



Soil Scoop!

Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District

Upcoming Events

October 9:

Columbus Day, USDA Service Center Closed.

October 23: Local Working group 6:30 pm

October 23:

SWCD Board Meeting
USDA Service Center
7:30 PM

November 10:

Veteran's Day
Observed, USDA and County Offices closed

November 23: USDA Service Center Closed

November 24:

County Offices Closed.

November 27:

SWCD Board Meeting 7:00 PM

You are invited to join the Locally Led Working Group

Would you like to help guide how federal funds are spent on conservation in Spencer County? If yes, the Local Working Group meeting to be held October 23rd at 6:30 PM may be of interest to you! The NRCS is asking for local input for the 2018 fiscal year.

Local Working Groups assist the USDA in matters relating to the implementation and technical aspects of conservation programs through EQIP, CSP and other funding programs!

Who should participate?

- Agricultural producers
- Private forest owners
- Private land owners
- Other professionals
- All interested persons

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.



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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. The SWCD 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 home-school group, please call me at 812-649-9136 ext 7003 or email me at courtney.hall@in.nacdnet.net

Wrapping up INfield Advantage

Some of you have taken advantage of the free program provided by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, the Indiana Corn and Soybean Alliance, and your local group covering Spencer, Warrick and Perry Counties.

INfield Advantage is a proactive, collaborative opportunity for farmers to collect and understand personalized, on-farm data to optimize their management practices to, ultimately, improve their bottom line and benefit the environment.

