Our guest speaker will be Jake Wilson, DNR District Coordinator, who will bring us up to date on the new streambank stabilization policy, techniques, and permitting procedures that are available through the Missouri Soil and Water Conservation Program and other partnering organizations.

We will present our poster contest and other annual awards during the evening.

The District will provide a meal for everyone in attendance. To register for the event, please call the office at 573-437-3478 ext 3 by March 18th. Hope to see you all there!

The Gasconade County Soil & Water Conservation District is sponsoring their 2020 Annual Poster Contest for Grades 2–8. Any student that lives in Gasconade County and/or a Gasconade County School District is eligible to participate.



The theme this year is: "Where would we BEE without Pollinators?" The information packets and poster board have been delivered to the schools that have requested it. If your child is interested but does not have access to the information or poster board, please contact our office at 573-437-3478 ext 3 and we will be happy to provide everything but your art work.

Posters are due on March 6, 2020, so don't delay.

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### NRCS Staff:

Gary Applegate—District Conservationist  
Mark Brandt—Lead Resource Conservationist  
Adam Gottemoeller—Soil Conservationist  
DJ Schroeder—Soil Conservation Technician

### MDC Staff:

Seth Barrioz—Private Lands Conservationist  
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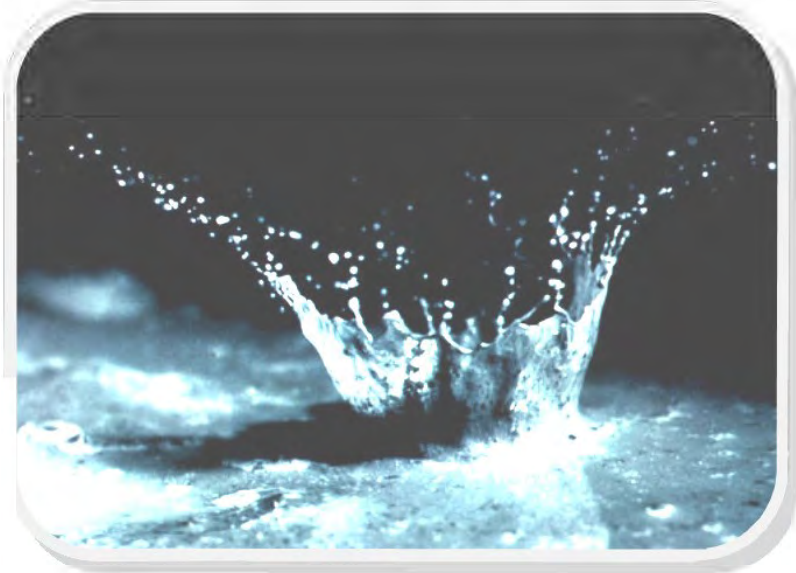
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# **EROSION, COMPLIANCE, AND SOIL HEALTH OH MY... WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN TO YOU?**

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## *Agenda*

Revisit the issues of Soil Erosion and Compliance  
Farm Bill and State Cost–Share Programs  
Soil Health Rain Fall Simulator with  
NRCS Soil Health Specialist, David Doctorian  
*Dinner provided by the Gasconade County SWCD*

**When: February 4, 2020—9 am till 12:00**

**Where: James E. Decker Farm  
1627 Hwy Y, Owensville MO**

Please RSVP to the Gasconade County SWCD by calling 573-437-3478 Ext 3 no later than January 29, 2020.

*Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact us at 573-437-3478 ext 3 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.*

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# Forage and Beef Conference

Monday, March 2, 2020

Knights of Columbus Hall  
Cuba, Missouri  
I-44 East – Hwy. UU Exit

12:00 - Registration/Trade Show

12:30 - Missouri Fence Law – Wesley Tucker, MU Extension

1:00 - Goats on the Go – Aaron Steele, Co-founder of Goats on the Go

1:30 - BREAK

2:00 - Herbicide Impregnated Fertilizer: Is it Right for your Pasture? – Gatlin Bunton, Agronomist, MU Extension

2:30 - Pasture Improvement with Grazing Management

- Drexel Atkisson, NRCS Soil Health Specialist

3:30 - BREAK

4:00 - Market Outlook, Kelly Smith, Farm Bureau

4:45 - Cost Share Opportunities - NRCS, SWCD, MDC

5:15 - Break

5:30 - Producer Panel

**Roger Bardot** - Franklin County Producer: Grazing beef cattle followed by chickens and turkeys in a rotational grazing system.

**Dr. John Barnhart** - with JB Cattle Company of Maries County: Believing that superior genetics and performance are the cornerstone of a premium herd. Their objective has and always will be to produce the highest quality commercial beef possible.

