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FOSTER COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**Conservation  
Communicator**

**NRCS Programs Can Be A Great  
Opportunity for Improving Your  
Operation**

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has a number of valuable opportunities that are available to all farmers and ranchers in Foster County. At this time of year, many producers are thinking of ways to be more efficient or how to improve their operation. Maybe you need to be more efficient because of rising input costs associated with crop production. Ranchers are you in need of maximizing forage production on your rangeland because you were able to increase your livestock numbers, or maybe would like to seed some low productive land to grass for grazing/haying purposes? Have you been considering what is going to be done with your expiring CRP? NRCS has the technical skills and abilities to help you evaluate alternatives and possibly implement many of these practices to accomplish your goals through our voluntary conservation programs.

NRCS has these voluntary programs to help producers implement practices such as No-till or reduced till residue management, soil testing, crop scouting, manure hauling, cover crops, fencing, livestock water pipelines, water tanks and many more. These practices are primarily features of our Environmental Quality Incentives Program, which offers a payment rate for each of the practices you choose to implement. Also there are opportunities to increase your efficiency by implementing variable rate technology, GPS guidance technology, use of slow release nitrogen, drift reduction and spray overlap reduction technologies and many more. There are also management techniques that apply to improve range/pasture lands and wildlife idle areas on your operation. These payments may be as much as \$40,000/yr for 5 years in our Conservation Stewardship Program.

We enjoy sitting down with you at your kitchen table to discuss any resource concerns you may have. We will help you to evaluate how we can help you best manage and improve those issues.

If you have any interest in improving your operation's efficiency and productivity, stop by our office or call us to arrange a visit and we'd be happy to explain our different programs and discuss the many different practices we have available for you.

We look forward to working with you!

Paul DuBourt  
Acting Foster County District Conservationist



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Soil Conservation District  
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**Till it to me Straight....**

- Foster County Soil Conservation District Board meetings are tentatively scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on April 9, May 14, and June 11 (2nd Mondays). Please contact the district office at 652-2551 to confirm dates and times.
- USDA Service Center will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 28.
- **Spring Field Crew needed—see inside!**
- **Signup deadlines:** Windbreak Renovation Special Initiative (CCPI) is **April 6**. On-Farm Energy, Organic, and Seasonal High Tunnel Initiatives are **March 30** and **June 1**. Spill Prevention Control and Containment is **June 11**.
- **CRP General Signup is March 12 to April 6.**

## 2011 Foster County SCD Highlights

### January

Mike Sabinash appointed and Karl Hoppe re-appointed as SCD Supervisors.  
Paid annual dues to ND State and National Association of Conservation Districts.  
South Central Dakota Regional Council meeting in Jamestown.  
Lower Pipestem Creek Watershed meeting held in Jamestown.

### February

Public information meetings held for Kelly Creek Watershed proposal.  
EQIP and conservation planning ongoing.  
Dionn Schaaf attends Pesticide recertification training.

### March

District sponsors five Project TREES presentations at Carrington Elementary School.  
District contributes to "Salt of the Earth" documentary.  
Newsletter mailed out.  
Annual report published.  
ND Association of Soil Conservation Districts Area I meeting held in Pembina.  
Women's Ag Day held at Carrington.  
Schaaf attends Tree Promotion meeting.

### April

District sponsors and provides materials for Soil Stewardship meeting attended by Carrington Ministerial Association.  
Backyard conservation event held in cooperation with ND Forest Service and NRCS.  
Schaaf attends Emerald Ash Borer training.

### May

District holds a Carrington Arbor Day tree planting honoring the first graders – Carrington Class of 2022.  
District sponsors Midkota Envirothon team.  
Project TREES completes 482 school programs during the school year reaching 29,863 students across North Dakota.  
"Keep ND Clean" poster contest winners receive trees.  
District begins planting trees and shrubs.

### June

SCD and NRCS sponsor informational booth at Foster County Fair.  
Excess conservation grade tree and shrub sale held after tree planting season.  
Equipment attachments adjusted for Case tractor  
Schaaf attends tree insect and disease training.

### July

Newsletter mailed out.  
Equipment building re-sided.

### August

Schaaf attends NDCDEA board meeting  
District enters into contribution agreement with NRCS.

### September

Weed barrier fabric application completed.  
Midkota and Carrington sixth grade students attend Eco-Ed Day at Juanita Lake Park  
District presents application for Phase II of Kelly Creek Watershed Project at state NPS Task Force meeting.  
Tree orders and conservation planning for spring of 2012 begin.

### October

Newsletter mailed out.  
South Central Dakota Regional Council meeting in Jamestown.  
District signs installed along Hwy 281

### November

Foster County Local Work Group and Locally Led Conservation meetings held.  
Revisions to Kelly Creek Watershed application completed.  
Casoron herbicide application on tree and shrub plantings.  
NDASCD annual meeting held in Bismarck.

### December

International tractor sold.  
Newsletter mailed out.



