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2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 17	MLK - Office Closed
Feb 21	President's Day - Office Closed
Mar 18	Tree Sale Deadline
Mar 25	Grass Carp Sale Deadline
Apr 1	Regular Fish Sale Deadline
Apr 9	Fish Sale Pick-up
Apr 22-23	Tree Sale Pick-up
May 30	Memorial Day - Office Closed

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.....ELECTION INFO
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To All Owners And Occupiers Of Lands Lying Within The Boundaries Of The Peoria County Soil And Water Conservation District:

Notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on the 15th day of February, 2022 at the USDA Service Center at 6715 N. Smith Rd Edwards IL, from 7:00am to 5:30pm. Three (3) Directors will be elected to serve the Peoria County Soil and Water Conservation District of the State of Illinois.

All persons, firms or corporations who hold legal title or are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise. Only such persons, firms or corporations are eligible to vote.

While the normal Annual Meeting again had to be changed to a simplified election due to the pandemic, the Board still wants to continue our tradition of offering great door prizes, so every person who stops by our office to cast a vote in the entryway will be able to enter a drawing for one of four gas card door prizes. Thanks in advance for your patience with this change, we hope to see you on the 15th.

Jerry Wyatt, Chairman, Peoria County SWCD

Conservation Practices Program Update

As harvest was conducted you may have found lingering issues from unfortunate spring rains. Soil erosion comes in many forms and degrees of severity. While some areas may be fixed with allowable tillage or were minimized with adequate residue in no-tilled fields, there are many more instances of long lasting issues created. There are several options between State and Federal programs that may assist you with repairs. The State's CPP program is taking sign-up now for fiscal year 2022 funds that will be prioritized in April. Typical projects are terraces, waterways and basins. The program offers up to 60% of the costs reimbursed with a maximum of \$6000 per project. The first step is stopping by the office and marking issues on a map. All signed up projects get a field visit for prioritization.

Another benefit to the program is that the Illinois Department of Ag (funding source for the program) wants us to run all of the fields that receive a project through the S.T.A.R. program for field evaluation. This means you will be given a baseline measurement of the field for your use in future management decisions. The S.T.A.R. program is the best way to assess your current success and plan for future improvements and is available to all landowners despite enrollment in CPP.

If you have any questions about either CPP or S.T.A.R. please contact our office. Stop by or call 309-671-7040 ext 3.

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Making Farm Reconstitutions

When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm *reconstitution* is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.



To be effective for the current Fiscal Year (FY), farm combinations and farm divisions must be requested by **August 1 of the FY** for farms subject to the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program. A reconstitution is considered to be requested when all of the required signatures are on FSA-155 and all other applicable documentation, such as proof of ownership, is submitted.

Total Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and non-ARC/PLC farms may be reconstituted at any time.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon:

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method, the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract

Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

For questions on your farm reconstitution, contact the Peoria County USDA Service Center at (309) 671 7040 ext. 2.

Submitting Production Losses for Disaster Declarations

Farmers and ranchers know all too well that natural disasters can be a common, and likely a costly, variable to their operation. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has emergency assistance programs to provide assistance when disasters strike, and for some of those programs, a disaster designation may be the eligibility trigger. When natural disaster occurs, there is a process for requesting a USDA Secretarial disaster designation for a county. You can play a vital role in this process.

If you have experienced a production loss as a result of a natural disaster, you may submit a request to your local FSA county office for your county to be evaluated for a Secretarial disaster designation. Once a request is received, the county office will collect disaster data and create a Loss Assessment Report. The County Emergency Board will review the Loss Assessment Report and determine if a recommendation is sent forward to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for the designation.

For more information on FSA disaster programs and disaster designations, contact your Peoria County USDA Service Center at (309) 671 7040 or visit fsa.usda.gov/disaster.

ARC/PLC Contract Signup Has Begun

Signup for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) for the 2022 crop year runs until March 15, 2022.

Income support for the ARC-County (CO) program is tied to historical base acres, not current production. ARC-CO payments are issued when the actual county crop revenue is less than the ARC-CO commodity guarantee for the covered.

PLC program payments are issued when the national cash price of a covered commodity is less than the respective effective reference price for that commodity. Below are the PLC reference prices.

