

Beaufort Conservation News



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Supervisors and Staff Update

Thank You Richard Peed!

Richard Peed, District Resource Specialist with the Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District, resigned effective May 31. Thank you Richard for your dedication to Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation!



Upcoming District Events:

- ◆ *Conservation Employee Training will be held in October. Beaufort Soil and Water Office Staff plan to attend.*
- ◆ *NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Area 5 2019 Fall Meeting will be held on November 14, 2019 at the Currituck Extension Center in Barco, NC.*



Program News

GETTING CONSERVATION ON THE LAND

Funds Anticipated For Cost Share Programs

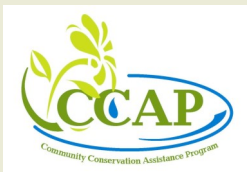


The Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District anticipates receiving cost share program allocations for the Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP), the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP), and the Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) from the Soil and Water Conservation Commission in July. These funds will be available to assist farmers and landowners with the installation of best management practices that will help to decrease the amount of sediment, nutrients, nitrogen, phosphorus, chemicals, and other pollutants entering the surface and ground waters of the state. Best management practices through AgWRAP will help to increase water use efficiency, availability, and storage in addition to conserving and protecting water resources.



For Program Year 2020, that begins on July 1, 2019, farmers, land owners, and operators may apply for cost share assistance to install conservation practices such as conservation tillage, precision nutrient management, precision agrichemical application, cover crops, land smoothing, water control structures, agricultural pond restoration/repair/sediment removal, lagoon closures, rain gardens, irrigation wells, well closures, and agricultural water supply ponds.

If you would like more information or would like to apply for funds, call the District's Office at 946-4989 (Ext. 3) or come by our office at 155 Airport Road, Washington, NC. District staff members will be available to assist you and can visit your farm to discuss solutions for protecting creeks, streams, lakes, and rivers in the Tar-Pamlico and Neuse River Basins.



Agricultural Input Management Program (AIM)

The AIM project has been completed. The water control structure installation was inspected and found compliant under best management practice standards. Final payment for the project was authorized.

2016 Disaster Recovery Program

Revisions to the Phase III scope of work were completed and approved. Temporary easements will be requested from landowners effected along the proposed work area. It is anticipated that a Request for Proposal for work to be completed under Phase III will be finalized and published for bid during the 3rd quarter of 2019.



USDA-NRCS NEWS



Conservation Stewardship Program - (CSP)

We have received six new applications for the CSP program for 2019. These applications are evaluated according to the number of national resource concerns that are currently being met or not being met as stewardship thresholds are determined. Each applicant must be meeting stewardship thresholds for at least two resource concerns on each land use at the time of application. The applicant must also agree to address one additional resource concern for each land use by the end of the contract to be eligible.

NRCS will present a variety of CSP conservation activities for the participant to consider implementing on the offered land, based on the resource stewardship thresholds they would like to meet or exceed. The variety of CSP conservation activities that are offered give you many options for selecting enhancements or practices that help you improve your current management system, increase profits, and meet your stewardship goals. These improvements work naturally with the land to bring out the land's best potential.

Once your operation has been evaluated, is found eligible for CSP, and you have chosen the conservation activities you will adopt, your application will be ranked to determine how well your current and future management system will address national, state, and local natural resource priorities. Your application will be rated against other eligible applications that have similar resource challenges in the same local ranking pool, with the highest scoring applications receiving contract offers first.



Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Fiscal Year 2019 is shaping up to be a good year as a total of \$90,000 was encumbered into two contracts, which involved cover crops. We are still hoping to receive more funds before September 30th.

Farmers and landowners with conservation needs are encouraged to contact the NRCS office.



Farm Service Agency (FSA) Update

Text Messaging:

Farmers and ranchers in North Carolina now can receive notifications from their FSA county office through text messages on their cell phone. Producers can text **NCBeaufort to FSANOW (372-669)** to subscribe to text message alerts from the Beaufort-Hyde County FSA Office. Standard text messaging rates apply. Contact your wireless carrier for details associated with your particular data plan. Participants may unsubscribe at any time.

Update Your Records:

FSA is cleaning up our producer record database. If you have any unreported changes of address or zip code or an incorrect name or business name on file, they need to be reported to our office. Changes in your farm operation, like the addition of a farm by lease or purchase, need to be reported to our office as well. Producers participating in FSA and NRCS programs are required to timely report changes in their farming operation to the County Committee in writing and update their CCC-902 Farm Operating Plan.

