

# Gasconade County SWCD

January 2023—Volume 33, Issue 2

The Gasconade County SWCD Board of Supervisors  
Invite you to attend the

## ***2023 ANNUAL MEETING***

On  
March 23, 2023, at 6 p.m.  
Owensville Middle School

We will be hosting the following LANDOWNER/PRODUCER PANEL to discuss three of the District Cost-Share Programs.

- Animal Waste Storage Facility—Brian Rost, Morrison
- Cover Crops—Jason Kopp, Rosebud
- Grazing Systems—Cody Sassmann, Owensville

We will be presenting the 2023 “One Water” Poster Contest Awards as well as our Volunteer, Partnership, and Conservation Family Awards.

An evening meal will be provided, complements of the District, and will be catered.

Please call 573-437-3478 x 3 to make your reservations to attend this event no later than **March 15th**.

#### **Board of Supervisors:**

Mike Haeffner—Chairman  
Luke Mangrum—Vice-Chairman  
Joel Wehmeyer—Treasurer  
Harvey Hesemann—Member  
Matt Herring—Secretary

#### **NRCS Staff:**

Mark Brandt—Acting District Conservationist  
Mark Brandt—Lead Resource Conservationist  
Megan Brown—Soil Conservationist  
April Aholt—Soil Conservation Technician

#### **District Staff:**

Manager Diana M Dean—District Specialist IV

Technician Sarah Berkemeyer—District Specialist III

#### **MDC Staff:**

Ryan Westcott—Private Lands Conservationist  
Scott Williams—Fisheries Biologist  
Aaron Holsapple—Forester  
Tracey Prenger—Public Lands Conservationist



10/21/2022

This newsletter is partially funded by the  
**1/10th of 1%**  
**Parks and Soil and Water Sales Tax.**

# New 2022 706NT Great Plains Drill

The Gasconade County SWCD is pleased to announce the purchase of a new 7' 706NT Great Plains Drill. This purchase was made possible through local funds generated from the sale of the old drill and the rental of the current equipment, as well as a \$2,000 grant from the MFA Oil Foundation and a \$5,000 grant from the National Wildlife Turkey Federation. The new drill is on-site and will be ready for the spring planting season.

The Great Plains drill will be able to plant cool season grasses/soybeans, warm season grasses, and small seeds such as legumes and cover crops.

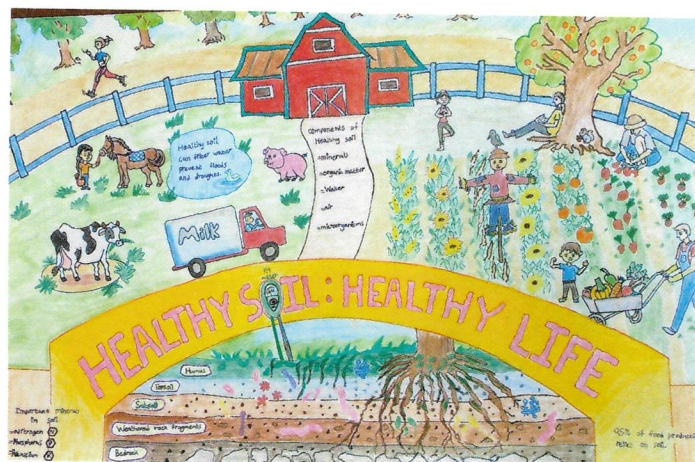
The drill rental for both the 7' 706NT Great Plains and the 10' 1590 John Deere will be \$12.00 per acre with a 10 acre minimum. Please see page 8 for more rental information.



## 2022 State Poster Winner

4th—6th Grade Division

Jahnavi Patel, Hermann Middle School





# Pond Management Workshop

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**  
**Chili/Soup Dinner 5:30pm**  
**Workshop starts 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Owensville VFW Hall**  
**604 West Jefferson Street,**  
**Owensville, MO 65066**

Register for this free workshop online at <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/189602> or by contacting the Missouri Department of Conservation, California Field Office at (573)796-0286 ext. 4284  
Space is limited.

