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Conservation District
3718 New Vision Drive
Fort Wayne IN 46845

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All programs and services of the Allen County Soil & Water Conservaation District and it's Conservation Partnership Agencies are offered on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to race, color national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.

Spring Fingerling Fish Sale Conducted by

The Allen County Soil & Water Conservation District
In conjunction with Clear Creek Fisheries

Order by contacting the Allen County Soil & Water District
Phone # (260) 484-5848 ext. 3
Fax # (260) 484-5080
Deadline for ordering is May 26, 2005

2 – 3"	Bluegill	100/$35.00 1000/$255.00
2 – 3"	Hybrid Sunfish	100/$40.00 1000/$305.00
4 – 6"	Cannel Catfish	100/$35.00 1000/$255.00
8 – 12"	Triploid Grass Carp	$13.00 each

(Minimum order of 6 with a $25.00 delivery charge)
(Triploid Grass Carp will be delivered directly to your home along with any other fish you order. You must have someone there to take delivery of the fish.)

Fathead Minnows	$7.00 per pound
Jumbo Tadpoles	100/$30.00

Orders will be available for pick-up at the District office,
3718 New Vision Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46845
Thursday, June 2nd, 2005 from 9:00 until Noon
We will only be responsible for the condition of the fish until noon the day of delivery!

TO FIND US
Go East of I-69 on Dupont Road, (Exit 116), Turn North on Parkview Plaza, (first stop light east of I-69, there is also a Burger King/Citgo station there), Go to the Stop sign and Turn right, Turn into the 2nd driveway on your right. We are at the Far End of building # 3, USDA SERVICE CENTER

DCP Contract Reminder

Producers: Are you planning to participate in the 2005 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program? If so, contact the county office staff to schedule an appointment to sign your 2005 DCP contract (CCC-509) before June 1, 2005. (You can sign your contract after June 1 and before Sept. 30, but you will be assessed a late-signing fee of $100.)

When you sign the CCC-509, you are agreeing to:

- comply with highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions on all your land;
- devote acreage equal to the base acreage to an agricultural or conserving use; effectively control noxious weeds and otherwise maintain base acres according to sound agricultural practices;
- not plant perennial fruits and vegetables or harvest annual FAVs (other than lentils, mung beans, and dry peas) or wild rice on base acres (Exceptions: Double-cropping covered commodities or peanuts with wild rice, fruits, or vegetables shall be permitted in any region in which there is a history of this type of double-cropping.);
- file acreage report with respect to all cropland on the farm; and
- notify the county office staff when there is a transfer of or change of interest of a producer.

The DCP contracts are not like the old seven-year Production Flexibility Contracts. You must designate shares and sign a new DCP contract each year.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM SIGN-UP CONTINUES

Producers of insured, noninsured and uninsured crops who suffered production losses in excess of 35 per cent and/or quality losses in excess of 20 per cent during the 2003 or 2004 crop years may now sign up for Crop Disaster Program (CDP) benefits authorized under the Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2005.

Aunnal Meeting a Success!!!

A Special Thank You to our Host
Rob Ternet

For all your hard work getting the shop ready for us, and the help cleaning up is much appreciated

Sponsors

The following sponsors helped provide the fish and tenderloin meal for 130 guests at the Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting

1st Source Bank

Allen County Farm Bureau

Bunge North America

DeKalb Financial Credit Union

National City Bank of Indiana

Oberlin Real Estate and Auctioneers Inc

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Door Prizes

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Berger Auto Parts and Service

Central States of New Haven

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Seeley Office Solutions

The board of supervisors, staff and conservation partners would like to thank the companies, associations and individuals for their generosity and support.

DIRECT DEPOSIT

Payments from FSA are required by law to be directly deposited into a producer's savings or checking account. Our office will send you a transaction statement indicating the payment type and amount. All producers were required to have initiated Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) by January 1, 1999. Any person may request a waiver of EFT if it poses a financial or personal hardship. It is important that any changes to your account - such as bank mergers, changes to your routing number or account numbers, or if you close your account - be provided to the county office promptly to avoid possible payment delay.

