



SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF PERRY COUNTY

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**Meetings the First
Monday Night
of Each Month**

1003 North Main

547-4077

Extension 3



OUR SOIL ★ OUR STRENGTH

NEWSLETTER

Perryville, MO 63775

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For information on programs, sign-up deadlines and more, check out the

Perry SWCD Website at <http://www.swcd.mo.gov/perry/index.html> and the Missouri NRCS Website at <http://www.mo.nrcs.usda.gov/>

PERRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WILL SPONSOR ANNUAL MEETING

The Perry Soil and Water Conservation District's annual meeting will be held on April 4th starting at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Perryville. The Board of Supervisors wishes to extend an invitation to all landowners and producers in Perry County to come and enjoy the delicious chicken dinner.

The Conservation Farmer of the Year Award will be presented to a deserving farm family. Winners of the coloring and poster contest will be awarded as in the past years.

This meeting is how we would like to thank you, the landowners of the district, for making a strong soil and water conservation program possible in Perry County.

Hope to see you on the 4th!

Reservations for the meeting need to be returned by March 29th. Please send the attached to the Perry SWCD office or call Karen at 547-4077, ext 3.

Name _____

Number planning to attend _____

Perry SWCD Office
1003 North Main St.
Perryville, MO 63775

GROTTO SCULPIN BUZZ INCREASES AWARENESS OF POSSIBLE HEL COMPLIANCE CONCERNS

Do you know what the number one pollutant is in the cave system? No, it is not nutrients or pesticides. The number one pollutant is sediment (soil).

Two-thirds of crop acres in Perry County are located on "hill" ground (HEL). USDA participants farming "hill" ground must utilize soil conservation practices to keep soil erosion at or below acceptable levels to maintain required HEL compliance. HEL compliance is aimed at saving soil, which on "hill" ground means saving productivity. Your soil health will determine your future farming success. Along with minimizing soil disturbance, areas of concentrated water flow should be stabilized with grass.

Grass buffers filter soil, nutrients and pesticides from entering our ground water while also controlling ephemeral gully erosion. That is why it is important to maintain/establish a grass buffer: 1) around sinkholes and vertical drains (improved sinkholes), 2) adjacent to water bodies, streams and ditches and 3) in waterways (concentrated flow areas).

While it has been easier to spray over these areas, it is definitely not beneficial for water quality or erosion control. Care should be taken to protect these areas. If you have a custom sprayer, please make the time to discuss with them your desire to maintain grassed areas in and around your crop fields.

Want financial assistance to establish the above mentioned areas? Check into the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) with the Farm Service Agency. CCRP provides close to 90% of the cost for establishing grass in most of the above mentioned areas as well as around \$100 per acre per year annual payment for maintaining these areas for 10 to 15 years. Most of the time, these areas are low production areas and CCRP payments exceed potential crop income. For a payment to maintain grass buffers around vertical drains (improved sinkholes), check with the Perry SWCD for eligibility to enroll in the BDSP-31 practice.

MARY CROWELL FARM BILL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST

Mary Crowell has been hired as a Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist (FBWB) by Quail Forever. Mary will be stationed out of Ste. Genevieve, but will also cover St. Francois and Perry counties. The addition of Mary brings Quail Forever's total number of FBWB up to six in the state of Missouri. Her position will work with area landowners and farmers to implement wildlife habitat conservation measures aimed at increasing quail, rabbits, deer, turkey, and other wildlife populations. The position is made possible through a partnership with Quail Forever and Pheasants Forever, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), and local QF and PF chapters.

Mary is from House Springs, Missouri in Jefferson County. She graduated with a B.S. in Wildlife Conservation and Management from Missouri State University in Springfield. After graduation, Mary worked for MDC as a Bobwhite quail monitoring technician as part of a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) project. This position gave her a strong interest in quail, native plants, and habitat management. Before moving to Ste. Genevieve, Mary and her husband lived and worked in Ellington, MO working on the Missouri Ozark Forest Ecosystem Project sampling for Amphibians, Reptiles, and Small Mammals. In her free time she enjoys wildlife photography, scrapbooking, crocheting, and hiking in the Ozarks with her husband and their dog.

If you're interested in adding wildlife habitat to your property, contact Mary by email at mcrowell@quailforever.org or by phone at 573-883-3566 ext.109 or cell phone at 573-415-7330. She is also available in person at the Ste. Genevieve, Farmington, or Perryville USDA offices, though her schedule varies each week.

ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

An election will be held on April 4, 2013

AREA II

**Stephen Huber
Aaron Verseman**

AREA IV

**Ralph Reisenbichler
Warren Ernst**

POLLING PLACES

NRCS Office

1003 North Main St., Perryville, MO 63775
From 7:30 am to 4:00 pm

AMERICAN LEGION

98 Grand Ave., Perryville, MO 63775
From 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Perry County



SCRAP TIRE

Collection



Take this one-time chance for FREE DISPOSAL of scrap tires from streams, ditches, sink-holes and land in Perry County. Scrap tires pose a public health hazard because they harbor mosquitoes, snakes and other vermin. In particular, West Nile virus, transmitted by mosquitoes is a state-wide concern.

One Day Only: Saturday, August 17, 2013
7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location:

**Perry County Roads and Bridges Bldg.
4803 N. Highway 51
Perryville, MO**

Regulations:

- ABSOLUTELY NO BUSINESSES MAY PARTICIPATE if they deal with tires
- Perry County residents only; must have photo ID and property tax receipt
- Farmers and land owners should estimate the number of tires they will bring and call Karen Lukefahr at SWCD (547-4077 X3) by late July.
- Any size tires; can be on the rims
- No rubber tracks

Sponsors:

Perry County Administration, and Soil and Water Conservation District of Perry County in cooperation with the State of Missouri Solid Waste Management Department

2 - GREAT PLAINS NO-TILL DRILL

10 ft. - 7 ½ inch spacing

(will do soybeans, milo, wheat, alfalfa, clover, fescue, orchard grass)

\$8.50 AN ACRE

(\$100.00 Minimum Charge)

or

7 FT. GREAT PLAINS NO-TILL DRILL

with warm-season grass box

\$8.50 AN ACRE

(\$35.00 Minimum Charge)

TAILGATE MULCHER

Trailer mounted, ideal for yards, conservation practices
and road cuts.

\$75.00 - ½ Day • \$100.00 - 1 Day

To schedule call Karen at
Perry County Soil & Water Conservation District
547-4077

ATTENTION GRAZERS!

There will be a 2-day Grazing School held in Jackson on September 18 and 19, 2013. If you are interested, please call the Perry SWCD and give Karen your name. She will mail you a registration form when they are available.

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