

Carroll County Conservation District

The Dirt



Landowner News

Issue 03

June 2026

Welcome!

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

The CAIP and YAIP programs are ramping up and we hope you'll take advantage of the opportunity to participate. Look for more details about the programs on our website carrollcountycd.com and throughout this newsletter. Give our Facebook page a follow for current opportunities. We're glad you're here!

Agency Notes

NRCS - Landowners can apply for fiscal year '27 programs and schedule visits with technical staff.

Extension - Plough day at Masterson House 6/19/26 @ 9am, Dry Stone Fence Day at Whites Run Baptist Church 6/24/26 @ 8am, Beekeeper Meet & Greet at Extension office 6/30/26 @ 5:30pm, Alpha-Gal program at Extension office 7/16/26 @ 6pm

FSA - The acreage reporting deadline is **July 15, 2026**. Acreage reports and other program enrollments may be completed in-person at the New Castle or Carrollton offices or via email.



The repairs at the USDA Service Center in Carrollton are complete. CCCD, FSA, and NRCS are back in the office and ready to serve you! We appreciate your patience and look forward to seeing you.

Program Updates

Kentucky State Cost Share

State Cost Share program applications are available and accepted during business hours. Please contact us for assistance.

EQIP/CSP

New applications for program year '27 are being accepted continuously. Schedule a visit with our Conservation Technician.

CAIP & YAIP

CAIP and YAIP programs are beginning. The informational meeting will be at the Extension office on June 10 @ 5:30pm. Application period for both programs runs 6/10/26-7/8/26 with the **application deadline @ 4:30pm on 7/8/26**. The CAIP and YAIP programs will run concurrently again this year. **Project/paperwork deadline for CAIP is 12/2/26 and for YAIP is 11/4/26**. Landowners: a current KY Ag Water Quality Plan is required to be eligible to apply.





Did you know?

- **Secret to the "Sport of Kings":** The famous Bluegrass region (centered around Lexington) is underlain by phosphorus-rich Ordovician limestone. This unique dirt grows incredibly nutrient-dense grasses, which build strong bones in Kentucky's world-class thoroughbreds.
- **The State's Most Common Dirt:** Crider soil is the most prevalent soil type in Kentucky, covering over 500,000 acres. It is deep, drains well, and is responsible for making up a massive portion of the state's prime farmland.
- **A Leader in No-Till Farming:** To prevent the state's valuable, silty-loam topsoil from eroding, Kentucky farmers are national leaders in "no-till" farming. This eco-friendly practice leaves crop residue on the ground to build soil carbon and prevent harmful nutrient runoff into rivers.



Ask us about outreach opportunities for your classroom or organization!



Upcoming Events

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

- CAIP & YAIP Informational Meeting - June 10, 5:30pm @ Carroll Co. Extension Office
- Historic Plough Day - June 19, 9am @ Masterson House
- Woodland Owners Short Course - multiple dates in June, online
- Beekeeper Meet & Greet - June 30, 5:30pm @ Carroll Co. Extension Office
- OAK event: Blooms, Bees, & Biodiversity - July 7, 9am-12pm @ KSU Benton Research Farm



CCCD Program Spotlight Invasive Pear Removal Program

CCCD has funds to assist landowners with the cost of removing invasive pear (callery/Bradford) trees on their property. Before and after photos and address verification are required. To learn more about this program or to apply, please visit this [link](#).

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- Ag Diversification
- Ag Tech and Leadership Development
- Large Animal
- Small Animal
- Farm Infrastructure
- Fencing and On-Farm Water
- Forage and Grain Improvement
- Innovative Agricultural Systems
- On-Farm Energy
- Poultry and Other Fowl
- Value-Added and Marketing

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CAIP Incentive Areas



Applications

- Application period **6/10/26-7/8/26**
- Must be complete (including SSN, FSN, AWQP, Signature)
- Can request via email or pick up at CCCD office or Extension office
- Deadline - **July 8, 2026 @ 4:30pm** (NO late applications will be accepted)
- Scored by committee
- Project/Paperwork Deadline: **12/2/26 @ 4:30pm**

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CAIP Application Requirements



YAIP Incentive Areas

- Animal Production
- Forage Improvement
- Showmanship
- Country Ham Project
- Agricultural Diversification

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YAIP Incentive Areas



YAIP

- Applications Available: **6/10/26-7/8/26**
- Application Deadline: **July 8, 2026 @ 4:30pm**
- Must be 9 years of age
- Mentor
 - Extension Agent
 - Organization Leader
 - 4-H
 - FFA
 - Ag teacher
- Cost Share 50/50 up to max \$1500.00 maximum
- Project/Paperwork Deadline: **November 4, 2026 @ 4:30pm**



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YAIP Application Requirements



2026 Revisions

- **Added** new exclusion: repairs, routine maintenance, beautification/cosmetics, and/or renewal of annual subscriptions are **NOT** eligible for cost-share.
- **Revised** Question #6 to include Agriculture Exemption license #.
- **Added** a new question (#10): Have you filed a FSA crop acreage report for your operation for the most recent reporting year? 5pts
- **Revised** Question #20 to include additional events.

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2026 Revisions