Do you have questions about building a new pond or an existing pond on your property? If so, this workshop is for you. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), Gasconade County Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will be hosting a Pond Management Workshop on Thursday, March 28, 2023, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at no charge.

The workshop will cover a wide variety of topics including, pond site selection, pond construction, pond stocking, fisheries management, aquatic vegetation management, pond watershed management and nuisance wildlife. Professionals from MDC, NRCS and SWCD will give presentations and will be available to answer questions.

**The Gasconade County SWCD is offering a free chili/soup dinner to any registered attendee before the workshop.**

## Discover nature programs...

- Help Missourians discover and explore nature
- Provide expert instruction and hands-on activities
- Are available statewide

**Friday, March 3, 2022**



**Central Missouri  
Forage & Beef  
Conference**

Knights of Columbus Hall  
206 6th St., Vienna, MO

**\$10/Person - DINNER INCLUDED**

Registration & Trade Show - 12 PM  
Speaking Starts - 1 PM | Dinner at 6:30 PM

*Topics*

**Weeds: Friend or Foe? • Market Outlook • Extend Your Grazing Year •  
Vaccination Programs • Grazing More with Less**

**Producer Panel: *Interspecies Grazing***

Harry Cope, Truxton  
Jeremiah Markway, Eugene  
Adam Uthlate, Big Springs

**RSVP: February 24**

**Online:** <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/central-missouri-forage-and-beef-conference>  
**In-Person:** Maries County SWCD (573)422-3342



# **THANK YOU!**

Our 20th Annual 4th Grade Field Days at the White Mule Winery was a huge success. It was good to be able to host it once again. We had over 212 students in attendance!

The Gasconade County SWCD Board and staff would like to thank the following people/organizations for their assistance!!

UME Personnel—Debra Raaf, Heather Warren, and Dawn Hicks

Farm Bureau Representatives—Krista Hardecke, Laura Hardecke, James Meyer, Roy Wehmeyer, and Barb Stumpe

NRCS Staff—Lucas Brass, Mark Brandt, Cherie Johnson, Megan Brown

MDC Personnel—Scott Williams, Ryan Westcott, Jason Eikermann, Aaron Holsapple

Gasconade County Commission—Jerry Lairmore, Jim Holland

Gasconade County Board/Staff: Mike Haeffner, Harvey Hesemann, Joel Wehmeyer, Sarah Berkemeyer, Diana M Dean

Volunteers-Charles & Karen Schlottach, Grace Schlottach, Nicole & Logan Hubbard, Susie Haeffner, Becky Hesemann, Carol & Leann Meyer, Dean Winters, BillyJo Benson, Carolyn Wintorst, Cheryl Bohl, Dennis Berger, Tammy Teeter

Organizations who donated food or gave monetary donations—FCS Financial, Gasconade County Cattlemen, Calvin's Distributing, Loutre's Market, Owensville VFW, Kingsford Charcoal, Hermann Save-A-Lot, Legends Bank, Maries County Bank, the Missouri Bank and the White Mule Winery.

---

## **NEW Environmental Quality Incentive Program**

### **ACT NOW—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. Application assessments below the minimum threshold will be batched and funded in ranking order as funding allows.

For more information about NRCS programs and assistance, contact your local NRCS Office.

# 2023 Annual Poster Contest—"One Water"

It is with great pleasure that we are announcing the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gasconade County SWCD Poster Contest. The theme for 2023 is "One Water," with the focus on the watershed in which we live. This contest is open to every 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade student that lives or attends school in Gasconade County, whether they attend the public, private or homeschooled. We are hoping that every school will participate this year in bringing awareness to your students the importance of our water systems and how we can protect them and the benefits that they provide to us.

