



# Out and About In The Tygarts Valley Conservation District

## **We're Going Green!**

TVCD now offers an "e-newsletter" for anyone who is interested.

If you would prefer to receive an electronic version of our newsletter, our would like to be added to our mailing list, please visit [wvca.us/districts/tvcd.cfm](http://wvca.us/districts/tvcd.cfm) or call our district office

## **Dates to Remember**

- ⇒ **September 2nd Office Closed**
- ⇒ **September 21st Fall Field Day**
- ⇒ September 30th Board Meeting
- ⇒ October 28th Board Meeting
- ⇒ November 18th Board Meeting
- ⇒ **November 28th Office Closed**
- ⇒ **December 6th Heavy Use and Lime Cost Share Deadline**
- ⇒ December 16th Board Meeting
- ⇒ **December 25th PM, Office Closed**
- ⇒ **January 1st Office Closed**

Fall 2019

## Century Farm Program

The West Virginia Century Farm Program is designed to recognize those families who have been farming the same tract of land for at least 100 years. Century Farms, Sesquicentennial Farms, and Bicentennial Farms will be recognized. A Century Farm is one that has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 100 years. A Sesquicentennial Farm has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 150

years, and a Bicentennial Farm has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 200 years.

A family member must live on the farm or must be an integral part of the day-to-day operation of the farm enterprise. The farm must consist of at least 10 acres of the original holdings and gross more than \$1,000 annually from farm products. Line of ownership from the first family member owning the land may be through

wives, husbands, children, brothers, sisters, nephews, or nieces.

Applications are due at your local office no later than February 1, 2020.

To request an application, or for more information, contact the office at 304-457-3026.



## Legislative News

The Tygarts Valley Conservation District to will be holding their annual legislative dinner on October 24th in Buckhannon.

This annual event allows for TVCD supervisors and staff to speak one on one with various state and local officials as to what projects the district has completed

in the last year, and what goals it has both short and long term.

During the dinner, TVCD will give a short presentation on the services provided by the district and the educational program it offers.

TVCD also recognizes its local cooperators and

conservation farmers for their outstanding efforts in practicing and maintaining BMPs, and holds an awards ceremony in their honor.

### WV Ag Day

WV Ag Day at the Capitol is planned for Friday January 31st. TVCD encourages local farmers to participate and talk to

## Soil Conservation Job Opening

The Tygarts Valley Conservation District is offering a 2-year position for a Soil Conservationist. This person will plan the application of total resource management systems, provide conservation planning assistance from initial evaluation to completion. With a practical knowledge of the methods and techniques of soil, water, and environmental conservation as they relate to agricultural operations.

Qualifications: A bachelors degree in soil conservation or related agricultural or natural resources is preferred. In some instances work experience may be substituted for education. The Soil Conservationist shall have an agricultural or other background with an understanding of conservation related work. Other required skills include the ability to perform fieldwork, manage projects, and have the ability to learn concepts related to conservation planning, surveying, design, and computer skills required.

**Qualified candidates must apply on Indeed.com by Close of Business Wednesday September 11, 2019.**

The Tygarts Valley Conservation District (TVCD) is an EOE. Qualified applicants are considered for employment without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, veteran status or political affiliation.

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## Supervisor Vacancies

Are you interested in becoming a Tygarts Valley Conservation District Supervisor?  
Do you have a strong interest in the conservation of West Virginia's natural resources?  
Are you an active or retired farmer with five years of farming experience?  
If so, you may qualify to fill a vacant seat as a Tygarts Valley Conservation District Supervisor.

## District Equipment Rentals

TVCD offers the following equipment for rental by district cooperators:

- (2) Four ton lime spreaders \$60.00/Day
- Litter Spreader \$60.00/Day
- 3 Pt. Hitch Fertilizer Spreader \$30.00/Day
- Post driver \$75.00/Day

If you would like to reserve our equipment for your personal use, please call 304-457-3026.

We recommend calling at least a week in advance of your desired pick-up date.

All rental contracts are subject to an advance deposit of one day's rental fee.

## Poultry Litter Sign Ups

TVCD is offering a Poultry Litter cost share program, if litter is shipped outside of the Chesapeake Bay. Stop by the office and sign up until September 20, 2019. The website for the WV Litter Market is <https://wvlittermarket.wordpress.com/>. Click on the Find a Buyer, Seller or Transporter link and fill out the form, this will send you an up to date list of all buyers and sellers. You may also call the WV Poultry Hotline @ 1-844-LITTER1 (844-548-8371). The hotlink is a communication resource linking sellers and buyers of poultry litter.



## Upcoming Women In Ag Conference

Mark your calendars for the WVU Extension Service's Annual Women In Agriculture Conference. The conference will be held November 15th & November 16th at Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, West Virginia will feature an exhibitor fall, keynote speaker presentation, an informative Q&A with WV producers, and several workshops.

Tentative workshop topics include:

- Horticulture— Cover crops for Profitable High Tunnel Production
- Livestock/Forage Management— Multi Species Grazing
- Succession Planning— "Who Gets Grandma's Favorite Pitch Fork"
- Finances— The Farm as Your Legacy

If you are interested in attending the conference, be sure to keep an eye out for more information both online and in our offices, for both the WVU County Extension and the Tygarts Valley Conservation District.

<http://extension.wvu.edu/conferences/wia>





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## Agricultural Enhancement (Cost Share) Program

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TVCD would like to remind the cooperators who were approved for **Heavy Use Area Protection and Lime Programs**, the deadline to submit all necessary receipts and paperwork to our district office is **December 6th**. **Reminder: When turning in your receipts there is a cost verification**

**form that must be signed before any payments can be made.**

**Signs ups for next years program will be Spring 2020.**

**A farm map from the Farm Service Agency and Current Soil test results are needed to apply.**

**Soil results must be within the last 3 years. Soil sample form are available at the district office as well as online. Soil sample forms have changed to obtain a new one please stop by the office or visit our website.**

*Our Mission:*

*“To provide for and promote the protection and conservation of West Virginia’s soil, land, water, and related resources for the health, safety, and general welfare of the state’s citizens.”*