Filing CCC-941 Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certifications:

Many producers have experienced delays in receiving Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) payments, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) and Market Gains on Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) because they have not filed form CCC-941, *Adjusted Gross Income Certification*. No program payment can be issued to an eligible producer, including landowners who share in the crop, without a valid CCC-941 on file in the county office.

Producers without a valid CCC-941 on file for the applicable crop year will not receive payments. All farm operator/tenants/owners who have not filed a CCC-941 and have pending payments should IMMEDIATELY file the form with their recording county FSA office. Farm operators and tenants are encouraged to ensure that their landowners have filed the form.

FSA can accept the CCC-941 for 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018. Unlike the past, producers must have the CCC-941 certifying their AGI compliance before any payments can be issued.

Education

Beaufort County High School Student attends Environmental Workshop

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Alex Plasencia-Garcia

NC high school students participated in the 56th annual Resource Conservation Workshop June 23-28, 2019 at North Carolina State University in Wake County. Soil and Water Conservation District boards across the state chose students to participate in the workshop based on demonstrated conservation interests. Four days of resource topics were taught by an innumerable number of resource professionals and NC State University staff. Students also received information and insight into careers in natural resource management throughout the week. The fifth day culminated the classroom and field sessions where a written exam was conducted and an Awards Luncheon was held before students departed for home.

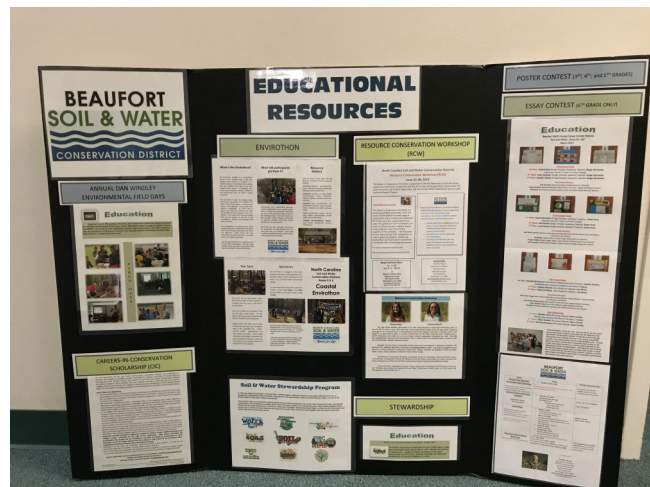
Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Supervisors selected and sponsored local student **Alex Plasencia-Garcia** to attend the workshop. Alex, the son of Rebeca Gonzales and Alfonso Sandoval, is a rising junior at Beaufort County Early College. Alex has been an active participant in Envirothon and Science Olympiad competitions.

The Resource Conservation Workshop is hosted by the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in conjunction with the NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation, NC State University Soil Science Department, and the Soil and Water Conservation Society Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter.

Current freshmen, sophomores or juniors who are interested in attending the 2020 Resource Conservation Workshop may contact the Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District office at 155C Airport Rd, Washington or call 946-4989, Ext. 3.

Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors many educational opportunities throughout the year.

Event dates for the 2019-2020 school year will be posted soon!



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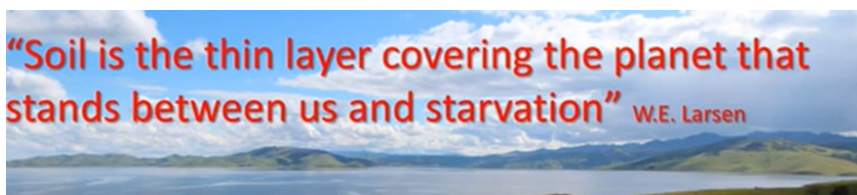
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Board meetings are open to the public and are held the 3rd Monday of each month, except July and August, at 6:00 p.m. in the office of the Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District at the Agricultural Center, 155C Airport Rd., Washington, N.C. 27889



Mission Statement:

The mission of the Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote the wise use and management of the natural resources within its boundaries by providing dedicated leadership, technical excellence and educational information to the citizens of Beaufort County. Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District is committed to providing equal services to all clients without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or familial status.

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