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## Tentative Date Set For 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Customer Appreciation Day

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A tentative date has been set for Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Customer Appreciation Day.

The 2014 year marks 47 years of conservation efforts put forth by the Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation District.

The District hosts an annual appreciation day every March to thank landowners for their conservation efforts, contractors for their work, and the partnership with NRCS, MDC and FSA.

When a concrete date and place has been set, the information will be posted on the website at <http://www.swcd.mo.gov/grundy/2014CustomerAppreciationDay.htm> or call the office anytime at 660-359-2006 x3.

## Farmland Foods Environmental Teams Hosts World Water Monitoring Day

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The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual World Water Monitoring Day was held at a local county school on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. This yearly event is hosted by the Farmland Foods Environmental Team in Milan, Mo.

The environmental team demonstrates testing of turbidity, dissolved oxygen, temperature and pH from local lake waters. Students are divided into teams so each student can participate in the hands-on testing of all the areas.

After completion of testing the students are treated with pizza, soda and chips. All students participated in aluminum can recycling and were rewarded with a Monitoring Day sticker and a nice Smithfield-Farmland bag.

I would like to personally thank the Farmland Foods Environmental team for their efforts to provide an environmental education opportunity to the youth in the community.

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Farmland Foods Environmental Team



## NW Regional Envirothon Teams State Bound May 1st

What a gorgeous day to be outside at the MDC Regional Office in St. Joseph on Thursday, November 7, 2013 for our Regional Envirothon Competition. Joining the NW Regional Envirothon experience this year was Missouri Academy A, Missouri Academy B, Plattsburg FFA, Hale, South Nodaway, Norborne A, Norborne B, Norborne C and Norborne D, making up a 9 team competition. All teams competed in Wildlife, Forestry, Aquatics, Soils, Current Issue and Oral Presentation. After an amazing luncheon of pizza, chips, snacks and pop the teams were back in action to complete the ecostation rotations. After the last rotation ended tests were taken to the scoring room to be graded, components calculated to find the top team in each resource area and the top 3 teams that will advance to State.

The top resource scores this year: Forestry – Norborne A, Wildlife – Norborne A, Aquatics – Norborne A, Soils – Norborne A, Current Issue – Missouri Academy A and Oral Presentation – Hale. Advancing to State are: 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Hale, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Missouri Academy A and 1<sup>st</sup> place – Norborne A.

Local Soil & Water Conservation Districts that donated and supported this competition were: Caldwell, Holt, Grundy, Carroll, Daviess, Mercer, Nodaway, Buchanan, Harrison, DeKalb, Andrew & Ray. We thank you for your support!!

This year Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc sponsored the event with t-shirts for competition day. For this generous support we thank you!!

This event is possible due to the efforts and partnerships with staff of: MDC, Missouri Master Naturalists, NRCS, Soil & Water and the NW Committee. Every year this program gains momentum and without the wonderful and generous support of these individuals, this event would not be a successful and educational experience for our youth.



1<sup>st</sup> Place – Norborne A

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Missouri Academy A

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Hale

## Cost-Share Report as of 12/2/13

### FY14 Tons of Soil Saved

Practice Type	Tons of Soil Saved
Terrace Systems	1270
Ponds	0
Basins	300
Diversions	0
Vegetative Cover Establishment	0

This chart indicates tons of soil saved from practices that have been completed and claims turned in. It does not include practices started.

### FY14 Acres Served

Practice Type	Acres Served
Terrace Systems	68
Ponds	0
Basins	20
Diversions	0
Vegetative Cover Establishment	0

This chart indicates acres served from practices that have been completed and claims turned in. It does not include practices started.

Feet of Terrace Installed	Cubic Yards of Earthwork
18,075	1,774

REGULAR COST-SHARE ALLOCATIONS/PRACTICES FY2013		
PRACTICE TYPE	# OF PRACTICES	\$'S OBLIGATED TO DATE
VEGETATIVE COVER		
TERRACE SYSTEMS	16	\$ 140,276.34
PONDS		
BASINS	2	\$ 7,241.45
STREAMBANK STABILIZATION		
GRAZING MANAGEMENT		
TOTAL \$'S OBLIGATED TO DATE		\$ 147,517.79
	Report Obligated MoSWIMS Allocation	\$ 147,517.79
		\$ 254,491.00
	<b>Unobligated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 106,973.21</b>

## NRCS Update

### Applications for Conservation Stewardship Program due Jan. 17

*Popular Farm Bill conservation program seeks producer participation*

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 2, 2013** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is opening the [Conservation Stewardship Program \(CSP\)](#) for new enrollments for federal fiscal year 2014. Starting today through Jan. 17, 2014, producers interested in participating in the program can submit applications to NRCS.

“Through the Conservation Stewardship Program, farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners are going the extra mile to conserve our nation’s resources,” NRCS Chief Jason Weller said. “Through their conservation actions, they are ensuring that their operations are more productive and sustainable over the long run.”

The CSP is an important Farm Bill conservation program that helps established conservation stewards with taking their level of natural resource management to the next level to improve both their agricultural production and provide valuable conservation benefits such as cleaner and more abundant water, as well as healthier soils and better wildlife habitat.

Weller said today's announcement is another example of USDA's comprehensive focus on promoting environmental conservation and strengthening the rural economy, and it is a reminder that a new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill is pivotal to continue these efforts. CSP is now in its fifth year and so far, NRCS has partnered with producers to enroll more than 59 million acres across the nation.

The program emphasizes conservation performance — producers earn higher payments for higher performance. In CSP, producers install conservation enhancements to make positive changes in soil quality, soil erosion, water quality, water quantity, air quality, plant resources, animal resources and energy.

