



Dear Farmers and Landowners,

The September Edition of ***The Dirt*** is here, bringing you the latest from Carroll County Conservation District, covering what's happening on Carroll County farms this fall along with some important program deadlines to keep on your radar.

Around the Farm this Month

In the past, September brought tobacco cutting and housing to farms in Carroll County. Today, September signals the forthcoming corn and soybean harvest and fall calving season for many cattle operations. It's also prime time for soil testing ahead of fall fertilization, seeding cover crops, and general garden cleanup as the growing season winds down.



CAIP & YAIP Update

Projects for this cycle are well underway, please feel free to reach out to the office with questions about eligible purchases, important dates, etc.

Mark your calendars for YAIP Presentation Night! YAIP presentations will be held on Thursday, November 5 @ 6pm at the Carroll Co. Extension office. This event is **required** for reimbursement for student participants.

Reminder: the CAIP deadline is **12/2/26 @ 4:30pm** and the YAIP deadline is **11/4/26 @ 4:30pm**. No late projects will be accepted.

NRCS EQIP & CSP

NRCS's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) are accepting applications for the next funding cycle, with a **September 25 deadline** to be considered. These programs offer financial and technical assistance for practices like grazing management, soil health, water quality, and wildlife habitat improvements. Applications are accepted year round, but submitting yours before the deadline puts you in line for this funding cycle...contact Pat Underwood at the CCCD office soon if you're interested.

KY State Cost Share

The KY State Cost Share program remains open on a competitive, statewide basis for landowners with an up-to-date Ag Water Quality Plan. It offers 75% reimbursement on eligible practices, up to \$20,000.00 annually. Priority is given to animal waste-related projects and producers already enrolled in an Ag District. Common investment areas include animal waste facilities, rotational grazing systems, heavy use areas, riparian buffers, soil health management, vegetative filter strips, livestock stream crossings and more. Please reach out to CCCD during the month of September to submit your application as the **deadline is October 1, 2026**.

Thank you for all you do to care for Carroll County's land and water.

Warmly,

Carroll County Conservation District

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The Dirt



Landowner News

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Welcome!

Welcome to the September edition of **The Dirt**, Carroll County Conservation District's newsletter!

As CAIP & YAIP projects are underway, there are a few more important program deadlines to consider in September: EQIP, CSP, and KY State Cost Share. Please don't wait to get those applications in!

Agency Notes

NRCS - The deadline for EQIP and CSP programs is September 25. Please call our office for assistance.

Extension - Upcoming Field Day - 10/3/26 - Hackett Farm - 10:30am

Opportunities include: drone demonstration, BQCA chute-side training, and pasture seeding demonstration.

FSA - Program enrollments and farm record updates may be completed at the New Castle or Carrollton offices. FSA staff is in the New Castle office on Mon-Tues and in Carrollton Wed-Thurs.



CARROLL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

CCCD OFFICE
214 PARK AVE
CARROLLTON, KY 41008
9/17/26 7:00PM

The September CCCD Board Meeting will be held on September 17, 2026 @ 7pm at the CCCD office at 214 Park Ave. Carrollton.

Program Updates

Kentucky State Cost Share

State Cost Share program applications are available and accepted during business hours. Application deadline is **October 1 @ 12pm**. This is the final ranking for 2026. Please contact us for assistance and/or a complete list of practices.

EQIP/CSP

Deadline for this funding cycle is September 25. Schedule a visit with our Conservation Technician!

CAIP & YAIP

YAIP Project/Paperwork Deadline is **11/4/26 @ 4:30pm**. YAIP Presentations will be held on 11/5/26 @ 6pm at the Carroll Co. Extension Office. Youth are **required** to give a presentation to receive their reimbursement.

CAIP Project/Paperwork deadline is **12/2/26 @ 4:30pm**.



Did you know?

- By the mid-20th century, Carrollton housed 18 massive tobacco warehouses. During peak seasons, the city's redryer plants and loose-leaf auction floors employed hundreds of people, handling tens of millions of pounds of burley leaf annually.
- Carrollton's first tobacco festival, held in 1934, drew app. 10,000 farmers and the parade was lead by a 40-piece band and a large black hearse with "Old Tobacco Prices-Six Feet Under the Sod"
- To feed that massive 1934 festival crowd, local businessmen hired a famous regional chef who brewed **1,500 gallons of traditional burgoo stew** in a massive 500-gallon iron kettle that had originally been used to manufacture gunpowder during the Civil War



CCCD Program Spotlight Art & Writing Contest

CCCD is proud to be involved annually with the Jim Claypool Art & Conservation Writing Contest. The contest begins September 1, 2026 and the theme is Ground Rules: The Story Beneath Your Feet. Please contact the office for an official booklet and rules. Deadline to enter is December 1, 2026.



Upcoming Events

Please visit <https://carrollcountycd.com/upcoming-events> to see a full list of opportunities.

