

ADAMS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Summer 2019



A PUBLICATION TO KEEP YOU UPDATED ON CURRENT CONSERVATION ISSUES AND EVENTS

SCD and NRCS Happenings

2019 Services & Price List

Hand Plants:	
Conservation size	\$2.00/tree
Larger size	\$4.00/tree
Grass Drill:	\$6.50/acre
<i>Down Payment required</i>	
No-Till Drill:	\$10.00/acre
<i>Down Payment required</i>	
Tree Planting w/tree:	\$0.30/ft
Weed Badgering:	
1st time	\$60.00/hour
2nd time	\$50.00/hour
Mowing/Tilling:	\$60.00/hour
Weed Wiper:	\$25.00/day
Weed Barrier fabric:	\$0.30/ft
500 foot roll	\$150.00/roll
Weed Barrier installed	\$0.60/ft
Plantskydd:	Prices vary
Tree Tubes:	\$4.00/each
Flags:	\$0.06 each
Staples:	\$0.15 each
Mileage:	\$3.00/mile

2019 Chris Christmann Scholarship Awarded

Zachary Rickertson, 2019 Hettinger High School graduate, was awarded the \$500 Chris Christmann Scholarship given by the Adams County SCD. Rickertson is the son of John and Jennifer Rickertson. He plans to attend ND State College of Science and pursue a degree in Farm Business. Congratulations to Zachary and Best Wishes in the future.



Evans elected to Adams County SCD Board



Hayden Evans of east Adams County was elected to the Board for a term of 6 years. Evans is a fourth generation producer in Adams County, raising grain, hay, and cattle. He is a graduate of South Dakota State

University. Evans is also active in the Lemmon and Hettinger communities. Evans believes that conservation is not only important in agriculture but in all aspects of life. Conservation is vital for today and the future.

Welcome Hayden!

Upcoming Events:

July 4: Office Closed

**August 2-4: Adams County
Fair & Rodeo**

September 2: Office Closed

**September 30: CSP Document
Deadline FY 2019**

Facts from the Field

By: Katherine Moratz

This spring has been one to remember, but we received some much-needed moisture! Tree season was slow and steady this year with several rain delays. The first delivery of trees arrived on April 24, but trees from Big Sioux Nursery did not arrive until May 1st due to late winter snow in Watertown, South Dakota. Tree planting began on May 9th with the help of Gayle Stang, Nyk Feller, and Katherine Moratz. After planting over 85,000 feet, tree planting ended on June 7 after a short delay due to wet site conditions. The weed barrier fabric crew began on June 3 with the help of Randy Burwick, Jon Kohler, Dave Erickson, and Jason LeFebre. The crew will continue in June until all sites are completed. Thank you for your patience as this is a year of firsts for all of us!

While mother nature has provided a lot of moisture this spring, summer weather patterns are likely to be drier and tree plantings less than three years old can benefit from supplemental watering. New tree plantings should be monitored and watered weekly if rains do not occur. Five gallons per tree per week are recommended for newer plantings. For plantings that are two or three years old, ten gallons per tree every 2 weeks is recommended. Weeds and other vegetation should also be controlled near trees for at least three years to allow the trees to get established.

If you have questions about your trees, feel free to call the office at 701-567-2462 ext. 3.



2019 Horticulture & Tree Workshop



On April 16th, The NDSU Extension and Adams County SCD held the 14th Annual Horticulture and Tree Workshop at the Hettinger Research Extension Center. Approximately 25 people attended to hear presentations on growing apples in North Dakota, pesticide use, pine varieties for southwestern North Dakota, and the benefits of backyard birds.

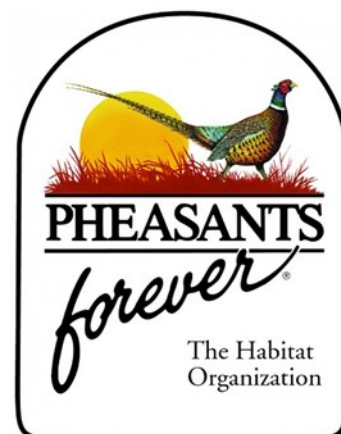
Thank you to Dr. Tom Kalb (NDSU Extension Horticulturalist), Dr. Joe Zeleznik (NDSU Extension Forester), and Katherine Moratz (Adams County SCD District Technician) for presenting and thank you to all who attended!

