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Become an Affiliate Member of the Miami County Conservation District

Each year the conservation district sponsors a variety of activities for the people of Miami County, helping us learn and make conscious decisions regarding our natural resources. Some of the activities we have been involved with recently are Mad 4 Ag Day for county fourth graders, Earth Day for fifth and sixth graders, and the Hillsdale Water Quality Festival. In addition we have annual conservation poster, limerick, and speech contests. In 2007 the Miami County speech contest winner went on to place second at the state level. These activities are available to all schools in the county, home schooled

children, scouts, 4-H groups or others that have an interest in our natural resources. We are also planning an upcoming tour, to demonstrate some conservation practices that landowners have implemented in our county.

The conservation district invites you to become a member of the new 2008 Affiliate Membership Program to help educate the people of Miami County about making conscious decisions and caring for the natural resources of this county. **If you would like to be a part of this program, please complete the form below and return it with your contribution to the Mi-**

ami County Conservation Program. To show our appreciation for your support the conservation district will send you a certificate, and will list your name, or company name, in the annual program and in the annual conservation edition of the newspaper. By framing and hanging the certificate in your office, or place of business, it will show that you support the conservation district in the effort to conserve the natural resources of Miami County.

If you have questions or suggestions about the new Affiliate Membership call Jenny or Mark at 913-294-3751 ex. 3.

Water Wisdom

2008 Affiliate Membership Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Contribution \$25 Other Amount _____

Send To:

Miami County Conservation District
 100 N Angela St. Ste. 3
 Paola, Kansas 66071
 913-294-3751 Ext 3

Your Contribution is Appreciated!

Cost Share Sign Up

The Miami County Conservation District administers two cost-share programs designed to conserve soil and protect water quality. The initial sign-up for these cost share funds is June 15th to July 15th. It is important landowners make application during the initial sign-up period for all practices they plan to construct during the period of July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008. Funds are limited. The applications will be ranked as to their benefits to water quality beginning at the July board meeting and each monthly meeting thereafter. To be eligible for cost-share assistance, landowners must receive approval prior to starting construction.

In addition to funding for erosion control projects on cropland, the funds from these programs can be used for livestock waste projects, plugging abandoned wells, upgrading failed septic systems, clean up of abandoned dumpsites, pasture management, and riparian protection.

Funds for the Non-Point Source Cost-Share and Water Resources Cost Share programs are provided by the State Conservation Commission through a grant from the State Water Plan Fund.

The watershed you live in can make a difference on the cost-share funding available to you. Special funds have been allocated to manage certain pollutants in the high priority areas of the county. Using your legal description we can quickly identify what cost-share funds are available to you.

Program Requirements

There are specific requirements to be eligible for cost-share.

You must have a signed and approved contract before construction begins.

All practices must be completed to required specifica-

tions

Practices for water supply or cross fencing for pasture management must be on pastures of at least 40 acres with a grazing management plan developed.

Cost share for septic upgrades is only available if the failed system is within 500 feet of a stream or near a well used for household water supply.

This would also be a good time to get signed up for the Conservation Reserve Program. If you are having issues with erosion in your fields because of all this rain we have been getting you might want to sign up for buffer strips. You could sign up for filter strips or a riparian strip along field edges adjacent to streams. You could also plant Contour Grass buffer strips along your terraces. There are several programs that help with erosion and top soil reduction.

There are a few requirements:

- *has to have a cropping history of 4 out of the 6 years between (2002-2007)

- *The landowner must have had ownership for 1 Year

- *the land must be cropland

If you are interested in any of these services please come by the office, 100 N. Angela Suite 3, Paola, Ks, 66071

AFTER THE WHEAT IS IN THE BIN

By: Bob Allen

Conservation Technician

As you drive around the county, you can see we're going to have a bin busting harvest. When the wheat is in the bin this makes an excellence time to construct terraces.

Summer harvest offers some good advantages for terrace construction. The biggest one is the field is open for several months allowing the terraces to mellow out for the next crop year. Double cropping usually doesn't give you enough time to get terracing completed, because of the necessity to plant the crop.

Take a little time after this summer harvest and the heavy rain to see if your wheat field could use terracing. The Miami County Conservation office will be accepting cost share applications after July 1 for conservation work. Contact our office for more information on terracing systems.

No-Till to Save Fuel

“One of those farming operations may be the fuel saving method that is right for you.”

With the rising cost of fuel, land-owners are searching for ways to cut costs. No-till and minimum-till farming are ways that costs can be cut. One of those farming operations may be the fuel saving method that is right for you.

If you would like to try one of these methods of farming the Miami County Conservation District may be able to be of assistance to you if you would choose to rent their no-till drill. Generally the purpose of it is for drilling native grass for filter strips, but it does have three boxes for various uses. The front box is for small seed, the middle box is for fluffy seed, and the back box is for grain and cool season grass seed. Due to the general use of the drill for narrow seeding the width is only ten foot wide. There is a minimum fee of \$50 for renting the drill and a daily

use fee of \$8. A deposit of \$100 is required before checking out the drill.

If you would choose to use the drill for something other than native grass seeding we would encourage you to use it at times other than the last few weeks of the NRCS recommended seeding dates. Those dates are approximately August 15 to October 1 for fall seeding, and December 1 to May 1 for spring seeding. The district wishes to have the drill used as a service to the land owners of Miami county, but don't want it unavailable to those that wish to seed native grass.

If you have other questions about the drill, please call 913-294-3751 extension 3.

Equipment Available:

												
	400 bushel Manure Spreader											
	\$60/acre											
	10ft No-till Drill											
	\$8/acre, \$50 minimum											
	Construction Fabric											
	\$2.50/linear ft											
	Tree Tubes—call for current price.											
												

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It's Your District!

The Miami County Conservation District is a tax supported subdivision of State Government. The service it provides is governed by the board of supervisors elected by you, the voting public.



**Miami County
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4-H Fair July 22th —25th!**