6:30 - Dinner

RSVP by February 19, 2020 to the Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District at 1-800-364-8732, ext. 3, or 573-364-6202, ext. 3.

**\*\*There is a \$10.00 per person charge for the conference – payable at the door.\*\***



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# COST-SHARE NEWS

## N-595 Pest Management Sign Up Period, January 1—April 15

We are now taking applications for the N-595 Pest Management cost-share program. This program pays \$10 an acre up to a lifetime maximum of \$5,000 per landowner/operator. It will help you address weeds and/or insects. All contracts must be board approved by April 15th, so contact our office as soon as possible to get the process started.

## N-340 Cover Crop changes

The Soil and Water Commission is now requiring a follow-up soil health analysis test three (3) years after the initial test for landowners/operators that are still under the lifetime maximum and receiving cost-share on cover crops. The Program will pay 75% of the \$70 necessary for the follow up test. If the landowner/operator's lifetime maximum has been met, they have continued to implement cover crops, and wish to do a follow up test, the Program will approve a contract for the 75% of the cost of the test. The follow up test results will give the producer a comparison of the two tests on the same field(s) to show what impacts cover crops are having on their soil health.

The Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District does not endorse nor recommend any of the vendors/contractors advertised in this newsletter, furthermore, any contractor/vendor that wishes to be added to the district's contractor/vendor list can be added upon request.

### WESTERMEYER EXCAVATING

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Cell: 314-402-3509

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Downer Creek Based \*GRAIN HAULING

County Lifetime Maximum is \$50,000 per landowner based on 65% of the State Average Cost.

The Animal Waste Management Concern's purpose is to manage waste from agricultural production in a manner that prevents or minimizes degradation of soil and water resources. Such systems are planned to preclude discharge of pollutants to surface or ground water and to recycle waste through correct soil application to agricultural land. There are no erosion requirements for this practice. A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) must be developed for any of these facilities, as well as, following Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) standards and specifications.

The intent of these practices is to store animal waste only. Therefore, a signed "N312 Operation and Maintenance Statement" must be completed prior to board approval with the exception of lagoons. Design plans must be submitted for contract approval to DNR.

If a permit is required from the Department of Natural Resources, cost-share assistance is not available. A waste management system falls under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) law once a permit is issued. Once a permit is issued, only environmental problems not associated with the permit are eligible for cost-share.

# Animal Waste Storage Facility N-312

Growing Relationships, Creating Opportunities  
A Farm Credit Corporation

### Carol Meyer

Assistant Vice-President

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# FSA Updates

## **Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) & Price Loss Coverage (PLC):**

For producers with base acres, March 15 is the deadline to sign 2019 ARC/PLC contracts. Producers can now update their program elections between ARC-County, PLC and ARC-Individual. If a farm is not enrolled by sign-up deadline, producers will not be eligible for financial assistance, should prices or farm revenues fall below the historical price or revenue benchmarks established by the program.

Farm owners also have a one-time opportunity to update PLC payment yields for crop year 2020. FSA will use 90% of the simple average of 2013-2017 yields that producer turns in by farm. Yields may be updated until Sept. 30, 2020.

The 2020 ARC/PLC sign-up is running simultaneously and ends June 30, 2020.

## **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP):**

USDA opened a general and continuous CRP sign-up on Dec. 9, 2019. Producers can receive a yearly rental payment for establishing long-term "covers" to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural acreage.

The deadline to sign-up for general CRP is Feb. 28, 2020, while continuous CRP sign-up is ongoing. Contact the local FSA office if you are interested in enrolling or re-enrolling acres into CRP.

## **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)**

LIP provides assistance to eligible producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather, including losses due to floods, blizzards, extreme heat or cold.

Producers should record and report all pertinent information regarding livestock losses due to eligible adverse weather or loss condition, including: number, kind, type and weight range of livestock that have died, supplemented, if possible, by photograph records of ownership & losses, dates of death supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts, and proof of normal mortality losses

## **Acreage Reporting Deadlines:**

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres must now be annually reported to FSA, along with perennial hay and pasture acres, soybeans, corn and all other spring-planted feed grains by July 15, 2020.

## **Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL):**

MALs are low-interest loans made on grain being stored by a producer, either on the farm, or in commercial storage. These loans are intended to give farmers cash flow flexibility without being forced to market their crop sooner than they would like. The interest rate on these loans is currently 2.5% and remains fixed for the life of the loan. Call for more information.

FSA Office Changes: Eric Niemeyer has accepted the position as the Acting County Executive Director for the Gasconade/Osage County offices. He has replaced Kate Gerlemann, who has moved up to the District Executive Director, so we will still see her every once in a while. Also, Hannah Heintz has left the Owensville Office to pursue the County Operations Trainee Program. Be sure to welcome Eric and we wish the best to Kate and Hannah.