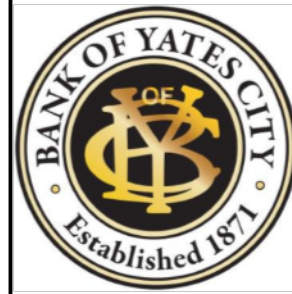
- \$3.70 for corn
- \$8.40 for soybeans



\$5.50 for wheat

Producers selecting the ARC-IC option will receive payments when the farm's actual revenue for all covered crops planted on ARC-IC farms in the current year (defined as the MYA price multiplied by the individual's certified yield for each crop, weighted by the share of the current year acres planted of that crop, and summed across all covered crops for that year) is below the farm's ARC-IC benchmark revenue (defined as 86% of the previous five-year Olympic average revenue, which excludes the highest and lowest years for prices and certified yields, weighted by the share of the current year acres planted of that crop, and summed across all covered crops for the most recent five year period).

Precautionary health measures are currently in effect to reduce the spread of coronavirus and ensure the safety of employees and customers. The Peoria County Service Center is open for business by **phone appointment only**. Limited program delivery staff will be in the office, while others will be working remotely. Staff will correspond with producers by phone, email, and online tools. Rather than waiting until the March 15 deadline, please contact our office now to complete the election/enrollment process.



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CRP Mid-Contract Management and CRP Maintenance is Required

Participants in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) are responsible for maintaining the acreage under contract to the minimum specifications and acreages as required by their conservation plan and supporting documents. This includes not only controlling excessive weeds, invasive species, and trees in grass practices, but completing required management on CRP practices as scheduled in your conservation plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Peoria County USDA Service Center at (309) 671 7040 ext. 2 if you have any questions.

Update Your Records

FSA is cleaning up our producer record database and needs your help. Please report any changes of address, zip code, phone number, email address or an incorrect name or business name on file to our office. You should also report changes in your farm operation, like the addition of a farm by lease or purchase. You should also report any changes to your operation in which you reorganize to form a Trust, LLC or other legal entity.

FSA and NRCS program participants are required to promptly report changes in their farming operation to the County Committee in writing and to update their *Farm Operating Plan* on form CCC-902.

To update your records, contact your Peoria County USDA Service Center at (309) 671 7040 ext. 2.

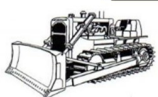
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Illinois STAR FAQ Instructions, definitions, and frequently asked questions: 2021 Crop Year

General STAR

1. What is the definition of STAR's Crop Year?

STAR is focused on improving in-field management and sets our Crop Year to capture all field preparation activities starting after harvest and including any pre-plant and in-season activities up to harvest. The STAR program year runs from July 1st, 2021 when the new field form is released through February 1st, 2022.

2. Why is my contact information needed?

Once your field is rated, you may be selected for verification. Also, we will contact you with your results and offer a field sign to display your rating.

3. How do I order a field sign?

Contact your local STAR Rep using the "Contact" page on our website or email info@starfreetool.com. You can also request a field sign through the STAR Web App. A post is not provided with the STAR sign.

4. Who will know my STAR rating(s)?

While we strongly encourage participants to post field signs to display STAR ratings, your ratings are confidential and will not be shared with anyone but you. Field-level practice data will be aggregated for use in tracking STAR participation and program outcomes on a state/county basis once personal identifiable and specific location data have been removed. Please see our Terms of Use and Privacy Policy on our website for more information.

5. How will my answers be verified?

The STAR Coordinator will use random sampling to identify up to 10% of the fields submitted. A set of "Verifiers" will contact the randomly selected participant(s) to confirm the use of the practices identified on their Field Form. The verification process will occur in Feb-March 2022. Potential items and information that may be requested from participants are on our website.

STAR Web App:

6. How do I log in?

Go to www.starfreetool.com and navigate to the STAR Web App link to launch the app in your browser. If you don't have an account, click "Create Account." If you do have an account, log in using your email and password.

7. What happens if I forget my password?

Utilize the "forgot password" button on the log in page to walk through the steps to reset your password.

8. I need to change my email/contact information, what do I do?


Contact info@starfreetool.com. In your message, please let us know all details of your request.

9. Who do I contact for assistance?

For STAR Web App support, contact info@starfreetool.com. If you'd like local conservation assistance, check our website's contact page for a list of STAR County Contact and send them an email or give them a call! If your county is not a licensed STAR County, contact info@starfreetool.com.

