



Soil Scoop!

Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District

"The average American is now at least three generations removed from the farm"
<http://www.fb.org>

Upcoming Events

Indiana State Fair:
August 4-20th
August 9th (SS) and
10th (NS) Spencer
County Schools
Resume!
August 21, 2017:
Total Solar Eclipse
August 28th:
Monthly Board
Meeting at the
USDA Service
Center 7:30 PM
September 4th: Labor
Day, USDA Service
Center Closed,
County Offices
Closed.
September 25th:
Monthly Board
Meeting at the
USDA Service
Center 7:30 PM

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Pollinator Habitat Grant available!

The purpose of the pollinator forage plots grant program is to help increase the variety of pollinators such as bees, hummingbirds and the Monarch Butterfly. The populations of many of these species have declined in the last decade.

The decrease in pollinators is believed to be caused by the destruction of breeding sites, urban sprawl taking over fields of wildflowers and pesticides meant to kill insects which attack crops and kills other insects. Any one who wants to encourage the development of pollinator forage plots to bring benefits to the bee keeper, gardener and farmer alike.

Please call the office or visit our website for an application.

<http://spencerswcd.org//programs.html>



Photo Credit: CCSI

Accepting applications for Cover Crops

It's that time of year when people are beginning to think about cover crops and what they are going to plant. Cover crops have a wide variety of benefits like improving soil health, reducing erosion, and trapping nutrients where they are most beneficial to agriculture.

In 2016 Spencer County SWCD was awarded a grant which allows the SWCD to cost-share up to \$20 per acre for up to 50 acres of cover crops. Please fill out an application for our program! You can call, stop in our office or look at our website for more information! If you would like to speak to Randy, District Conservationist, about the benefits of cover crop mixes, please call the office at 812-649-9136 ext 3.



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Education Programs Available for Schools, Scouts, Homeschool groups and more

One of my favorite parts of working at the Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District is that fact that there are so many opportunities to work with today's children. Often, I am asked to come to a school, or library, and help present a program.

The Spencer County SWCD has a wide variety of programs that we offer. We can tailor an education program to fit your needs, including many State Standards. If you would like to schedule a program for your school class, scout group, 4-H club, or homeschool group, please call me at 812-649-9136 ext 101 or email me at courtney.hall@in.nacdnet.net

Thanks! Courtney

