



# 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**

- ⇒ **December 25th & 31st, Office Closed**
- ⇒ **January 1st Office Closed**
- ⇒ January 2nd - 26th LIME 2nd Sign Ups
- ⇒ January 9th Eat & Reap Dinner Belington
- ⇒ January 28th Board Meeting
- ⇒ January 30th Ag Days @ The Capitol Building
- ⇒ February 6th Eat & Reap Dinner Beverly
- ⇒ February 26th Board Meeting
- ⇒ March 6th Eat & Reap Dinner Parsons
- ⇒ March 25th Board Meeting
- ⇒ April 15th—May 17th 2019 Cost Share Sign Ups

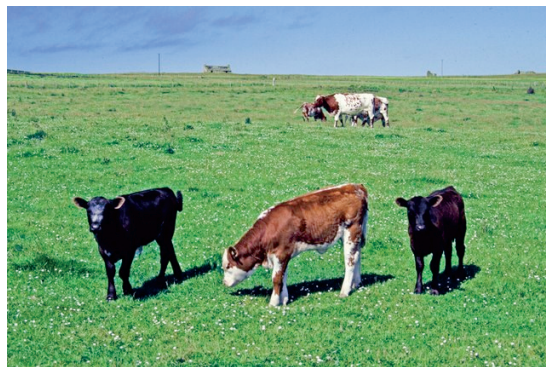
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## **Upcoming Winter Dinner Meetings**

**It's time for the annual Winter Dinner Meeting series for local farmers. There will be a series of 3 meetings held within Tygart's Valley Conservation District.**

The Tygarts Valley Conservation District, in conjunction with the WVU Extension Service, will be sponsoring the Ag Dinner Meetings this winter. The first meeting will be January 9th at the Belington Fire Hall at 6:00 pm. David Marrison will present on the topic of Transition Planning. David Marrison is an Associate Professor & Agricultural & Natural Resources Extension Educator for OSU Extension located in Ashtabula County in northeast, Ohio. David has been the Extension Educator since 1997 and is currently the co-leader of OSU's Ag Manager Team which authors a monthly farm and agribusiness management newsletter. Deadline for reservations is January 3rd.

The February 6th meeting will be Opportunities and Challenges to Grazing 300 days in West Virginia by Ben Goff and will be held at Camp Pioneer in Randolph County. Reservations deadline is February 1st.



The March 6th Meeting will be held at the Parsons Senior Center and the topic will be Ag In Appalachia Implications of a Changing Climate presented by Jason Hubbard & Evan Kutta. Deadline for reservations is February 28th.

The meeting is free to the public; however, the dinner will be available for \$5.00 (to be paid at the door). Reservations are required for the dinner/meeting. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact the Tygarts Valley Conservation District office at 304-457-3026.

## Legislative News

The Tygarts Valley CD held their annual legislative dinner on October 18th in Grafton.

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 gave a short presentation on the services provided by the district and the educational program it offers.

### WV Ag Day

WV Ag Day at the Capitol is planned for Wednesday January 30th. Several TVCD supervisors plan to attend the event. They will meet with state legislators to discuss the importance of conservation districts throughout the state and budget allocations for the upcoming fiscal year.

TVCD Wishes  
You A Happy  
New Year!

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## Intermediate Beekeeping Classes in Upshur County

This series of classes caters to established beekeepers and will focus on the seasonal management of beehives. Following a year long management model, the class will provide an overview of seasonal duties and tasks to help maintain a healthy hive. This includes possible problems and solutions, such as pest management, queen rearing, and swarming.

There will be six classes in this series.  
Seating will be limited.



If you are interested in attending, you **MUST RSVP** with the district by calling 304-457-3026 by Friday February 1st. We ask that only those who have a minimum of one year's experience in beekeeping participate in this course.

## 2019 Appalachian Grazing Conference



Create a winning combination managing soil, water, plant, and animal health. Appalachian Grazing Conference is held every 2 years and offers informative presentations and demonstrations to farmers. Participants hear from America's leading speakers on strategies designed to increase their profits.

When: March 7-9, 2019

Where: Waterfront Place Hotel, Morgantown  
TVCD will be sponsoring cooperators from Barbour, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker & Upshur Counties. Keynote speakers for this years conference will include Sarah Flack and Dr. Allen Williams. For more information about the conference visit their website

[www.wvagc.com](http://www.wvagc.com) . If you are interested in attending the conference please contact the district office no later than January 4, 2019 to secure your spot.

## LIME 2nd Sign Up

Mark your calendars for a second sign up for LIME. We will be accepting LIME ONLY applications beginning January 2nd through January 25th.

**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 lime program is used to improve soil structure, reduce erosion, and increase the production of grasslands. Lime is for the maintenance of pasture and or hay lands.





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Keith Knight

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##### **Tucker County**

James Nester, SR.  
David Bonner

##### **Upshur County**

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Donnie Tenney, Vice Chairman

### **Agricultural Enhancement (Cost Share) Program**

TVCD would like to remind the cooperators who were approved for **Pas-  
ture Division/Water Exclusion/ Woodland Exclusion Fence &  
Fence/Watering System (combination practices)** the deadline to  
submit all necessary receipts and paperwork to our district office is

**April 12th.**

**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 April 15—May 17, 2019.  
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#### ***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."*