Congratulations to Adam Gottemoeller, Soil Conservationist, and his lovely wife, Heather, on the birth of their daughter, Lillian Eloise, on September 9, 2019. Lilly joins brothers: Spencer, Joseph, and Henry.



# 4th Grade Field Days

## End of an Era

On October 2nd and 3rd of 2019, The GCSWCD hosted their 19th 4th Grade Field Days and it was the last at the Brenda Kurrelmeyer's farm. Brenda has been associated with this program since 2001, when it was first implemented, and she has hosted the tour at her farm since 2004. She not only got the farm ready for the big day, but she taught the grasslands sight where the children learned about grasses, legumes, roots, and such. She has such a passion for the grasses and she loved to pass it on to the children that came through her sight. She always said, "I do it for the children." She and her late husband, Dennis, also purchased ice cream for everyone to enjoy at the end of the day every single year.

The GCSWCD Board, Gasconade County Commission, volunteers and teachers were pleased to present Brenda with a Juliana Award and gift cards. Thank you Brenda for all that you have done for the children of our county and for the Soil and Water Conservation District. We look forward to working with in the future.

The GCSWCD Board is going to strive to continue the 4th Grade Field Days, as it is a great learning experience for the children and their adult sponsors. We look forward to the upcoming year as the White Mule Winery Farm has offered to host our 2020 event.



**People make this happen!!**



**The Missouri Department of Conservation and the United States Department of Agriculture invites you to a free workshop**



**Prescribed Burn Workshop for Landowners**  
**Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**9 AM – 3 PM @**

**Owensville Regional Library**  
**503 Olive Street**  
**Owensville, MO 65066**

**Workshop Topics:**

- \*Proper methods and techniques used for implementing control burns.
- \*Burn equipment, how it is used and availability.
- \*Developing burn plans.

**Demonstration Burn: (If weather conditions are suitable)**

A demo burn will follow classroom session on a nearby Conservation area.

**Brown bag lunch will be provided for registered participants.**

**Register by January 20, 2020**  
**Limited to 20 participants**

**For Reservations:**

Seth Barrioz (573) 417-3037 (MDC Private Land Conservationist)

**Directions:** From the intersection of Hwy 28 and 19 in Owensville by the McDonalds, take Hwy 19 south for approximately ½ mile. The library will be on your right across from the Save-A-Lot.



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## 2020 Dates to Remember

<b>Jan 20</b>	Martin Luther King Jr Holiday-Office Closed
<b>Jan 22</b>	NRCS/SWCD Office Closed for Training
<b>Feb 4</b>	Erosion Workshop, see page 2
<b>Mar 2</b>	Forage & Beef Conference, see page 3
<b>Mar 6</b>	Posters Due, see page 1
<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>Board Meeting, USDA Service Center 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar 26</b>	Annual Meeting, see page 1
<b>Apr 7</b>	<b>Board Meeting, USDA Service Center 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Apr 8</b>	Central Region Envirothon, Runge Center
<b>May 5</b>	<b>Board Meeting, USDA Service Center 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>May 25</b>	Memorial Day Holiday-Office Closed
<b>June 2</b>	<b>Board Meeting, USDA Service Center 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>June 15</b>	End of Cost-share year
<b>June 30</b>	<b>End of Fiscal Year 20</b>
<b>June TBD</b>	Warm Season Grass Workshop
<b>July 3</b>	Independence Day Holiday-Office Closed
<b>July 7</b>	<b>Board Meeting, USDA Service Center 6:30 p.m.</b>

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### Gasconade County SWCD Equipment

**A NEW LEASE AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED THIS YEAR AND ON FILE AT THE SWCD OFFICE BEFORE EQUIPMENT CAN BE RENTED.**

**Drills: Minimum of 10 acres applies. Proof of vehicle insurance is required at the time of pickup.**

**NEW**

1590 John Deere 10 ft no-till drill! \$12 per acre charge. Located at 3325 Hwy 19 Owensville. Call Gary Miller at 573-690-9065 to schedule.

◇ Great Plains 7 ft no-till drill with warm season box is located at the SWCD office. \$10 acre, \$9 per acre over 50. To schedule call 573-473-3478

#### Located at the SWCD Office:

- ◇ Burn Equipment - \$50 deposit, \$10 use charge
- ◇ ATV Equipment (Seeder, Sprayer) - \$100 deposit, \$20 a day each piece
- ◇ ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder—no charge—Donated by Quail Unlimited
- ◇ Soil Probe - no charge