

Pierce County Soil Conservation District

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Farmers can sign up for special Cover Crop Opportunity

The Northern Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council, based in Devils Lake, ND, announced today that the sign up period is now open for farmers to enroll in a special EQIP program administered by USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Farmers who sign up for the program will have an opportunity to work with professional staff making cover crops a part of their farming operation. Soil Conservation District and NRCS staff will assist with planning the cover crops and monitoring growth and changes in soil health as a result of growing the cover crop.

"Working group" meetings with other farmers enrolled in the program will be held allowing farmers to share information and ask questions. These meeting will feature presentations from North Dakota State University Soil Health Team and County Extension staff, NRCS, seed suppliers, and others who have an interest in cover crops.

Farmers will receive a financial incentive on a per acre basis for planting cover crops on 40 acres per year during the next four years of the project. Sign up ends on Monday, June 15, 2015.

Counties involved in this project are Pembina, Cavalier, Towner, Rolette, Pierce, Benson, Ramsey, Nelson and Walsh Counties. The Pierce County Soil Conservation District is actively seeking interested farmers to participate.

The special cover crop program "How Far North Can We Grow: 49th Parallel Cover Crop Project" is one of three USDA NRCS Rural Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) projects selected in North Dakota.

The "How Far North Can We Grow" Project is designed to help farmers develop innovative approaches for the adoption of cover crops to improve soil health in the relatively cool, wet, and short-season climate in north-eastern North Dakota.

"We want farmers to try different approaches to cover crops with this project," said Northern Plains RC&D Council Chair Paul Overby. "This could be in the mixes they are using or how they get the cover crop planted," he said.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- June 9th
- July 14th
- August 11th

Meetings are held in the USDA conference room and are open to the public.

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Holly Pritschet has left the NRCS office for Schaan Crop Insurance in May, we were very sad to here her leave, but we wish her good luck on her new journeys.



District Services

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| <u>Tree Planting</u> | | \$ 25.00 per 100 linear feet \$ 200.00 minimum charge |
| | (conventional planter for tilled or no-till sites) | |
| <u>Handplants</u> | Bare Root stock | \$1.50 per tree (\$2/tree at tree sale) |
| | 25 Ct. Bundle | \$30.00/per bundle/same species |
| <u>Apple Trees</u> | Approx. 4' - 5' tall | \$ 30.00 / per tree (+ tax) |
| | (See order form for available species) | |
| | <i>Larger trees and container stock priced higher</i> | |
| <u>Fabric Weed Barrier</u> | | \$ 55.00 per 100 linear feet \$ 250.00 minimum charge |
| | <i>A six-foot wide strip of synthetic barrier applied after the trees are planted</i> | |
| | | \$1.00 per foot (6' wide) (+tax) \$0.50 per foot (4' wide) (+ tax) |
| <u>Tree Tube Protectors</u> | | \$ 2.50 each (2' protector) (+ tax) \$ 4.50 each (4'-6' protector) (+ tax) |
| <u>Tree Mats</u> | (available upon request) | \$ 1.50 ea. (3' x 3' / 5 staples) (+ tax) |
| <u>Tree Spade (moving trees)</u> | | \$ 45.00 each /move 1 tree \$ 40.00 each / 2 - 10 trees \$ 35.00 each / 11 or more |
| | (Plus \$4.00 / loaded mile) | |
| <u>Plantskydd Deer/Rodent Repellant</u> | 1 lb. Soluble Powder Concentrate | \$29.95 |
| (+ TAX) | 1 Qt Pre-mixed Spray | \$21.95 |
| | 1lb Shaker | \$14.95 |
| | 1.32 gal Pre-mix jug | \$59.95 |
| <u>Rain Barrels</u> | 55 gallon barrel, water saver kit, spigot | \$53.50 |
| (+ tax) | 55 gallon barrel, water saver kit | \$42.80 |
| | Water saver kit only | \$26.75 |
| <u>Fertilizer Packets</u> | | \$1.00/each packet (+ tax) |
| <u>Fabric Staples</u> | | \$0.10/Staple or \$45.00/box of 500(+tax) |
| <u>Stock Tank Ramp w/o straps</u> | | \$60.00 for one |
| <u>Stock Tank Ramp w/ straps</u> | | \$70.00 for one |

Our tree planting season is coming to an end, we have a tree sale date which is located on the last page. At the beginning of the season we were figuring we would be short on some trees, but with the result of a couple people backing out we now have plenty of trees for sale. Below you will find a list of trees we have available along with how many is left.

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| Tree Species | | | |
| Maple, Amur | 1 | Sumac, Smooth | 6 |
| Apricot, Hardy | 21 | Sumac, Smooth | 25 |
| Almond, Russian | 50 | Silverberry | 25 |
| Ash, Green | 154 | Walnut, Black 3-4' | 2 |
| Boxelder | 186 | Willow, Golden 3'-4' | 300 |
| Buffaloberry | 62 | Rocky Mtn Juniper | 125 |
| Caragana | 50 | Eastern Red Cedar | 28 |
| Cherry, Black | 25 | Ponderosa Pine | 185 |
| Cherry, Nanking | 146 | Scotch Pine | 121 |
| Chokecherry, Common | 82 | Black Hills Spruce | 100 |
| Cottonwood, Siouland | 24 | Colorado Blue spruce | 718 |
| Cottonwood, Native | 66 | Sweet 16 | 1 |
| Crabapple, Midwest | 50 | Honeycrisp | 1 |
| Currant, Golden | 23 | Ida Red | 2 |
| Dogwood, Redosier | 336 | | |
| Hackberry, Northern 2-3' | 137 | | |
| Hawthorn | 25 | | |
| Hazelnutt | 25 | | |
| Honeysuckle, Arnold's Red | 15 | | |
| Juneberry | 237 | | |
| Lilac, Common | 75 | | |
| Lilac, Villosa (Late) | 20 | | |
| Poplar, Hybrid | 968 | | |
| Poplar, Hybrid | 25 | | |
| Maple, Silver | 15 | | |
| Olive, Russian | 15 | | |
| Pear, McDermand | 10 | | |
| Plum, American | 17 | | |
| Silverberry | 25 | | |
| Sumac, Smooth | 6 | | |
| Sumac, Smooth | 25 | | |
| Silverberry | 25 | | |

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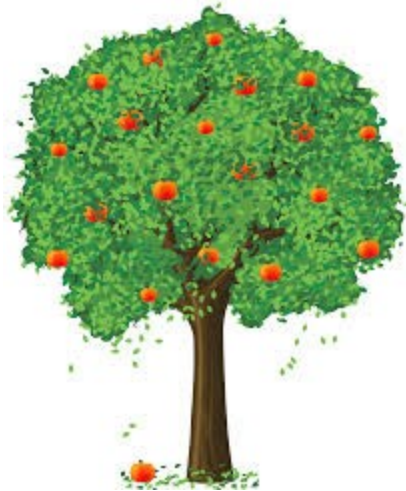
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...Upcoming Events

Tree Sale: June 9-10th at the Pierce County
SCD Arboretum(118 7th ave SE)



* any questions call: (701)
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** Annual Area III meeting:
June 23rd at the Velva Ro-
deo Grounds