10. Why should I create an account instead of filling out a PDF field evaluation form?

Creating an account in the STAR Web App is a fast, simple way to enter your information. It will save in your account for proceeding years, so you can copy answers to other fields each year you participate. The STAR Web App provides instant STAR Rating results, walks you through steps to increase your STAR Rating, provides resources for improvement, and allows you to share results on social media!



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PEORIA COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Woodland Management Meeting February 24

A Woodlands Management Seminar will be held on Thursday, February 24, at 10 a.m. in the Peoria County Farm Bureau Building. Barrie McVey, the recently retired Illinois Department of Natural Resources District Forester will be the speaker. She was a District Forester since 1986 and covered seven counties including Peoria, Tazewell, Fulton, Warren, Hancock, McDonough, and Henderson. Barrie has been doing in person presentations at the Farm Bureau building for several years and has a wealth of knowledge on forest management.

During the presentation, McVey will cover the following topics...Basic Forest Management; Do's and Don'ts of Having a Timber Sale; Timber Sales Agreements/Contracts; What are Invasive Species Doing to our Woodlands and How to Control Them; and CRP Tree Plantings.

McVey's job responsibilities were assisting landowners with forest management and tree plantings, technical advisor for forestry and tree planting work for USDA programs such as CRP/CREP/EQIP programs; assisting land managers at State owned sites; insect and disease detection on State and private property; and Tree Farm inspector.

McVey is the owner of Oakland Acres, a 118 acre certified Tree Farm in Schuyler County. Along with her husband, Jack, and daughters Isabel and Emma, they produce maple syrup, shiitake mushrooms, Chinese chestnuts, blackberries, blueberries, pumpkins, gourds and high quality hardwood trees. All agricultural acres were severely depleted when the farm was purchased. The fields were retired from row crop production due to their low production returns. They were then converted to a Chinese Chestnut orchard, gardens and a 3 acre pollinator plot. The goal of the farm is to make it productive through alternative crops and to manage the woodland to produce high quality hardwoods. McVey will share what she has learned through her hands-on experience.

Also joining us and making some comments on invasive species will be Mike McKim. Mike is the owner of IPRM (Invasive Plant Removal & Maintenance). Invasives such as Bush Honeysuckle, Russian and Autumn Olive, Multiflora Rose and Soft Maples can prohibit the establishment of new quality tree sapplings such as the oaks, pecans, walnuts, and hickory and many more of our native trees, shrubs and forbs. Controlling these aggressive natives is vital for the long term health and value of our wooded acreage.

For reservations contact the Peoria County Farm Bureau at 309-686-7070 or office@peoriacountyfarmbureau.org. A lunch will be served. There is no cost to Farm Bureau members. Non-member cost is \$15.



Food, Feed, and Fuels Update

The Peoria County Farm Bureau will host representatives from the American Soybean Growers and Illinois Corn Growers Association on Thursday, February 17, at the Peoria County Farm Bureau. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and the first hour will cover soybeans with the second hour covering corn.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the efforts, progress and outlook for corn and soybean exports, usage, and the status and outlook for biodiesel and ethanol production.

We are in a worldwide marketplace with exports and biofuels playing a key role in usage of our corn and soybean commodities and ultimately the prices that farmers receive. Representatives from both of these commodity organizations play a key role in promoting our products

throughout the U.S. and foreign countries. As a farmer and seller of corn and soybeans, you currently contribute 5/8 of a cent for each bushel of corn sold and 1/2 % of the value of each bushel of soybeans sold that goes towards the promotion of these two commodities.

First on the agenda will be Stan Born who is one of nine members on the American Soybean Association Executive Committee. He is a soybean and corn farmer from Lovington, Illinois (southeast of Decatur) and has served on the ASA Board since 2016 and in 2021 served as Treasurer.

Stan is a Director on the U.S. Soybean Export Council Board and in the past served as Treasurer and District 5 Director on the Illinois Soybean Association's Board. Stan resided in Dunlap, Illinois while serving on the ISA Board.

He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Illinois, a Business Management Certification from Bradley University, and 33 years of experience with Caterpillar.

Stan has traveled extensively throughout the world promoting U.S. Soybeans and will be returning from travels in January.

At 11 a.m., Collin Waters, who is the Director of Exports and Logistics for the Illinois Corn Marketing Board and Illinois Corn Growers Association will give a presentation. There has been much discussion on the future of ethanol in recent months and exports have also had a significant impact on corn prices. Collin will give his perspective on the status of corn usage and promotions.