- OAK Field Day: The Long Game - Hill & Hollow Farm, Sept. 14 1-4pm
- Paw Paw Workshop - KSU Benson Research Farm, Sept. 16 & 17
- Small Ruminant Boot Camp - Kenton Co Extension, virtual, Campbell Co Extension, Sept. 15 & 29 and Oct. 6 & 10
- KY Watershed Network Summit - Berea College, October 14-15



High Tunnel System



Composting Facility



Filter Strip



Cover Crop Enhancement

EQIP & CSP

NRCS programs, EQIP and CSP, are flagship programs designed to assist producers with integrating conservation practices into their working lands.

EQIP provides technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers and forest landowners to address natural resource concerns, such as: improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, increased soil health, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation, improved or created wildlife habitat, and mitigation against drought and increasing weather volatility.

If you are already taking steps to improve the condition of the land, chances are, CSP can help you find new ways to meet your goals.

NRCS works one-on-one with producers to develop a conservation plan that outlines and enhances existing efforts, using new conservation practices or activities, based on management objectives for your operation. Producers implement practices and activities in their conservation plan that expands on the benefits of cleaner water and air, healthier soil and better wildlife habitat, all while improving their agricultural operations.

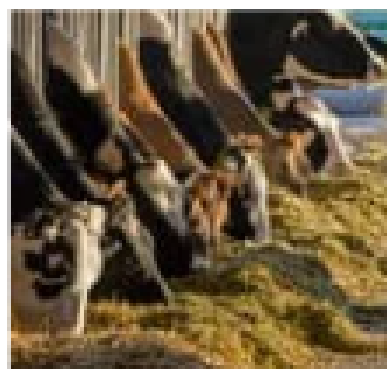


AG SALES TAX EXEMPTION RENEWAL

Kentucky Dept. of Revenue is renewing **ALL** agriculture exemption numbers this year. Here's what every farm should know:

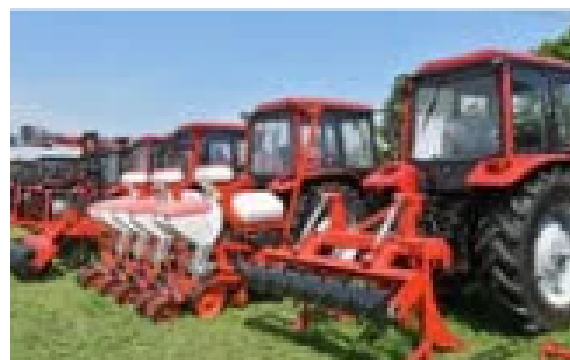
RENEWAL CHECKLIST

- Receive *PIN* letter from *KY DOR* via *USPS* (if you haven't received yours, verify your address is correct at mytaxes.ky.gov or 502-564-5170)
- Set up a *user* account at myTaxes.ky.gov
- Follow the instructions in your *PIN* letter to link your *Ag Exemption ID*
- Log back in after 3-5 business days to download and print your renewal certificate



Important!

All ag exemptions will expire on December 31, 2026. Renewals must be completed online prior to that date to be valid for 2027 and will need to be renewed every 4 years going forward.



CONTACT US IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THIS PROCESS

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**CARROLL COUNTY
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**



KENTUCKY State Cost Share

Helping landowners address existing soil erosion, water quality, and other conservation concerns associated with their farming or woodland operations and aid in the protection of Kentucky's soil and water resources.

**Heavy Use
Area**



**Watering
Facilities**



**Exclusion
Fencing**



...and More!



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Ground Rules:

The Story Beneath Your Feet

What's really going on beneath our fields, gardens, and backyards? The **Jim Claypool Art & Conservation Writing Contest** invites Kentucky students to explore soil conservation and then tell its story through words or original artwork. Every Carroll County student is invited to take part in the contest!

All entries must convey an accurate understanding of information in this booklet and inform about good soil conservation practices.

***Please review official Rules page in booklet.**

UP TO GRADE 5

Art

- 8.5" x 11" - 2-D only
- Any medium, paint, pencil, crayon, collage or mixed media (entry must remain flat), photography, charcoal, etc.
- Show, at a glance, an accurate understanding of information in the booklet and persuade viewers of the need for good soil conservation practices
- Must be original artwork of the student

GRADES 6-12

Writing

- Up to 1,000 words
- Written from the perspective of an informed writer to teach readers about soil conservation including accurate information in the booklet
- Format: letter, article, editorial, or speech
- Typed or written in ink, 1-sided
- ALL sources reputable and cited
- Must be original work of the student

TURN IN YOUR ENTRY BY

December 1 @ 12pm

**to CCCD office, 214 Park Ave, Carrollton, KY
or by email to carrollcountycd@gmail.com**

One entry per student. Students may enter Art or Writing, not both. Entry form and parent/teacher signatures **required**. See official rules in booklet.

