

Ripley County Agri-News



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Website Ready for Viewing

The Ripley County SWCD has recently added a new avenue for information via the internet. The new website provides information on events, equipment rental, programs, and much more. Forms are available online for the equipment rental program as well as cost share applications.

Please visit www.ripleyswcd.org to view the site. Be sure to sign up for the electronic newsletter by going to the Contact Us tab on the site.

2008/2009 District Cost Share Deadline

Just a reminder to those who received district cost share for Nutrient Management, Pasture/Hayland Planting, Critical Area Planting, or Cover Crop Planting for the 2008/2009 cost share bills need to be turned in by December 25th. If you have questions on your cost share program please call us at (812)689-6410 ext. 3 and we will be able to assist you.

Emergency Conservation Assistance Program Cost Share

The deadline to turn in bills for the ECAP cost share program has been backed up until December 1st. Please bring in your bills so your contracts can be completed and paid. If you have questions please call the office at (812)689-6410 ext. 3.

Again the faster you complete these programs the sooner you get your money.

Cover Crop Plot for Spring Field Day

Once again a cover crop plot has been planted to show the benefits of cover crops on farm ground.

Throughout the winter pictures and documentation will be taken and information will be provided at a field day scheduled for spring 2010. The plot was planted with the SWCD's 8' no-till drill manufactured by Truax. The plot that was planted on August 24th, 2009 consists of 13 different blends of seeds. These seeds were planted in 50' strips side by side. For more information please call the office at (812)689-6410 ext. 3.

These plots include:

- Cow Pea
- Cow Pea/Oats
- Oats/Radish
- Alfalfa
- Crimson Clover/Annual Ryegrass
- Hairy Vetch
- Cereal Rye
- Rye/Winter Pea
- Wheat
- Clover
- Groundbreaker Pea Radish
- Groundbreaker Plus



Rule 5

This Rule applies to all construction activities (includes clearing, grading, and excavating) that results in the disturbance of one (1) acre or more of land area.

Projects that are smaller than one acre may also be regulated by this Rule if it is determined that the project is part of a "larger common plan of development or sale means a plan, undertaken by a single project site owner or a group of project site owners acting in concert, to offer lots for sale or lease/ where such land is contiguous, or is known, designated, purchased or advertised as a common unit or by a common name, such land shall be presumed as being offered for sale or lease as part of a larger common plan. The term also includes phased or other construction activity by a single entity for its own use.

Due to the number of Rule 5's Ripley County gets per year the board of supervisors have decided to begin charging for this service. A fee for service list will be posted in the office at 1981 S. Industrial Park Rd. Versailles, IN.

Fees for service will begin October 1st, 2009

Fall Fish Sale

The Ripley County SWCD's Fall Fish Sale will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2008. Orders must be placed by September 30, 2009 to insure delivery.

Species available include:

Largemouth Bass	2"-4"	\$1.00 ea
Redear Sunfish	2"-3"	\$0.50 ea
Bluegill	2"-3"	\$0.40 ea
Hybrid Bluegill	2"-3"	\$0.45 ea
Channel Catfish	4"-6"	\$0.35 ea
Black Crappies	2"-3"	\$0.75 ea
Koi	3"-4"	\$5.00 ea
Fathead Minnows		\$7.00/ lb.
Jumbo Tadpoles		\$0.30 ea
Triploid Grass Carp		\$14.00 ea + \$30.00 delivery fee (A minimum of 6 carp per pond)

Sales tax of 7% should be added to each order.

Send orders with payment to the Ripley County SWCD,
1981 S Industrial Park Road, Suite 2, Versailles, IN 47042.
Call 812-689-6410 ext. 3 for more information.

SWCD Has New Staff, New Equipment, and New Goals

The Ripley County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) would like to announce the addition of a new employee to the Ripley County Conservation team. Mr. Steve Franklin of Versailles was recently hired as the Environmental Conservationist. The SWCD Board of Supervisors are very excited about the aspirations of their new county employee and look forward to offering his expertise to the landowners and residents of Ripley County. Steve is not however the only new thing at Soil and Water. After reviewing the Business Plan the Board of Supervisors and Staff have decided to revamp their strategic plans and incorporate new and exciting ideas and goals. A new goal of the SWCD is to encourage farmers to use technology in precision farming. A great way to do this is with a GPS navigation system. The SWCD has purchased an Outback S Litebar also known as a GPS system. This system will be rented out at \$25.00 a day, rain or shine. With all the new changes at the Ripley County Soil and Water you can expect great service, better equipment and more advances in the conservation of Ripley County's resources. For more information or questions please call the Ripley County SWCD at (812)689-6410 ext.3.