REQUIRED ACREAGE REPORTS (FSA-578)

The 2005 acreage reporting deadline is **July 15, 2005.**

Call after you have completed planting to make an **appointment** to report your acreage!

Don't forget to call our office for an appointment to report your crops as soon as they are planted. Total crop certification is required for participation in all programs. We will need your planting dates, so bring along your notebook. The deadline to report crops without a fee is July 15, 2005. After that date, there will be a charge of $20.00 for each farm and $5.00 for each crop after the initial crop. CRP must also be reported each year. We will ask you to sign CCC-709's to remain eligible for LDP payments in case the crop prices fall. In addition, all late-filed acreage reports are required spot checks.

PREMISE IDENTIFICATION

When you come in our office the next time, we'll ask you to identify any locations where you have livestock. This is a voluntary program aimed at rapidly determining an animal's origin. This premise identification may also be completed on-line at http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/index.shtml.

Electronic DCP Service Available

Producers who are connected to the Internet can now stay home and complete their DCP contracts 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

You must have an e-mail address, direct deposit, and set up a customer profile through the county Farm Service Agency office.

You must also have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at http://www. eauth.egov.usda.gov/ followed by a visit to the county office for identity verification.



http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/

MOVING LOAN COLLATERAL



Don't forget to call our office for a marketing authorization prior to moving any bushels that are under loan. Failure to do so will result in paying principal plus interest, regardless of the posted county price. Also, liquidated damages may be charged.

Conservation Camp 2005
Campers & Sponsors



Boys & Girls
Age 9 - 13
August 9, 10 & 11
Cost: $80.00 / camper

Northeast Indiana Conservation Camp
Camp Whitley Northwest of
Columbia City in Whitley County
(same location as last year)

Sponsors

For $80 you could sponsor campers for this years Northeast Indiana Conservation Camp 2005

Please contact:
Allen County SWCD
260-484-5848
or
Whitley County SWCD
260-244-6266

We have spots for 80 campers and it is first come, first in. Give us a call and we will get the information out to you. Deadline is usually mid July.

319 Cost-Share Assistance Program for an IDEM Grant in the St. Marys, Maumee and St. Joseph River Watersheds

The Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District and the St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative are still taking applications for their cost-share assistance programs supporting conservation tillage in the watersheds. The Section 319 grant from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has been extended until September 30, 2005 and includes all watershed land, including tributary watersheds. The grant promotes conservation tillage in order to reduce the amounts of sediment, nutrients and pesticides that enter the tributaries of the St. Marys, Maumee and St. Joseph River watersheds.

The cost-share program is designed to assist those producers who are practicing a conventional tillage system to move towards some type of conservation tillage system. The cost-share money can be used to defray the cost of light bars, yield monitors, auto-guidance systems and planter attachments. The guidelines setup for the EQIP program will be used to determine the eligibility for land that will be eligible for this program.

The Allen County SWCD and the St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative also has conservation tillage equipment, seen in previous pages, available for rent. If you have questions about this program or would like to apply for cost-share assistance, please contact us at (260) 484-5848 ext. 3.

Below are the guidelines for the cost-share program:

Maximum of $3,000 cost-share assistance per participating producer

Requirements for $3,000 cost-share

100 acres committed to No-Till

5 year commitment to a No-Till or modified No-Till system

No-Till systems include the following:

In-line Ripper fallowed by a harrow such as: Phillips, Phoenix, Turbo-till, To The Max or Salford RTS
- Strip-till
- Spring harrow, same as above
- Straight No-till

Have at least 2 years of No-Till Corn

Need to attend a planter clinic in the spring
Need to attend an early season diagnostic tour (June time frame)
Need to attend a late season diagnostic tour (late August)
After harvest do walk through of how the season went (Wrap Up)
(less than 100 acres, payments will be based on a percentage of 100 acres)

LDP Payments Available

If you have not applied for and/or received an LDP payment on your corn and soybeans harvested last fall, you have until May 31, 2005 to do so. Contact our office as soon as possible.