## 2011 Summary of Conservation Practices Applied in Foster County

Comprehensive Nutrient Mngt Plan-Applied (103)	1
Comprehensive Nutrient Mngt Plan-Written (102)	1
Conservation Cover (327)	180 acres
Conservation Crop Rotation (328)	5,456 acres
Cover Crop (340)	1,541 acres
Diversion (362)	3,255 feet
Filter Strip (393)	22 acres
Forage Harvest Management (511)	50 acres
Heavy Use Area Protection (561)	62 acres
Integrated Pest Management (595)	2,744 acres
Nutrient Management (590)	686 acres
Pipeline (516)	4,345 feet
Prescribed Grazing (528)	3,812 acres
Prescribed Grazing (528A)	237 acres
Pumping Plant (533)	1
Residue & Tillage Mngt, Mulch-till (345)	12,044 acres
Residue & Tillage Mngt, No-till/Strip-till/Direct Seed (329)	6,010 acres
Residue Management, Mulch Till (329B)	254 acres
Residue Management, Seasonal (344)	610 acres
Salinity and Sodic Soil Management (610)	50 acres
Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632)	4
Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan – Written (150)	3
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)	3,039 acres
Waste Storage Facility (313)	2
Water Well (642)	1
Watering Facility (614)	3
Wetland Restoration (657)	85 acres
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)	135 acres
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)	3307 feet

### SCD 2011 FIELD ACTIVITIES

45,043 feet of trees machine planted (5975 trees)  
560 trees hand planted  
27,771 feet of weed barrier fabric laid  
14,237 feet of Casoron application



## District Services and Rates

Foster County Soil Conservation District provides the following services:

*Machine tree planting* (cost includes trees)  
\$30.00 per 100 linear feet  
\$300.00 minimum, \$2 per mile office-to-site fee if site is not properly prepared  
*Custom Handplant Replacement* at \$3.00 per tree for 50 trees or more  
*Weed barrier application* (cost includes fabric)  
\$0.50 per linear foot < 2500 feet  
\$0.45 per linear foot > 2500 feet  
\$300 minimum  
*Chemical weed control application* (Casoron granular herbicide for tree plantings)  
Price/pound plus \$0.125/linear foot, or \$50.00 minimum plus chemical  
*Between-row cultivation for weed control*  
\$30.00 per 100 linear feet  
\$300.00 minimum

The district is also a source for the following (all prices subject to change):

*Conservation grade handplant trees*  
Prices vary, but most are available for \$2 per tree or \$35 for a bundle of 25 trees  
*6' Fabric Weed Barrier*  
300' Roll for \$90.00  
Custom Cut for \$0.40 per linear foot  
*Plantskydd Deer Repellent*  
Spray-on: 1 qt ready-to-spray \$18.00  
1 lb powder for mixing 1 gallon \$20.00  
Granular: 1 lb granular shaker \$8.00  
3 lb granular shaker pack \$18.50

#### Tree Shelter Products

Tubex and Plantra tree tubes available, several sizes and styles – call for price

#### Rain Barrels, Rain Barrel Kits, and Rain Barrel Parts

Rain barrel \$59.00 Complete rain barrel kit \$48.45  
Connector kit \$7.45 Diverter kit \$21.95  
Spigot kit \$7.50 Unaltered food-grade barrel \$19.00

## CCPI Windbreak Renovation Initiative

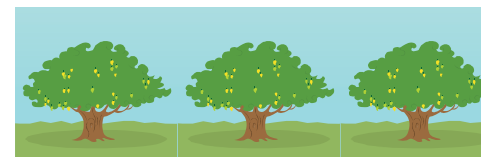
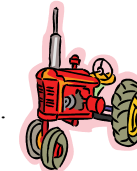
A partnership between NRCS and the ND Forest Service has made funds available for windbreak renovation projects. Application is made through the EQIP program, but these funds have been set aside for windbreak renovations and riparian forest buffer enhancements. The deadline to apply for this initiative is April 4. If you are interested, please stop in at the office in Carrington or call us at 652-2551 ext. 3.

## CRP General Signup March 12-April 6

CRP is a voluntary program that helps agricultural producers use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to control soil erosion, improve water quality by reducing runoff and sedimentation, and develop wildlife habitat. Eligible land must have been cropped for four of the six years from 2002 to 2007, and must be physically and legally capable of being cropped. Alfalfa and other multiyear grasses and legumes in a rotation of not more than 12 years may also be eligible. FSA administers the program, and will provide rental payments and cost-share assistance.

## Spring field crew needed!

Machine and hand planting trees, and application of weed barrier fabric. Work usually occurs mainly in May and June. If interested, please call 652-2551 ext. 102.



## 2012 Stewardship Week

According to the National Association of Conservation Districts, Stewardship Week helps to remind us all of the power each person has to conserve natural resources and improve the world. Stewardship Week for this year is April 29 through May 6. The 2012 theme is "Soil To Spoon," and concentrates on the connection between the soil and our food.

When the land does well for its owner, and the owner does well by his land—when both end up better by reason of their partnership—then we have conservation. - Aldo Leopold

