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Tree Order Forms Are Now Available

The 2021 Tree Order Forms are now available in the office. The species available are: American Arborvitae, Austrian Pine, Colorado Blue Spruce, Eastern White Pine, Norway Spruce, Arrowwood Viburnum. Also Black Cherry, Black Walnut, Black Chokeberry, Pin Oak, Black Gum, Red Bud, Sugar Maple, Swamp White Oak, and Sweet Gum. The seedlings are packaged in packets of ten.

Two seed packets are offered. America Wildflower and Butterfly/Hummingbird blend.

The Wildflower seed contains 12 different annual and 17 different perennial species adapted for this area. The Butterfly/Hummingbird blend contains 18 different annual and 5

different perennial varieties. Each 1 ounce packet will cover approximately 300 square feet.



This program is open to the public and orders will be accepted until March 26, 2021. Payment is required when orders are placed. There is no warranty or guarantee on the seedlings.

Orders will be available for pickup from the office the middle of April. Post cards or email will be sent with information on the specific delivery dates and time.

Stop in the office if you have questions or need help in developing a planting plan for a windbreak. Pictures and species information are available.

H2Ohio Update by Kate Myers H2Ohio Technician

This fall we have wrapped up signing the 2021 H2Ohio program agreements. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation and help getting this step in the program completed. We are currently in the process of reviewing Nutrient Management Plans and receiving supporting documentation for other practices.

If you are participating in the H2Ohio program and have not submitted your VNMP or are unsure if it has been submitted, please contact Kate by either calling the office or emailing her at katelyn.myers@nacdn.net. These need to be approved by the board by December 31st, so please submit them ASAP. If for any reason you feel you might not meet that date, let Kate know. Please ensure that you are following the Tri-State Fertilizer Recommendations for your nutrient management plans. Information about Tri-

State and both the 1995 and 2020 guides are available on our website (vwsxcd.org).

If you have documentation from this fall for Variable Rate Phosphorus Application, Subsurface Phosphorus Placement, Conservation Crop Rotation (both Small Grains and Forages) you can submit your items at any time. Verification pages are available on our website under the H2Ohio tab that you will need to use as a checklist to ensure all the documentation needed for each practice is submitted.

Please contact Kate with any questions you may have and stay up to date on H2Ohio updates and information on our website.



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Education Update

By: Tammy Campbell, Education Coordinator



teachers are doing the lesson or I am finding things like coloring books to go with the presentation topics I would have been doing in the class.

I am very willing to help teachers in this time of Covid19 so if you have questions please contact us and we will do everything we are able to help.

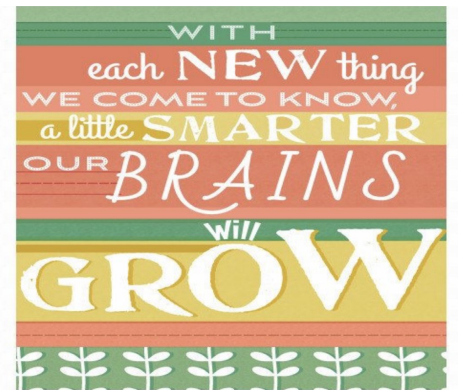
I am hoping, like everyone else that the picture at the top is what we get back to as soon as we are able. The worms are in great need of seeing

Education in the era of Covid19 is still going on but just in new and different ways. I am still going to a few schools to do presentations. These presentations must be modified because students are not allowed to share materials. I am changing the presentations to allow for all of the new rules. These presentations are different but still teaching important lessons.

Presentations for me are very hands on. The older students will have a

lab to go with the topic they are learning such as Rocks, Minerals, or Soil. In the time of Covid19 we are still learning about all of these topics but labs have been changed to allow for social distance and not sharing of materials. The younger students have a short lesson and then an activity to go with the lesson. These are also different in this new time.