Collin joined the Illinois Corn Marketing Board in July of 2019. He spent 14 years working for the Montana Department of Agriculture and most recently served as the Executive Vice President of the Montana Wheat and Barley Committee. He grew up in Alpha, Illinois and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Sciences and a Masters of Business Administration with emphasis in Agriculture Economics and International Business from Western Illinois University.

Contact the Peoria County Farm Bureau at 309-686-7070 or email us at office@peoriacountyfarmbureau.org if you would like attend or join us in this meeting.

Wind and Solar Farm Informational Meeting



An informational meeting about wind and solar farms has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, at 10 a.m. in the Peoria County Farm Bureau Auditorium. The program will also be offered virtually through the ZOOM platform to members providing their email address to the Farm Bureau office.

Speakers will be Laura Harmon, Associate Council, with the Illinois Farm Bureau Legal Division and Bill Bodine, the Director of Business and Regulatory Affairs, for IFB. With farmers and landowners being contacted by wind and solar companies, it was felt another informational meeting would be beneficial to those considering wind turbine(s) or solar panels on their property.

Contact the Farm Bureau office if you would like to attend. The FB office number is 686-7070 and our email is office@peoriacountyfarmbureau.org

Farmland Assessment Meeting

The Peoria County Farm Bureau® is hosting a farmland assessment meeting to discuss increasing property assessments.

The meeting will be held both virtually and in person on February 8 at 10:00 a.m. For those attending in person, the meeting will be held at the Peoria County Farm Bureau office, 1716 N University St., Peoria, IL. Those attending virtually will need to RSVP to receive a ZOOM link to the live meeting. RSVP by phone at 309-686-7070 or email at office@peoriacountyfarmbureau.org.

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2022 PEORIA COUNTY SWCD TREE SALE

ORDERS DUE BY March 18, 2022

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Eastern White Pine	10-22	2-2T	\$2.50	\$60.00	\$117.50	\$232.50		
Scotch Pine	8-16	2-0	\$2.00	\$48.00	\$94.00	\$186.00		
Norway Spruce	14-28	2-2T	\$2.50	\$60.00	\$117.50	\$232.50		
Blue Spruce	10-16	2-1T	\$2.00	\$48.00	\$94.00	\$186.00		
White Spruce	12-16	2-1T	\$2.50	\$60.00	\$117.50	\$232.50		
Swamp White Oak	18-28	2-0	\$2.50	\$60.00	\$117.50	\$232.50		
Bur Oak	18-28	2-0	\$2.50	\$60.00	\$117.50	\$232.50		
Pin Oak	20-30	2-0	\$2.50	\$60.00	\$117.50	\$232.50		
Red Oak	12-18	2-0	\$2.50	\$60.00	\$117.50	\$232.50		
Black Walnut	14-22	1-0	\$2.50	\$60.00	\$117.50	\$232.50		
Persimmon	14-26	2-0	\$2.50	\$60.00	\$117.50	\$232.50		
Silky Dogwood	8-16	1-0	\$2.50	\$60.00	\$117.50	\$232.50		
Buttonbush	14-24	2-0	\$2.50	\$60.00	\$117.50	\$232.50		
							TOTAL	

TREE PACKAGES

Wildlife Package 12 ct total

Includes: 4 Persimmon, 4 Buttonsush, 4 Silky Dogwood

Oak Package (high and dry) 12 ct. total

Includes: 4 Red Oak, 4 Bur Oak, 4 Pin Oak

Low and Wet Package 12 ct. total

Includes: 4 Swamp White Oak, 4 Black Walnut, 4 Persimmon

Windbreak Package 19 ct. total

Includes: 6 White Pine, 7 Blue Spruce, 6 Norway Spruce

COST/PKG	# PKGS	TOTAL COST
\$25.00		
\$30.00		
\$25.00		
\$40.00		

ACCESSORIES

	COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL
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	Call for questions - 309-671-7040 ext. 3	Marking Flags	\$0.25 each
(please fill in ALL boxes)	100 Marking Flags	\$12.00	
	10 Fertilizer Tabs	\$3.00	
	50 Fertilizer Tabs	\$10.00	
	Tree Shelters - 30"	\$5.00	
	Tree Shelters - 36"	\$6.00	
Tree Shelters - 48"	\$8.00		
Phone:	ORDERS DUE MARCH 18th	GRAND TOTAL	

Pickup for the Tree Sale will be on April 22th and 23th at the USDA Service Center. (6715 N. Smith Rd. Edwards IL) We will be in the outbuilding on the west end of the parking lot. There will be no extra trees this year, please plan accordingly.

