

# CONSERVATION COMMENTARY

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### **USDA Conservation Programs for 2016 Available**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) now has 2016 Federal conservation program funds available for Ohio farmers and forestland owners., including two initiatives specifically targeting Meigs County and neighboring counties: the Southern Ohio Appalachian EQIP and Cerulean Warbler Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCCP) EQIP.

Farmers and forestland owners may apply for funding under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) at any time throughout the year, but application selections for funding are made at specific times. The first 2016 application deadline is February 19.

EQIP provides financial assistance for conservation management and structures (practices) and technical assistance to develop a conservation plan. The conservation plan and practices help agricultural producers and forestland owners improve the natural resources on their property. These practices also benefit the public by improving water quality, reducing soil erosion, and improving soil health, wildlife habitat, and conserving energy.

Landowners should make an appointment with their local NRCS office as soon as possible to begin the conservation planning process. Here in Meigs County, contact Carrie Crislip, NRCS district conservationist, at the Meigs County Agricultural Service Center, at 740-992-4282 or at 113 East Memorial Drive, Pomeroy (on the hill across the parking lot from the old hospital). General program information is available on the NRCS Ohio website at [www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov).

Eligible producers who sign up for EQIP may receive a payment based on the statewide average cost for installing planned conservation practices. Socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers are eligible for a higher payment rate. Veteran farmers who are also new or beginning farmers receive the higher payment rate.

Applications for EQIP submitted by entities, such as farmers applying as a corporation, must register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), a process that can take up to 3 weeks. Information about CCR requirements, including obtaining a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number, is posted on the NRCS website at [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill).

Dedicated EQIP funds are available for conservation practices targeting On-Farm Energy, Organic Systems, High Tunnel Systems, Honeybee and other wildlife habitat, as well as several landscape-based initiatives, including:

- Livestock EQIP – Livestock farmers statewide (includes pastured livestock)
- Cropland EQIP – Crop farmers statewide EXCEPT those farming in the Western Lake Erie Basin Watershed
- Forestry EQIP – Private forestland owners statewide
- Southern Ohio Appalachian EQIP – Pasture operations in Adams, Athens, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Highland, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, *Meigs*, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Scioto, Vinton, and Washington Counties
- Cerulean Warbler Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCCP) EQIP – Tree planting on reclaimed mined land in Adams, Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, *Meigs*, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Tuscarawas, Vinton, and Washington Counties.

Additional EQIP funding will be available in 2016 for other landscape-based initiatives and priority natural resource issues. NRCS will post announcements of these future 2016 EQIP application ranking deadline dates on the Ohio NRCS website at <http://www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov>.



Tony Carnahan

### **Carnahan elected to SWCD Board**

The Meigs SWCD Board of Supervisors welcomes its newest member, James "Tony" Carnahan, Syracuse.

Carnahan is the son of Nancy Carnahan and the late Jim Carnahan and is a lifelong resident of Meigs County.

He spent his childhood on a dairy farm and during his youth was active in FFA and 4H. He worked in dairy until 1994 and is now involved in custom hay baling and corn farming. He is employed as a mechanic for Meigs Local Schools and is an active member of the Big Bend Farm Antique Club, Athens-Meigs Farm Bureau, and River City Players.

Carnahan's grandfather, Harold Carnahan, was the first chairman of the Meigs SWCD Board of Supervisors and served as a board member from June, 1943, to July, 1952, and from June, 1958, to May, 1975, for a total of 26 years.

***The mission of the Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District is to provide assistance for the wise use of our natural resources for present and future generations.***

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## Meigs County Clean Up Day returning May 21st

Meigs County residents can dispose of their junk, electronics, and tires for FREE at the Meigs County Clean up Day on May 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Meigs County Fairgrounds.

Proof of county residence will be required. Acceptable household items include furniture, toys, tools, box springs, mattresses, and carpet. The Shred Devil will be there to shred personal documents.

Passenger vehicle tires are limited to 10 per vehicle. No tires will be accepted on rims.

Electronic waste includes televisions, computers, servers, monitors, keyboards, speakers, stereo equipment, cell phones, video game systems and video games, DVD players, CD media, microwaves, and toasters.

We will not accept general household trash, appliances with refrigerant, chemicals, cleaners, fluorescent lamps, pesticides, fertilizer, herbicides, batteries, or liquids.

Funding and support provided by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District, Meigs County Health Department, the Meigs County Commissioners, Meigs County Grants Office, and the Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton Solid Waste District.

If you have questions please call the Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District at 740-992-4282 or the Meigs County Health Department at 740-992-6626.

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## **SWCD equipment for sale, rent**

**The following items are available for sale:**

- Marking Flags — \$.10 each
- Topographical Maps — \$8 each
- Meigs County Platbooks — \$25.00
- Ohio Pond Management Handbooks — \$3 each
- Digital Soil Survey CD—\$10 each
- 'Leading from the Past—Stories of Leading Creek' Book—\$15
- SWCD Hats— \$10

**The following equipment is available for rent (subject to scheduling and availability):**

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| John Deere No-Till Drill (10-foot) | \$90 min. plus \$9/acre over 10 acres | 70 HP tractor min. |
| Tye No-Till Drill (7 foot)         | \$80 min. plus \$8/acre over 10 acres | 45 HP tractor min. |
| Brillion Seeder (8-foot)           | \$80 min. plus \$8/acre over 10 acres | 40 HP tractor min. |
| Lime Spreader                      | \$50 min. plus \$2/ton over 25 tons   | 60 HP tractor min. |
| Forester Tree Planter              | \$25 per day                          | 25 HP tractor min. |
| Planter Bars                       | Free with \$20 returnable deposit     |                    |
| Box Trap                           | Free with \$30 returnable deposit     |                    |



**A \$100 delivery/  
pickup fee will be  
assessed for  
equipment rentals  
outside of the county.**

*All equipment rentals must be scheduled through the Meigs SWCD office at 992-4282 during regular business hours for delivery Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The minimum fee will be assessed if equipment is delivered and not used. A \$10 charge per month will be added to all bills after 60 days.*

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**Meigs SWCD Calendar of Events**



Regular meetings of the Meigs SWCD Board of Supervisors are generally held at 11:30 a.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at the SWCD office, 113 E Memorial Drive, Suite D, Pomeroy. Dates and times are subject to change.

Feb. 15—Presidents Day. Office Closed.  
Feb. 25—Meigs SWCD Board of Supervisors regular meeting  
Feb. 29—Tree Order Deadline  
March 24—Meigs SWCD Board of Supervisors regular meeting  
April 23—Leading Creek Stream Sweep

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