



Soil Scoop!

Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District

Upcoming Events

October 10: Columbus Day, USDA Service Center Closed.

October 24: SWCD Board Meeting USDA Service Center 7:30 PM

November 8: Election Day, County and State offices closed.

November 11: Veteran's Day, USDA Service Center Closed.

November 24: USDA Service Center Closed

November 25: County Offices Closed.

November 28: SWCD Board Meeting 7:00 PM

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The Two-Stage Ditch is Complete!

The first two stage ditch in Southern Indiana is finished and functional! The design was developed by researchers after observing the natural processes of stable streams. The design incorporates a floodplain zone, called benches, into the ditch by removing the ditch banks roughly 2-3 feet above the channel for a width of about 10 feet on each side; increasing the capacity of the ditch to hold water. This increased capacity slows the water during a rain event. Funding for this ditch was provided by the Alcoa Foundation in Partnership with The Nature Conservancy and the Soil and Water Conservation District. A workshop was held on September 20, 2016.



Conservation Stewardship Program

Have you ever looked across your property and thought about some land management goals you would like to take to the next level? Although no one knows more about your land than you do, no one knows more about conservation than we do. Together we can develop a plan tailored to your land and goals to help you increase productivity and protect the value of your land.

Our Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) helps you build on your existing conservation efforts taking them to the next level while strengthening your operation. Whether you are looking to improve grazing conditions, increase crop yields, or develop wildlife habitat, we can custom design a CSP plan to help you meet those goals. If you are already taking steps to improve the condition of the land, chances are CSP can help you find new ways to meet your goals.

CSP is now the largest conservation program in the United States with 70 million acres of working, productive agricultural and forest land enrolled. The program is voluntary. Thousands of people that have made the choice to enroll in the program because it helps them enhance natural resources and benefit their business operation by:

- Improving cattle gains per acre
- Increasing crop yields
- Improving wildlife population
- Building better resilience to weather extremes

You can call us at (812) 649 9136 ext 3 for more information about CSP or visit us online at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp/>

Greener Pastures 2016 was a success!

The weather and location were perfect when Dubois County, together with Perry and Spencer Counties hosted Greener pastures. This event was supported by many agencies, including ISDA, Purdue Extension and NRCS. Attendees learned about Alternative Feeding Sources, Livestock Watering Systems, Pasture Renovation, and Heavy Use Area Construction. The next Greener Pastures will be hosted in 2019 in Perry County