Equipment Available

10' Great Plains No-Till Drill
8' Truax No-Till Drill
8' Brillion Seeder
Finn B-40 Strawblower

Outback - S Lite

GPS System (Litebar)
\$25.00 a day (Rain or Shine)
Calculates Perimeters of areas
Use Straight Guidance
Use Contour Guidance

Equipment Rental Rates:

- o \$50.00 minimum for all rental equipment
- o \$8.00 per acre for Brillion Seeder or No-Till Drills
- o \$25.00 per hour for Finn B-40 Strawblower
- o \$25.00 per day (rain or shine) regardless of weather conditions for Outback GPS System (Litebar)

****Available for use: Soil Compaction Probe & Soil Testing Probe****

Contact the Ripley County Soil and Water Conservation District to rent
1981 S. Industrial Park Rd. Versailles, IN
(812)689-6410 ext. 3

Ripley County 4-H Fair

Congratulations to the Reserve and Grand Champions:

Emily Gunter – Soil & Water Grand Champion ■ Jenna Hughes – Soil & Water Reserve
Ethan Cumberworth – Forestry Grand Champion ■ Cole Nuhring – Forestry Reserve

Thanks to everyone who visited the Soil & Water booth this year at the Ripley County 4-H Fair. The rainfall simulator was a hit with people as they took note of the difference in soil loss between the no-till and conservation tillage sample. A special thanks to the Lawrence County SWCD for the use of their rainfall simulator. Face painting kept the kids coming for more; many children all around the fair grounds proudly displayed their farm animals, insects, and more on their faces.

Congratulation goes out to all who received this year's door prizes:



Also Congratulations to the door prize winners:

Savanah Boatman - Pedal Tractor • James Kash - Fishing Pole • James D. Benham - Fishing Pole

Jacob Brinson - Fishing Pole • Kaitlyn Samples - Fishing Pole

Web Soil Survey

Web Soil Survey (WSS) provides soil data and information produced by the National Cooperative Soil Survey. It is operated by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and provides access to the largest natural resource information system in the world. NRCS has soil maps and data available online for more than 95 percent of the nation's counties and anticipates having 100 percent in the near future. The site is updated and maintained online as the single authoritative source of soil survey information.



The simple yet powerful way to access and use soil data.



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2. View
3. Explore
4. Check Out

- Soil maps and data available online
- The authoritative source of soils information
- World's largest natural resource information system

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>

Get Involved With Your SWCD

Serve as a Supervisor - Represent your community on the county SWCD board as a natural resource decision maker. Identify local soil and water conservation issues and develop SWCD programs that provide solutions to these issues.

Serve as an Associate Supervisor - Attend monthly board meetings and provide input to the SWCD board on local soil and water conservation issues and programs.

Project Committees Tour

Please join Historic Hoosier Hills (HHH) Resource, Conservation & Development (RC&D) as we celebrate National RC&D Week with a group tour of a few of our current projects and learn more about HHH. The tour will take place on Friday, September 25, 2009. Cost of the tour is \$30 per person. The fee includes lunch and travel. Door prizes and materials will be handed out throughout the day!
Please make check payable to Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D

Reservations Due by:

Friday, September 18, 2009

Drop off, Mail or Reserve you Spot Online at:

Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D
1981 S. Industrial Park Road, Ste. 1
PO Box 407
Versailles, IN 47042
www.hhhills.org

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USDA SERVICE CENTER
1981 S Industrial Park Rd
Versailles, IN 47042



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- September 7 – OFFICE CLOSED – Labor Day
- September 9 – SWCD Board Meeting
- October 6 – Fish Sale
- October 12 – OFFICE CLOSED – Columbus Day
- October 14 & 15 – IDEA Conference, Limited Staff
- November 11 – OFFICE CLOSED – Veteran’s Day
- November 26 & 27 – OFFICE CLOSED – Thanksgiving
- December 24 – Limited Staff available – Christmas Eve
- December 25 – OFFICE CLOSED – Christmas

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Conservation Team

Office Staff:

SWCD:

District Coordinator: Kim Jolly

Environmental Conservationist: Steve Franklin

NRCS:

District Conservationist: Tim Schwiapps

SWCD Supervisors:

Jeff Meinders, Chairman

Ryan Busch, Vice Chairman

Clay Nuhring, Member

Brian Evans, Member

Danny Geisler, Member

Bob Mulford, Associate

Farm Service Agency

County Executive Director: Steve Thurnall

Program Technicians: Melody Arney, Angie Stuehrenberg, Barb Lucas, Lindsey Hostetler

Field Reporter: Brian Evans

County Committee: Mark Back, Joyce Kessens, Chris Linville

Farm Loan Program Officer: Doug Kirby

FSA Committee Meetings

The Ripley County FSA Committee holds regular scheduled meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the each month at 8:30 am at the Ripley County USDA Service Center.