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Boone County Conservation District Newsletter

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Nutrient Applicator Certification: Do I need to be

The Nutrient Management Applicator Certification Program is a program that operates under a state law requiring that persons applying nutrients (litter, sewer sludge, or commercial fertilizer) **inside** Arkansas Nutrient Surplus Areas be certified as a nutrient applicator with the state of Arkansas.

Any and all persons that apply nutrients to 2.5 or more acres containing nitrogen or phosphorus are required to obtain a certification through the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC)

How do I know if my land is within the Nutrient Surplus Area?

The Nutrient Surplus Area covers most of Boone County with the Crooked Creek and Buffalo Watersheds excluded. For any other area in Arkansas, check out this website for a map:

https://static.ark.org/eeuploads/anrc/nas_area_.pdf

What is the difference between a private or commercial applicator?

A Private Applicator is eligible to apply nutrients to land owned or controlled by him. A Commercial Applicator is certified to apply nutrients to land outside his ownership or control.

What do I do to become certified?

To become a Private Applicator, you must submit an application, attend a training course, and submit a certification fee of \$30. To become a Commercial Applicator, you must submit an application and a certification fee of \$60, attend a training course, pass a test, and pay a testing fee of \$25.

Certification is good for 5 years and must be renewed through ANRC.

Training is offered periodically. If you need to be certified in **Boone County**, please give us a call here at the office.

If you would like to read State Law Title 21, please visit the following website:

https://static.ark.org/eeuploads/anrc/title_21rules.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Our Mission: To Work WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS & LAND OWNERS HAVING SIMILAR GOALS TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.

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Your Resource Concerns

The Boone County Conservation District would like to know how the residents of our county view our natural resources and what conservation issues are most pressing. Following are some questions concerning water issues; erosion; drainage issues; and pest management. Please take the time to fill in your concerns on this survey. You may mail the survey back to our office at:

BCCD 402 N. Walnut, Ste. 125 Harrison, AR 72601 Or you may drop it off in our office. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing how our District can better serve our county!

Pest and Wildlife Management

1. What pest and wildlife concerns do you have or view as an issue? Would you like to see more information or education on these in the future?

Water Use & Quality

2. What specific concerns do you have regarding water use, quality, and erosion? (These may be regarding a specific geographical location; the county's future use of water; etc) What programs or information may the District be able to supply in the future?

Agriculture

3. What do you view as the biggest challenges facing agriculture now and for the future? How can the District help to address these issues?

Other Comments or Suggestions:

June 18-24, 2018 has been designated as Pollinator Week. Pollinator Week was initiated and is managed by the Pollinator Partnership. During this week, we celebrate the valuable ecosystem services provided by bees, birds, butterflies, bats, and beetles. The growing concern for pollinators is a sign of progress, but it is vital that we continue to maximize our collective effort. Pollinator Week is a chance to get the important pollinator message out to as many people as possible. Plan an event for your garden, church, or community.





July 21-29, 2018 nationalmothweek.org

Why moths?

□ Moths are **among the most diverse and successful organisms** on Earth.

□ Scientists estimate there are 150,000 to 500,000 moth species.

□ Their colors and patterns are either dazzling or so cryptic that they define camouflage. Moths can be as small as a pinhead or as large as an adult's hand.

□ Most moths are nocturnal, but some fly in daylight like butterflies.

□ **Finding moths** is as simple as leaving on a porch light after dark. Serious moth aficionados use special lights and baits to attract them.

Tree Protectors for Sale

BCCD is now selling tree protectors for your seedlings here in our office.

Protex Pro/Gro seedling protectors are made of a light blue poly material that allows sun light to penetrate and can accelerate photosynthesis. They are great for protecting against deer, elk, and rabbit browse. They can be anchored with a stake.

18" tubes: \$1.25 each

36" tubes: \$2.25 each





Beaver Reservoir Watershed Project

The Boone County Beaver Reservoir Watershed Project is a voluntary effort for landowners that provides financial assistance to install practices that conserve and improve soil and water resources while providing economic advantages. BCCD recognizes that focusing on installing vol-



untary Best Management Practices (BMPs) is the best method of controlling nutrient, sediment, and bacteria runoff from entering our waterways.

Operators must be district cooperators, and agree to implement specific eligible conservation practices as part of a conservation plan which will protect water quality.

Cost share funds will be provided at a maximum of 40% of the total cost of practice implementation—not to exceed \$7500. Practices will be started after the contract is approved. Upon completion, the practices will be inspected to ensure they meet NRCS guidelines.

We are nearing the end of our 3rd and final year of this project.

Equipment for Rent

No Till Drills: \$100.00 deposit-\$10.00/ac (\$100.00 a day minimum)

Native Grasses No Till

Drill: \$100.00 deposit-\$10.00/ac (\$100.00 a day minimum)

Smooth Roller: \$50.00 deposit-\$25.00/day

Aerator: \$50.00 deposit-\$35.00/day

Litter/Lime Spreader:

\$150.00 deposit-\$100.00/day (\$50.00 clean-up)

Food Plot Machine:

\$100.00 deposit-\$30.00 / day Gas-Powered Rhino Post/T-Post Driver \$50.00 deposit-\$50.00/day or

\$75.00 a weekend



Contact the District Office at (870) 741-8600 x. 3 if your are interested in renting our equipment.

Products For Sale

2017 Boone County Plat Books: \$40.00

Filter Fabric: **\$3.00/ linear foot** (Can be used in heavy use areas around water facilities to prevent erosion. Areas can then be covered with rock or gravel. Great as weed barriers in flower beds also!)

Topo Maps of Boone County: \$10.00 each (sold by quads)

Newsletter Ad Space For Sale: \$50.00 a year

(mailed out 4Xs a year)

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Or email me at lisa.widner@ar.nacdnet.net.

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