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SUMMER 2009

**LORAIN SWCD ANNUAL MEETING
 IN COOPERATION WITH
 LORAIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU
 THURSDAY, SEPT. 3, 2009, 7:00PM
 @ NEW RUSSIA TWP. HALL**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain and improve the natural resources and environment in Lorain County.



The Board of Supervisors will hold their annual meeting and banquet on Thursday, September 3, 2009, 7:00 p.m. in cooperation with the Lorain County Farm Bureau.

There will be a supervisor election, PowerPoint slide show, various

awards, and a scholarship presentation for the evening.

Tickets are \$13.00 each with dinner provided by Big Dog Catering. Tickets are on sale now through September 1st.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information, please call the office at 440-326-5800.

Mark your calendar!



ITEMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

The District is accepting sealed bids for the following:

- 1) John Deere Gator HPX; 4X4; gas; towing winch; vehicle cover (purchased 1/07).**
- 2) Utility trailer for Gator transport (purchased 3/07).**
- 3) Weigh Wagon: 1994 Parker trailer; Weigh-Tronix Model 700E System (Model 700E Farm Indicator); 1500R weigh cart.**

Please submit in a sealed envelope by Noon on July 28, 2009. The Lorain SWCD reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Please call the SWCD office with any questions at 440-326-5800.

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DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S COLUMN

BY: KARL SCHNEIDER



Below are a few general reminders concerning USDA conservation programs and policy:

CLEARING WOODS/DRAINAGE WORK: Please remember that if you are doing any land clearing and/or drainage work in existing or planned cropland you need to let the FSA office know ahead of time. We need to check the field and the proposed work to make sure there are not going to be any violations of the wetland-**Swampbuster rules of the 2008 Farm Bill.**

We have run into several instances lately of drainage and clearing work being done in wetland areas without being checked. A request needs to be made at least 30 days in advance of this work so we have time to do a wetland determination. Often times there are areas that must be avoided. If we find these after the work has been done it makes for a very uncomfortable situation for you and us. Remember.....

VIOLATION OF THE WETLAND RULES CAN CAUSE LOSS OF USDA FINANCIAL BENEFITS!

EQIP SIGNUP: The Environmental Quality Incentive Program is getting quite popular. We wrote contracts for over \$200,000 of projects in 2008 and anticipate about the same in 2009. If you are interested, let me know so I can put you on the list. The first round of applications ends May 29, 2009. If all funds are not committed, a second round of applications will be accepted.

Practices that are cost-shareable include: animal waste storage, (liquid and dry/dry storage facilities and feedlots can be roofed), compost bins, pasture fencing, pasture improvement, watering facilities, streambank stabilization, erosion control practices, liquid fertilizer storage, access road, heavy use area protection, precision farming strip tillage, forest stand improvement, and a variety of other practices.

2009 cost share incentives are at a 75% rate for all conservation practices.

New for 2009 includes funding for specialty crops, certified organic (and transitioning to organic), and special air quality funding.


Note: EQIP does NOT offer cost-share on machinery or general farm buildings.

GRASS WATERWAYS (New): Waterways planned for 2009 construction need to be finished and seeded by either September 1 for larger waterways or September 7 for smaller waterways. We have moved these dates up from the old September 15 deadline because of seeding failures. These new dates have worked out much better with significantly less erosion.

GRASS WATERWAYS (Existing): Mid summer is a good time to mow grass waterways and check for erosion and tile blowouts. We have found out that the best way to eliminate the gully down the middle of the waterway is to fill these with stone (either field stone or #1 and 2's limestone).

CRP FIELDS: Mid-July to mid-August is the allowable time for mowing fields enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Participants should have received a notice from the Farm Service Agency. Cool season grasses can be mowed prior to September 1 and warm season prairie grass prior to August 15.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

RAIN BARRELS

Lorain SWCD is selling rain barrels completely assembled for \$100.00. This 55-gallon barrel is ready for your downspout.

If you are a gardener and are looking for ways to save on your water bill, from gardening and other plant care to ensure that your plants don't suffer, consider a rain barrel. This barrel stores rainwater for your watering needs during the dry summer months.

These barrels can be painted with outdoor acrylic paint; but prime barrel first.

Remember rain water is **FREE!**



FAIR

The Lorain County Fair starts August 24th. Hope to see you in the Soil and Water barn!



FALL FISH SALE

The District will have a fall fish sale for those who need to restock their ponds. The date for pick-up is Tuesday, October 20th.

DRAINAGE QUESTIONS

Call the office for drainage questions. We can make arrangements for a site visit.

ANNUAL MEETING

Make your reservations for the District's Annual Meeting, Thursday, September 3rd, 7:00 p.m. in cooperation with Lorain County Farm Bureau. The meeting will be at the New Russia Township Hall.