Some schools are not allowing visitors. In these schools I am taking the presentation tubs and the



Fish Fingerlings for Sale

The SWCD will be taking orders for fish fingerlings soon. The types of fish available are: largemouth bass, blue gill, channel catfish, minnow, shell-cracker, crappie, perch, and white amur. The fish are available in lots of 10-25, as stated on the order form. The minnow is available in lots of 100 (500 min) and the white amur are ordered individually (2 min).

The fish sale is an opportunity for pond owners to stock or restock the ponds at a reasonable cost.



Orders will be accepted until April 23. Payment is expected when placing the order.

The fish will be delivered to the SWCD office on Friday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m.

Stocking recommendations for a one acre pond are:

- ✧ 100 largemouth bass
- ✧ 500 blue gill
- ✧ 100 channel catfish
- ✧ 500-1000 fat head minnow

White amur recommendations are based on the amount of weed cover in the pond. If the pond has 20-40% vegetation the recommendation is 10 amur; above 40% weed cover the recommendation is 15 amur.

Orders will be boxed and ready at the time of delivery. Order forms are available in the office or on the website.



Winter Manure Application

With the winter season upon us, the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil and Water Conservation would like to remind producers and nutrient applicators of laws and restrictions on manure application.

Ohio Senate Bill 1 clarifies and enhances the restrictions on manure application within the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB).

Application restrictions in the WLEB include:

- On snow-covered or frozen soil;
- When the top 2 inches of the soil are saturated from precipitation;
- When the local weather forecast for the application area

contains greater than fifty percent chance of precipitation exceeding one-half inch in a 24-hour period. Applicators are responsible for checking and keeping forecast information before application. Any source of weather prediction is acceptable.

Restrictions do not apply if:

- The manure is injected into the ground;
- Manure is incorporated within 24 hours of surface application, using a tillage tool operated at a minimum of 3-4 inches deep;
- The manure is applied onto a growing crop;

- The chief of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation has provided written consent for an emergency application. Contact the division in case of an emergency.

Producers are reminded to use best management practices when applying manure and follow USDA NRCS Field Office Technical Guide Standard 590.

For more information about manure application, producers and applicators can contact the ODA Division of Soil and Water Conservation at 614-265-6610 or dswc@agri.ohio.gov.

Covid Update: While many of our events have been cancelled this year, the office does continue to remain open and the staff is available to assist you. The front door does remain locked to control the number of visitors at one time so please either call ahead at 419-238-9591 or knock and we will let you in.

Milk Weed

Thank you to everyone who participated in the collection of milk weed pods this fall. We had a wonderful turn out! We also visited the Dealey Farm to pick up their generous collection.



Pictured are Emily and Mathew Dealey along with our Education Coordinator Tammy Campbell.



Kemler Re-Elected

Thank you to everyone who participated in our election this year. We were unable to have our annual meeting this year due to Covid restrictions, so it made the election process a little different this year. We had a 44 day voting period either by absentee or coming into the office. While the participation wasn't as high as normal we still had a good amount of votes. Congratulations to Dave Kemler on his re-election to the Van Wert County SWCD board. Our board consists of 5 members who serve a 3 year term. They are the foundation of the SWCD program. They serve our community and give generously of their time to make the SWCD program successful.

Board of Supervisors

Craig Pohlman—Chair
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SWCD Staff

Becky Dowler, Office Manager
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Kate Myers, Special Program Technician
Tammy Campbell, Education Coordinator

NRCS Staff

Ken Kottenbrock, District Conservationist
Tinina Hale, Civil Engineer
Noel Morris, Soil Conservation Tech
Jack Martini— PF Farm Bill Biologist

Upcoming 2021 Dates ~

January 1	New Year's Day—Holiday
January 2	Tree Seedling Sale Begins
January 13	SWCD Board Meeting—8 AM
January 20	Park District Board Meeting—2 PM
January 18	MLK Day—Holiday
February 10	SWCD Board Meeting—8 AM
February 15	President's Day—Holiday
February 17	Park District Meeting—2 PM
March 10	SWCD Board Meeting—8 AM
March 17	Park District Meeting—2 PM
March 26	End of tree sale