Kindergarteners & Conservation

Before school got out for the summer, Katherine Moratz visited the Kindergarten classroom at Hettinger Public School. Katherine read the book "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein and gave each of the 31 kindergarteners a Colorado blue spruce to plant with their families.

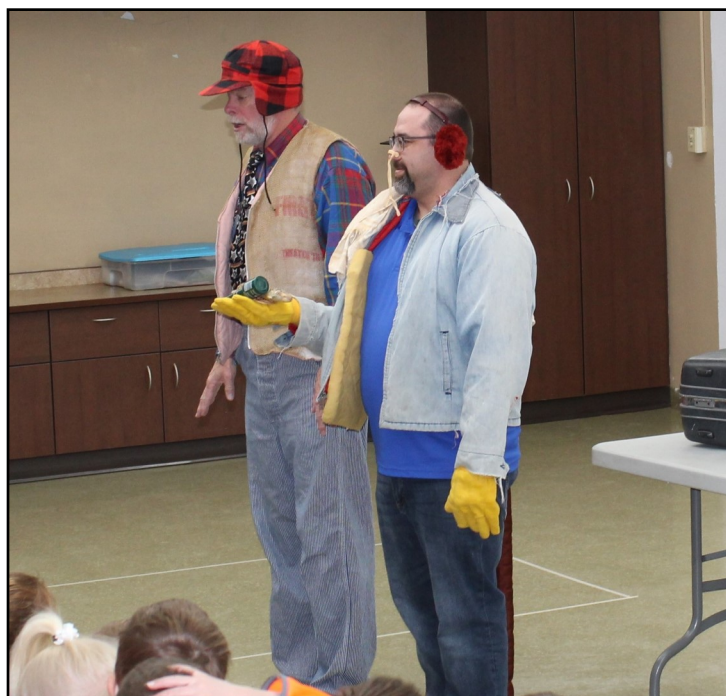
Pheasant Forever Conservation Assistance

Pheasants Forever, a non-profit conservation organization, is taking an innovative approach to further their mission through their new Precision Ag and Conservation initiative. This program helps farmers and landowners make land management decisions based on their ROI per acre. In areas where land is historically losing money, a conservation-minded program has the potential to not only provide soil health and water quality benefits but could also offer a more economical solution to under producing acres. Resources are often misallocated on land that is not ideal for crop production, causing overall yield and profits to drop considerably. When examining these acres, Pheasants Forever's local Precision Ag and Conservation Specialist, Emily Spolyar, can input an operations budget and yield information to determine what these acres are costing and what can be done to make the acres profitable again. Pheasants Forever aims to find the right economic and agronomic fit for conservation programs, which they realize varies greatly between individual operations. The ability for growers and landowners to make these decisions based on economic aspects helps ease the uncertainty behind implementing practices such as cover crops, perennial cover, access payments, or other available programs. If this is something you think your operation could benefit from, contact your local county NRCS office, or reach out to Emily Spolyar directly at the following contact information:



Emily Spolyar @ (517) 250-2440 or espolyar@pheasantsforever.org

"TREES" PROGRAMS VISIT HETTINGER PUBLIC SCHOOL



Tom Gibson, Conservation Educator, presented two programs in April to the students at the Hettinger School. "TREES" programs are designed to emphasize the need to protect and conserve our natural resources. The programs presented to the students this year were "Common Cents and More Common Cents" for grades 4-6 and "Sam Ting" for K-3. "Common Cents" is an energetic game show where students are given the opportunity to be contestants who respond to natural resource based questions. Correct answers will win Conservation Bucks or perhaps they will need some common sense or in this case "Common Cents!" Students Matthew Tanska-Heesch and Kyler Schalesky were the winners of tree coupons for a free tree from the District. "Sam Ting" teaches natural resource conservation awareness through the story of the weasel family. Pictured with Sam Ting is Ryan Moser, Superintendent, as part of the Weasel family. The Adams County Soil Conservation District sponsored the "TREES" Programs.



HAPPY 4th OF JULY!



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