Farm Bureau Updates continued



"The Buzz Life" Seminar

Pam Tomka, with the Heart of Illinois Beekeepers and Josh Joseph, Resource Conservationist for the Peoria County Soil and Water District, will present a program titled "The Buzz Life" on Tuesday, March 8, at the Peoria County Farm Bureau building. The program will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude by 12 noon.

Pam will be the first presenter and will discuss Beekeeping and the importance of Pollinators. She lives outside of Washington, IL on 7 acres and became a Master Naturalist after retiring as a Library Director in Washington for 16 years. She gardens both vegetables and flowers and has been raising bees for nearly 5 years.

Josh Joseph will be the second presenter. Josh has been with the Soil and Water District for several years and has years of experience in establishing native forbs and grasses on Conservation Reserve Program acreage and Pollinator Habitat for farmers and landowners. Josh will cover what he has learned and some of the native forbs and grasses that are well suited for the Peoria area and provide the maximum benefit for beneficial insects, wildlife, and the environment.

For reservations, contact the Peoria County Farm Bureau at 309-686-7070 or email of-fice@peoriacountyfarmbureau.org

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SPRING FISH SALE 2022

Saturday, April 9, 2022

The Fall Fish Sale is now in progress and many varieties and sizes of fish are available. The Fisheries Biologist with the IL Dept of Natural Resources recommends the following stocking rates for ponds with no fish: 750 bluegill; 250 redear; 100 channel catfish and 100 bass. All rates are per acre of water surface and are fingerling fish (1-3"). By initially stocking the correct number of fingerlings, rather than releasing a smaller number of adult fish, a lake will produce sport fishing in less time and without stunting. Triploid Grass Carp are available again. Recommended stocking is five (5) grass carp to an acre of surface grass or algae in a pond.

GRASS CARP need to be ordered by **Friday, March 25th**
All other fish must be ordered by **Friday, April 1st.**

			Quantity	Cost
Hybrid Sunfish	(1-2")	250/bag-\$95.00/bag	_____	_____
Hybrid Sunfish	(3-5")	100 for \$124.00	_____	_____
Bluegill	(1-2")	250/bag-\$95.00/bag	_____	_____
Bluegill	(3-5")	100 for \$124.00	_____	_____
Redear	(1-2")	250/bag-\$95.00/bag	_____	_____
Black Crappie	(2-3")	100 for \$98.00	_____	_____
Largemouth Bass	(3")	100 for \$145.00	_____	_____
Largemouth Bass	(5-8")	100 for \$355.00	_____	_____
Channel Catfish	(6-8")	100 for \$135.00	_____	_____
Fathead Minnows		\$9.75 per pound	_____	_____
Grass Carp	(8-11")	\$11.25 each	_____	_____
Delivery Fee	orders under \$750=\$45	>\$750 = Free	_____	_____
				Check box for delivery <input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL				_____

Please include payment with order. Make check payable to: **Peoria County SWCD**

Name *	PLEASE FILL IN IF PURCHASING GRASS CARP		
Address *	Legal Owner		
	Township		
Phone/Cell *	County		
	Section		
* Required for all orders	Pond Size		

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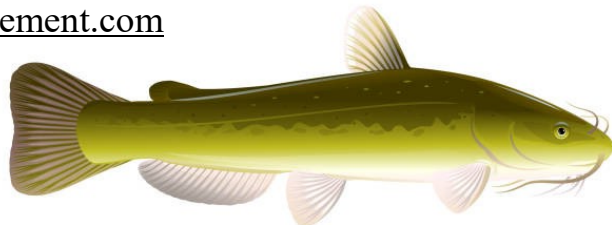
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(July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021)

July

Land Use Council #5 Mtg.
AISWCD Annual Mtg/BLWR
Summer Conference
CPP Survey/Design/
Construction
Non-C/S Survey/Design/
Construction

August

CPP Survey/Design/
Construction
Published Newsletter
CREP Easement Preparations
Prepared Annual Budget

September

Participated in Heartland Water
Resources Council
Promoted Fall Fish Sale
CPP Survey/Design/
Construction

October

CPP Survey/Design/
Construction
Fall Fish Sale
Review SWCD/NRCS
Memorandum of Understanding

