



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, or would like to be added to our mailing list, please visit wvca.us/districts/tvcd.cfm

or call our district office at 304-457-3026.

Dates to Remember

- * Poultry Litter Sign Ups July 15-31
- * TVCD Board Meeting July 29
- * Statewide Field Day August 3
- * WV State Fair August 8th - 17th
- * TVCD Board Meeting August 26
- * **Labor Day September 2 OFFICE CLOSED**
- * TVCD Board Meeting September 30

Summer 2019

WV Grassland Statewide Field Day

CANCELLED

WV Grasslands Steering Committee is hosting a Statewide Field Day at Ward Grass Cattle Farm in Mill Creek, WV on August 3, 2019 10am—1pm.

Speakers are to include:

Joe Gumm, TVCD Supervisor
Randy Plaughter, Steering Committee
Kent Leonhardt, Commissioner of Ag
Ed Rayburn, WVU Extension Specialist
Jay Wallace, Farm Owner
Randy Snyder, Farm Manager

The meal will be provided.

Please RVSP by July 26, 2019 to tvcd@wvca.us or 304-457-3026.



Barbour County Supervisor Vacancy

Are you interested in becoming a Tygarts Valley Conservation District Supervisor representing Barbour County? Are you a landowner living in Barbour County? 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. For more information, contact the office.

District Farmers Recognized

The Conservation Farm of the Year competition showcases the best examples of farms owned and operated by people who are dedicated to conservation. Farms are judged on several topics such as resource management, conservation plan, best management practices, cooperator contribution and involvement in the community. With the help of the NRCS, four district cooperator/farms were chosen and asked to participate in the competition. This year's competition featured farmers from Barbour, Randolph, Tucker, and Upshur counties. The Tygarts Valley Conservation District held their district farm tour and judging in May. The event included a tour of each farm, allowing the farmers to discuss what conservation practices and efforts they've made on their property as well as outline their production.

Barbour County—Martin Carpenter

Randolph County—Randall Elza

Tucker County—Nathan “Brian” Bennett (District Winner)

Upshur County—Charlie Radabaugh

TVCD congratulates each of these farmers on their accomplishments and continued conservation efforts. Our district winner will go on to compete in area competition, with the farm tour/judging taking place in later this summer. If you are a district cooperator and are interested in participating in this competition, please contact Candice Stone at the district office.

Poultry Litter

TVCD is offering a Poultry Litter cost share program, for litter that is shipped from within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed to TVCD. Sign ups will run Monday July 15th to Wednesday July 31st. Applications will be available at the district office and on the district's website at www.wvca.us. All applications will be ranked according to criteria set by the TVCD and will be approved based on the availability of funding. Any applicants who are interested must provide a **current soil sample result** and **an aerial farm/tract map**. Maps can be picked up from your local FSA/NRCS office.

Litter Spreader is \$60/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.



Cooperators Participate in the Emergency Assistance for Revegetation Program



Before and after photographs in Kerens and French Creek, WV



A year of above average rainfall led to muddy fields across West Virginia over the winter-feeding season. As a result, on April 9, 2019, the West Virginia Conservation Committee approved an Emergency Assistance for Revegetation program. The Tygarts Valley Conservation District announced a sign-up period soon after. Farmers applied for assistance on fields that were affected by winter livestock feeding to help cover the cost associated with seed purchases. They could request reimbursements of up to \$60/acre with a cap of 50 acres per farm to revegetate these areas. Twenty-three farmers participated in this program on 255 acres within the Tygarts Valley Conservation District. Most farmers purchased and seeded their winter-feeding areas with either a cool season grass and legume mix or a warm season grass such as sorghum-sudangrass. Some of the sites looked very different in just a few weeks after seeding was completed.



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Joe Shaffer

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James Nester, SR.
Donald Adams

Upshur County
Doug Bush
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Cost Share Program Applicants

TVCD FY20 Cost Share Program is well under way. With all applications being submitted by mid May approvals should be completed by September and approval as well as denial letters will be mailed. Please note that on all agreement letters there is a deadline date. If we do not receive your signed letter back by the deadline your application will be rejected and will result in the cancellation of your project. Also please pay close attention to the practice completion date for each practice as they are not all the same date.



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."