WHEAT AND OATS LDP ELIGIBILITY

Be sure to sign a CCC-709 in our office prior to wheat or oats harvest. Doing so will make you eligible to receive an LDP payment, if prices drop to levels below the loan rate. When you come in for your appointment to report your crops, we will ask you to sign a CCC-709 for each covered commodity you have planted. If your appointment won't be prior to wheat or oats harvest, stop in the office at any time to sign CCC-709's first.

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CRP CONTINUOUS SIGN-UP

Continuous sign-up for certain practices, including waterways and filterstrips, is on-going. Anyone wishing to enroll in continuous CRP may give us a call to make an appointment to file a request. Practices may be from 10 to 15 years, depending on the practice and the desired time frame. Cost-share may be paid and annual rental payments may be earned. Land to be enrolled must have been cropped 4 of the 6 crop years between 1996 and 2001.

CRP COST-SHARE

Cost-share for seed is now based on pure live seed percentage. In order to figure your cost-share accurately, it is important that you bring in the seed tag showing pure live seed percentage and germination rate. If you get your seed pre-mixed from a local vendor, please request they include these rates on your bill. If this information is not available at the time cost-share is paid, the payment will be based on the minimum required seed rate and may result in less cost-share. If you are expecting a cost-share payment and have not turned in your seed tags, please bring them to the office as soon as possible to ensure you are paid for your actual seed application.

RECORD CHANGES

Participation in FSA farm programs requires all records to be accurate and up to date. It is the producer's responsibility to inform FSA of changes to his/her farming operation including but not limited to: land ownership changes; adding or dropping a tract of land (leases); entity type or ID number changes; marriage, divorce, deaths; or changes in your financial institution for direct deposit.

Conserving Soil Makes $Cents$

Equipment Rental Rates

Phillips and Phoenix Rotary Harrows: 20 to 200 acres	$ 5.00/ac
-Any acreage over 200	$ 3.50/ac
To The Max Roller Harrow with Tractor, Fuel & Operator	
-40 to 200 acres	$ 9.75/ac
-Any acres over 200	$ 9.25/ac
To The Max Roller Harrow Only	$ 6.00/ac
Salford RTS	$ 6.00/ac
Great Plains Turbo-till	$ 6.00/ac
Blu-Jet In-line Ripper and Roller Chopper Harrow Combo Package: In-line ripper, tractor, fuel & operator included Plus one pass with the Roller Chopper Harrow: Tractor, Fuel & operator included	$ 22.00/ac
*Blu-Jet in-line ripper only	$ 10.00/ac
Blu-Jet in-line ripper: tractor, fuel & operator included	$ 16.00/ac
DMI Strip-Till Unit: Tractor and Operator Included Producer is responsible for fuel	$ 15.00/ac
12' Brillion Grass Seeder	$ 6.00/ac

$1.00 discount available if invoice is paid within 10 days of billing.

*The Blu-jet will be available when we are not running as a package.
There is a minimum of a $100 charge for equipment. For information or to reserve one of the units, contact our office at 260-484-5848 ext. 3.

Conservation Security Program

(CSP) Sign up for the Upper Maumee, St. Joseph and Auglaize Watersheds

NRCS is holding another sign-up for their CSP watersheds starting March 28th and going until May 27th. The sign-up this year is for those farmers located in the St Joe, Maumee, and Auglaize watersheds. The CSP program is a reward program for farmers who are good stewards of the land. A few of the eligibility requirements to enroll in the program are filter strips along open ditches, soil testing 4 years old or newer, and 2 years worth of records showing nutrient and pesticide/herbicide applications. For information about the program or to set up an appointment call the office and talk with the NRCS representative in your county.