November

5% Engineering Spot Check
AISWCD Land Use Council
Mtg.
CPP Survey/Design/
Construction

December

Annual Employee Training-
Springfield

CPP Survey/Design/
Construction
Newspaper Created and Sent
Tax Levy Paperwork to Peoria
Co.
Published Annual Rep. & News-
paper

January

Tree Sales began
Website Updated
Annual Meeting Prep

February

AISWCD Land Use Council
Mtg.
Held Annual Election
Ted Gilles and Chuck Schafer
were elected to Board
Tree Sale Promotion
Fish Sale Promotion

March

Election of SWCD officers:
Chairman Jerry Wyatt
Vice Chair Ted Gilles
Secretary Chuck Schafer
Treasurer Troy Wagenbach
Member Dave Wagner
Associate Directors: Ron
Gilles, Betty Gorman,
Anita Lorange, Arlan
Janssen, Charles Rice,
Thad Edmonds, Marty
Behrends

Tree Sale Promotion
Fish Sale Promotion
CPP Survey/Design/
Construction

April

Trees ordered during the winter
months arrived & were
bundled & distributed to
customers
Spring Fish Delivery
Promoted Native Prairie Grass
Program
Rain Barrel Sale
CPP Survey/Design/Construction
Published Newsletter

May

Annual maint. around the building
Financial Committee developed
FY'22 Budget
Participated in Heartland Water
Resources Council

June

Approval of FY'22 Budget
Developed & Approved FY'22
Client Service Plan
Held Prairie Plant Sale

Continuous Services

Regular board meetings held 2nd
Tuesday each month
All board meetings are open to the
public
Update Client Service Plan at each
meeting
Presentations to various civic groups
Implementation of CPP Program
Keep media informed on District
activities

Continuous Services (Cont.)

Promote the implementation of Watershed
Plans: Copperas Creek, East Branch
Copperas Creek, Kickapoo Creek,
Senachwine Creek, Lake Camelot,
and Spoon River
Keep Legislators aware of District & NRCS
programs
Attend training sessions
Hold seat with Heartland Water Resources
Council
Support implementation of the Erosion
Sediment, & Stormwater Control
Ordinance-Peoria County
District provides reviewer for the
Peoria and Woodford County's
Erosion, Sediment, & Stormwater
Control Ordinance
Work with the Urban Population of Peoria
Promote use of "IL Procedure & Standards
for Urban Soil Erosion & Sedimenta-
tion Control"
Cooperate with NRCS to provide
technical assistance for resource
conservation planning, conservation
practice application activities; with
individual, groups & units of
government
Promote Streambank Stabilization and Resto-
ration Program
Make Peoria Co. Soil Survey Books available
Publish Quarterly Newspaper
Cooperate with numerous local, state &
federal agencies
Provide assistance to Sierra Club, Sun
Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, &
Pheasants Forever, etc.
Provide Peoria Co. Zoning Board with
available resource information for
consideration of zoning & subdivision
requests
Collect weekly water samples from Windish
Bioreactor for sampling by Uoff
Publish results of water sampling as available



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Winter has certainly arrived in Peoria County with the recent snow and cold temperatures. While Spring may seem like a long way away, now is the perfect time to begin thinking about what needs to be done in the next few months. Last year, many landowners signed up to protect their land by enrolling it into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Now is a good time to review your seeding plan and to begin to decide where you are going to purchase your seed and your plans for getting it seeded. If you have questions about your plan or need a list of seed vendors, please contact the office.

Additionally, we saw an increase in the acres of cover crops that were seeded last fall. For those that planted species that will survive the winter, now is a good time to review plans for terminating them. Generally, cover crops should be terminated two weeks before planting or when the cover crops are 6-12 inches tall and actively growing, especially for farmers that are new to cover crops. For fields that will be planted to corn, consider starter N or early sidedress, especially if termination is delayed. The Midwest Cover Crop Council provides a guide sheet titled "When Spring Weather Doesn't Go According to Plan." It can be found at <https://mccc.msu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Cover-Crop-Termination-Guidelines-for-Unfavorable-Spring-Weather-Conditions.pdf> and provides guidelines for cover crop termination in a wet spring.

If you are considering cover crops for the first time this fall, now is a perfect time to contact our office to discuss which cover crops may fit into your operation, as well as potential financial assistance that may be available to try cover crops.

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