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Women In Ag Conference – Get Hooked On Ag

Old Kinderhook was an absolutely gorgeous setting for the 2017 State Women In Ag Conference. Monday kicked off with vendors and a high tunnel/cover crop workshop.

After opening session ladies had a chance to attend workshops: Pollinators, Farming with a Disability/AgriAbility, New Fencing Laws/Estate Planning, Canning & Freezing, Sheep Production/FSA Updates and The Stylish Gardner.

Several of our ladies like to dress to the theme for banquet, so we were blessed with some pretty awesome mermaids and entertainment was provided by Tony B the Piano Man. Following the banquet the Hospitality Room and Silent Auction were in full swing, as well some took advantage of the beautiful evening with sand volleyball.

Tuesday venue had the ladies load onto 4 motorcoaches, and split time between the Jeff & Tanya Apperson Farm to visit high tunnels and their country store, tour and help load live fish at Ozark Fisheries, and visit Circle F Cattle Ranch. Later that evening several ladies enjoyed yoga on the patio and it was the last night for silent auction and the hospitality room.

Wednesday morning kicked off with Rural Crimes workshop and we enjoyed an amazing closing luncheon with motivational speaker, Katie Dilse.

The torch was passed to SW for the 2018 WIA State Conference.

Thank you to the Central Planning Committee for a great conference and we look forward to 2018 in the SW Region!!

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2017 State Women In Ag Conference Pics



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FSA News

Staying Ahead of the Game on CRP

In just a few short years, there will be a large number of CRP contracts expiring in Grundy County. Even if you have completed your required mid contract management, you are still responsible for keeping the CRP in a croppable state. This means trees, brush, ditches, and gullies will be controlled throughout the life of the contract. Noxious weeds and invasive species must also be controlled. Additional information on how to manage noxious/invasive species can be obtained from FSA/NRCS/MDC.

Since we don't have advanced notice on our sign-ups, it's imperative that you have your CRP free of all undesirables before the offer process starts. All contracts will be inspected prior to the offer being accepted.

Acknowledging your problems now and having ample time to take care of it is to your advantage. Please take the time to visit your CRP fields and check for any issues.

Crop Reporting Deadline for Hay and Pasture

November 15, 2017 is the crop reporting deadline on hay/pasture for 2018. When reporting hay/pasture, you are reporting what you are *intending* to do with the land. We can update the "actual use" later in the year, if needed.

A lot of producers took advantage of the continuous rollover on hay/pasture acres. If you have one in place and you don't plan on making any changes, then nothing needs to be done. If you didn't sign a continuous certification or you are making changes to your hay/pasture acres, then make sure to report to our office by the November 15th deadline.

If you obtain land by ownership or lease after the reporting deadline, you have 30 days to report to our office.

FSA News

NAP Production Certification for Hay

Producers that participate in the NAP program for coverage on their hay are encouraged to report their production yearly. Reporting your production will build your actual production history (APH) and will be to your advantage if you ever have a loss.

Producers will need to provide verifiable production evidence, report production as soon as possible after harvest is complete, and provide a scale ticket from where the bale was weighed. The producer must be able to show how many bales came off of each field that has NAP coverage, not just a total bale count. Our FSA office can also do a measurement service to verify the total number of bales, the cost of which is \$46.

If a producer with NAP coverage suffers a loss due to a natural disaster they must notify the FSA office and complete Part B of form CCC-576, "Notice of Loss and Application for Payment". This must be completed within 15 calendar days of:

- A natural disaster occurrence
- The final planting date if planting is prevented by a natural disaster
- The date that damage to the crop or loss of production becomes apparent; or
- The normal harvest date

Field visits, appraisals, and/or spot checks may be needed so please be sure not to destroy or harvest a crop without contacting the office.

NW Women In Ag Night Set for October 19th

**The NW Women in Ag Night is set for Thursday, October 19th.
Registration deadline is October 13th**

Environmental Day Set for October 27th

Smithfield Environmental Day is set for Friday, October 27th.

NW Envirothon Competition Set for November 2nd

**The NW Envirothon Competition is set for Thursday, November 2, 2017
at the MDC Regional Office in St Joe. Team Registration deadline is
October 5th.**

Kids Corner – Recipe

Ghoul Aid



Ingredients

- 1 gallon cold water
- 2 packages Orange Kool-Aid
- 2 packages Grape Kool-Aid
- 2 cups Sugar
- 2 liter cold Ginger Ale

Directions

1. Mix ingredients and enjoy.

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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2017 Upcoming Events

Holiday Closings**October**9th – Columbus Day**November**10th – Veteran's Day
23rd – Thanksgiving Day**December**25th – Christmas Day**EVENTS****October 19th**2nd Annual NW Women In
Ag Night
3:00pm-8:00pm
Barton Campus, Trenton**November 2nd**NW Regional Envirothon
Competition
MDC Regional Office
St JoeNov. 27th – 29thS&W Training
Conference
Tan-Tar-A Resort
Osage Beach**SWCD Board Meetings**October 16th – 9:00amNovember 20th – 9:00amDecember 18th – 11:00am

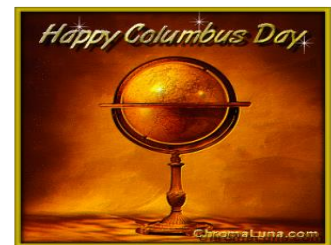
Board Meetings are held at the
USDA Service Center
3415 Oklahoma Avenue

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



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



HAPPY

THANKSGIVING
Merry Christmas

