

PIEDMONT SWCD NEWS

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Come and

MEET YOUR AG PARTNERS

BREAKFAST Wednesday, **JANUARY 26TH, 7:00 AM**

Natural Resources and Ag Building, Farmville, VA

- Pre-register by Monday, January 24th
- or

SUPPER Tuesday, **FEBRUARY 1ST, 6:30 PM**

Southern Piedmont Research Station, Blackstone, VA

- Pre-register by Friday, January 28th

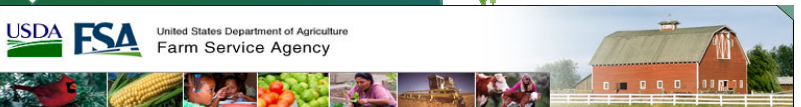
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**COST-SHARE
OPPORTUNITIES
PROGRAM
UPDATES**



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DIRECTOR HONORED

Piedmont SWCD Director Larkin Moyer was honored for his contributions to conservation at the Virginia Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting at the Hotel Roanoke in December. He was awarded a service pin for fifteen years of service to the Piedmont .

Representing Amelia County citizens, Mr. Moyer actively participates in District affairs and currently serves as Chairman of the Piedmont District Board. A dairy farmer for nearly forty years, Moyer earned a B.S. degree in Dairy Science at Virginia Tech. Larkin grandfather, Charles Moyer was on the Piedmont District's board when it was first formed in 1940 and served as chairman for many years.



Director and Chairman of the Board Larkin Moyer

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

Every year, elected representatives from Virginia's 47 conservation districts create a list of priorities to submit to the Virginia General Assembly. The General Assembly recognizes each district as a political subdivision of state government and maintains a statutory commitment to fund the district mission. The legislative priorities for 2011 can be found on the Virginia Association of Conservation Districts website (www.vaswcd.org). Directors from several districts, including the Piedmont District, will travel to Richmond on January 17 to discuss these priorities with our state legislators.

V.C. Marshall, father of Texas conservation districts, summed up the participatory nature of effective conservation when he said, "The fact that landowners themselves have the responsibility for petitioning for and voting in a district, formulating its program and work plan, administering its business and entering into cooperative agreements with their fellow landowners and operators, makes soil conservation districts *democracy in action*".

People committed to making land more stable and productive can benefit by pooling their efforts and information. Besides, understanding the problems and opportunities related to land resource management can be a full-time job. Participating in a soil and water conservation district is one way that citizens, landowners and resource managers can stay informed and make sure that conservation occurs.

The Piedmont SWCD is interested in hearing your thoughts and concerns about the conservation of natural resources in your area. Plan to attend one of the Piedmont SWCD Partner Meetings, either the breakfast in Farmville on Wednesday, January 26th , or the dinner in Nottoway on Tuesday, February 1st to voice your resource priorities. A survey will be distributed at the meetings, encouraging comments and concerns. This will also be an opportunity to hear about program updates from partner agencies.

NEW CONSERVATION TECH

Whitney Lott Foster is the Piedmont SWCD's new Conservation Technician. She started with the District in August 2010, replacing Paula Totten who now works with Natural Resources Conservation Service in the Farmville Area Office.



Whitney and then fiancé Edwin Foster in the field

Whitney is a native of Nottoway County where her family raises commercial beef cattle and horses. She has a Master's Degree in Dairy Science from Virginia Tech with an emphasis in bovine reproduction & embryology. She returned to Nottoway last year after working as an embryology lab technician for a USDA research ranch in Montana. Whitney and Edwin Foster, also of Nottoway County, were married in November 2010.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The 2010 Piedmont SWCD Conservation Education Scholarship was awarded to Taylor Ellke. Taylor is an Amelia County resident and a graduate of Amelia High School where he participated in the Amelia FFA and the Piedmont SWCD Envirothon programs. Mr. Ellke is a freshman at Christopher Newport University, Norfolk, VA where he is majoring in Environmental Science.



District Manager Deanna Fehrer and 2010 Education Scholarship winner Taylor Ellke

A \$1000 conservation education scholarship is awarded annually to an applicant who shows an on-going commitment to a career in the natural resources field. The application is then forwarded to VASWD to compete at the state level. Application materials will be available in January 2011 at the Piedmont office by calling 434.392-3792 ext 131. Notice of the application process will be in the area newspapers and on our website.

~TEAM~

Together Everyone Achieves More

Upcoming Events

- Partner Meetings:
 - January 26, Farmville
 - February 1, Nottoway
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- Pesticide Recertification Meetings:
 - January 26, SPAREC
 - February 22, SPAREC
 - 434.645-9315
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- Middle James Roundtable:
 - March 15th
 - VCU, Richmond
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- Local Envirothon Mar 24th
 - Location to be announced
- Area V Envir—April 14
 - Holiday Lake 4 H Center
- State Envir.- May 22-23
 - Camp Hanover
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- Poster Contest:
 - Theme-**Forests for People**
 - Deadline March 31
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- Conservation Education Scholarship Application
 - Deadline March 31

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Mission

The mission of the Piedmont SWCD is to provide technical, educational and financial resources to citizens of the Piedmont District in order to promote the conservation of soil, water and related resources.

Meetings

The Piedmont SWCD Board of Directors meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month except in December. The meetings are held in the Prince Edward County Agricultural and Natural Resources Building conference room in Farmville, Virginia, located on 100 Dominion Drive. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

NEW 7' SEED DRILL

The Piedmont SWCD encourages Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward County producers to take advantage of their No-Till Equipment Rental Program for spring planting or pasture renovation.

The Piedmont SWCD has four no-till drills available for rent. One recently purchased drill is 7 feet wide for producers who have smaller plots to seed, or who have narrow gates.

The greatest contribution to the Conservation Equipment Program might be the experienced technician that accompanies the no-till drills. Lindy Hamlett, who manages and

implements the Conservation Equipment Program, has a lifetime of experience with soil and water conservation and an intimate understanding of field characteristics and drill demands. Hamlett delivers the drills, but more importantly, he "sets" them according to the unique characteristics of each field and type of seed and services the drills should they break down.

To reserve a no-till drill, or the earth moving pan or straw blower, call the Piedmont SWCD office at 434.392-3782, ext.# 131.