Every student that submits an entry will receive a participation award and a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will be selected for each grade level and receive a cash award. A grand prize winner will receive a new bicycle. A state entry poster will be chosen from the top winners in the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade divisions. The state entries will be judged in November 2023 and if selected as a state level winner, they will be sent to the national level to be judged in 2024.

Below you will find all the forms and information needed to present to your students. Be sure that every student fills out the entry form and tapes it to the back of their poster.

Entry form: <https://mosoilandwater.land/sites/mosoilandwater/files/gasconade-2023-poster-contest-entry-form.pdf>

PowerPoint Presentation: <https://mosoilandwater.land/sites/mosoilandwater/files/gasconade-2023-poster-contest-powerpoint.pdf>

PowerPoint Presentation Note Pages: <https://mosoilandwater.land/sites/mosoilandwater/files/gasconade-2023-poster-contest-powerpoint-note-pages.pdf>

Poster Contest Flyer: [https://mosoilandwater.land/sites/mosoilandwater/files/gasconade-2023-poster-contest-flyer\\_0.pdf](https://mosoilandwater.land/sites/mosoilandwater/files/gasconade-2023-poster-contest-flyer_0.pdf)

Educator Guide: <https://mosoilandwater.land/sites/mosoilandwater/files/NACDs-One-Water-Educators-Guide-1.pdf>

**The due date for these posters is MARCH 2, 2023. If you need poster board, or more information, please contact us at 573-437-3478 x 3.**

**2023 State  
Women in Ag Conference**

*Save the Date*

**September 18—20, 2023  
Sedalia, MO**

*SAVE THE DATE*

*2023 OMG*

*AgriPride*

*Women in Ag Event*

*White Mule*

*Winery*

*September 7, 2023*

# MISSING SOIL PROBE

**We provide soil probes to landowners here in Gasconade County in order to take proper soil tests. There is no charge for the use of these probes.**

**We are currently missing one. If you have used one in the past and still have it, please return it to our office.**

**Thank you!**

## 2023 Dates to Remember

<b>Jan 1—Apr 1</b>	<b>Pest Management Signup period</b>
<b>Jan 15</b>	<b>End Spring Seeding Signup period</b>
<b>Jan 16</b>	Martin Luther King Holiday, Office Closed
<b>Feb 7</b>	<b>Board Meeting, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb 20</b>	President's Day, Office Closed
<b>Mar 7</b>	<b>Board Meeting, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar 15-Jun 15</b>	<b>Dormant or DSP-3.4/3.5 Seeding signup period</b>
<b>Mar 23</b>	Annual Meeting, Owensville Middle School, 6 p.m.
<b>Mar 28</b>	Pond Workshop, Owensville VFW Hall 5:30 p.m.
<b>Apr 4</b>	<b>Board Meeting, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Apr 12</b>	Central Region Envirothon, Runge Center
<b>Apr 15-Jul 15</b>	<b>Fall Seeding Signup period</b>
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Board Meeting, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>May 4</b>	State Envirothon, TBD
<b>May 15-Sep 15</b>	<b>Cover Crop Signup period</b>
<b>May 29</b>	Memorial Day Holiday, Office Closed
<b>Jun 6</b>	<b>Board Meeting, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Jun 15</b>	<b>End of FY 23 Cost-share Year</b>
<b>Jun 19</b>	Juneteenth Holiday, Office Closed

*Visit us on the web at <https://mosoilandwater.land/gasconade>*

## **Gasconade County SWCD Equipment**

**A NEW LEASE AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED EACH 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.**

- ◇ 2019 1590 John Deere 10 ft no-till drill! \$12 per acre charge. Located at 3325 Hwy 19 Owensville. Call Gary Miller at **573-502-4400** to schedule.
- ◇ 2022 706NT Great Plains 7 ft no-till drill with warm season box is located at the SWCD office. \$12 acre. To schedule call **573-473-3478 x 3**.

**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

Like us on