Some popular enhancements used by farmers and ranchers include:

- Using new nozzles that reduce the drift of pesticides, lowering input costs and making sure pesticides are used where they are most needed;
- Modifying water facilities to prevent bats and bird species from being trapped;
- Burning patches of land, mimicking prairie fires to enhance wildlife habitat; and

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- Rotating feeding areas and monitoring key grazing areas to improve grazing management.

Eligible landowners and operators in all states and territories can enroll in CSP through January 17th to be eligible during the 2014 federal fiscal year. While local NRCS offices accept CSP applications year round, NRCS evaluates applications during announced ranking periods.

To be eligible for this year's enrollment, producers must have their applications submitted to NRCS by the closing date.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if the program is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, stewardship threshold requirements and payment types.

Learn more about CSP by visiting the NRCS website or a local [NRCS field office](#).

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## FSA Update

### **2014 ACREAGE REPORTING DATES**

**Producers now have until January 15, 2014, to report crops that have a November 15, 2013, or December 15, 2013, reporting deadline without paying a late-file fee.** Crops under this waiver include wheat and native and improved grasses intended for grazing or haying. The Risk Management Agency (RMA) did not grant a waiver so producers need to consult their crop insurance agent for deadlines for insured crops.

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit their local county FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline.

## FSA Update Cont.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Missouri:

November 15, 2013:	Pasture, rangeland, forage and apiculture
December 15, 2013:	Fall Barley, Fall Wheat and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains-
January 15, 2014:	Apples, Grapes, Peaches
May 15, 2014:	Spring Oats and Potatoes
July 15, 2014:	Burley Tobacco, Corn, Cotton, Grain Sorghum, Hybrid Corn Seed, Popcorn, Rice, Soybeans and all other crops, including CRP.

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.
- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of “cover only,” “green manure,” “left standing,” or “seed,” then the acreage must be reported by July 15th.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Additionally, producers can purchase both NAP and RMA coverage for 2014 annual forage crops. NAP coverage will not be available for 2015 annual forage crops.

Late file fees will be assessed for 2013 crops reported after September 15, 2013, and 2014 crops reported after January 15, 2014.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact your local County FSA office.

### Ownership Changes

If you have purchased/sold a farm please contact our office with the information and bring in recorded deeds showing the land transactions. Doing this in a timely manner, will help things run smooth during program enrollment and payment times. Reviewing program implications with your local FSA staff before completing a sale of farmland is always a prudent precaution.

## Kids Corner – Food In History Time Line

### Culinary History Facts

1900 - Sugar was 4 cents a pound and eggs were 14 cents per dozen. Some experts claim that the hamburger was invented that year in New Haven, Connecticut.

1904 - Popcorn, hot dogs, ice cream cones, & peanut butter were introduced at the St. Louis World's fair.

1912 - The First self-service grocery store opened in California.

1915 - Processed American Cheese was introduced to American stores by J.L. Kraft and Son.

1916 - The Piggly Wiggly Grocery Chain was started in Memphis, Tennessee.

1919 - Milk was 15 cents a quart, eggs were 62 cents a dozen and sirloin steak was 61 cents a pound.

1920 - 70% of the population baked their own bread.

1923 - Sanka, Welch's Grape Jelly and the Milky Way candy bar were introduced.

1927 - Pez Candy was introduced in Austria as a breath mint for smokers.  
Kool-Aid is introduced to the American Public.

1929 - 71% of American Households had incomes less than \$2,500.  
The average weekly wage was \$28.00!

This excerpt was found at <http://www.foodfunandfacts.com/foodtimeline.html>

## Kids Corner – Recipe Breaded Chicken Fingers

### Ingredients

- 6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves cut into 1/2 inch strips
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 quart oil for frying

### Directions

1. Place chicken strips into a large, resealable plastic bag. In a small bowl, mix the egg, buttermilk and garlic powder. Pour mixture into bag with chicken. Seal, and refrigerate 2 to 4 hours.
2. In another large, resealable plastic bag, mix together the flour, bread crumbs, salt and baking powder. Remove chicken

from refrigerator, and drain, discarding buttermilk mixture. Place chicken in flour mixture bag. Seal, and shake to coat.

3. Heat oil in a large, heavy skillet to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
4. Carefully place coated chicken in hot oil. Fry until golden brown and juices run clear. Drain on paper towels.



This recipe was found at <http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Breaded-Chicken-Fingers/Detail.aspx?evt19=1>



**Mission Statement**

The purpose of the Grundy County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is to construct and carry out a complete soil and water conservation program on all lands within Grundy County, Missouri. The district supervisors will work with all individuals, organizations and agencies interested in saving, maintaining and improving soil and water resources within the district.

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**2013 Upcoming Events**

**Holiday Closings**

**January**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Martin Luther King Day

**February**

- 18<sup>th</sup> – President's Day

**EVENTS**

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Customer Appreciation Day

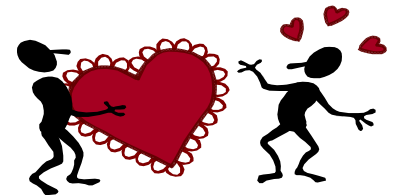
**SWCD Board Meetings**

- January 13<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am
- February 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am
- March 21<sup>st</sup> – 1:00pm

Board Meetings are held at the  
USDA Service Center  
3415 Oklahoma Avenue

All meetings are open to the public with the exception of executive sessions. If you wish to be on the agenda please notify the District

**Happy Holidays to you  
from the Staff!**



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