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Meet Sid! I've hidden him inside this Newsletter. The first person to find him and post it on the Kerr County SWCD's Facebook page gets a prize!

-Missie Dreiss, Kerr County SWCD District Technician



**Kerr County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**42<sup>nd</sup> Texas Conservation Awards Program**

## Essay Contest & Poster Contest

Subject: "Where would we BEE without Pollinators?"

**Poster and Essay entries are due Dec. 10, 2019**

Contest Rules: [www.kerrcountyswcd.com](http://www.kerrcountyswcd.com)

### Poster Contest

Local Winners will Receive

**1st Place: \$50 cash 2nd Place: \$25 cash**

Contest Rules:

- Kerr Co. residents age 12 and under
- Artist's name, age, and school or 4-H Club on back
- Standard poster board cut in half (22"x14")
- "Where would we BEE without Pollinators?" must be used included

### Essay Contest

Local Winners will Receive

**1st Place: \$50 cash 2nd Place: \$25 cash**

Essay Subject: "Where would we BEE without Pollinators?"

Junior: Ages 13 and older- (Maximum of 300 words)

Senior: Ages 14-18—(Maximum of 500 words)

Essays will be judged by the SWCD Board Members to find a local winner. Local winners will be submitted for an Area Competition. Area winners will be submitted for State

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## NATIVE TREE SALE

2104 MEMORIAL BOULEVARD, SUITE 103 KERRVILLE, TEXAS 78028  
830-896-4911 x 3 FAX: 844-496-8002  
[missie@kerrcountyswcd.com](mailto:missie@kerrcountyswcd.com)

Orders Due: November 7, 2019

Pick Up Date: November 13, 2019

All trees sold have been grown locally and are native species in 5 gallon pots.  
All trees will be in 5 gallon pots.

### Species Available:

- |                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Arizona Cypress  | Eve's Necklace        |
| Big Tooth Maple  | Golden Ball Lead Tree |
| Blanco Crabapple | Mexican Plum          |
| Burr Oak         | Monterrey Oak         |
| Red Oak          | Anacacho Orchid       |
| Chinkapin Oak    | Escarpment Cherry     |
| Cedar Elm        | Texas Redbud          |
| Desert Willow    | Texas Mulberry        |

Other Species & Sizes available upon request

For More Information or for Special Orders Please Contact:

Kerr County Soil & Water Conservation District

Missie Dreiss, Technician

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Check out our new website!

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### District Directors:

Zone 1

Barbara Oates, Secretary

Zone 2

Jack Thorn, Vice-Chairman

Zone 3

Paula Russ

Zone 4

David Symm

Zone 5

Jack Clarke, III, Chairman

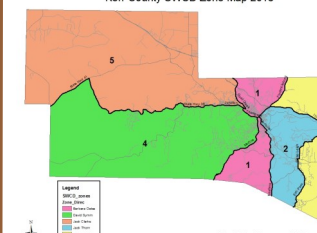
### District Clerk

Denise Griffin

### District Technician

Missie Dreiss

Kerr County SWCD Zone Map 2018



Natural Resources  
Conservation Service (NRCS)

### Resource Team Leader

Cole Jacoby

### Range Specialist

Kelly Umphres

### Soil Conservationist

Richard Atkinson

### OFFICE HOURS:

NRCS 8:00-4:30 Mon-Fri

SWCD 9:00-5:00 Tues-Thurs

(830) 896-4911x3



**Do You Have A  
Graduating Senior  
Interested In Pursuing A  
Career In Agriculture?**

The Kerr County SWCD offers a \$1,000 Scholarship for students that reside in or go to school in Kerr County. Applications are due March 16, 2020. Download the application from our website today!

[www.kerrcountyswcd.com](http://www.kerrcountyswcd.com)

**UGRA Water Enhancement  
Cost Share Program**

Receive an additional 25% reimbursement for finished NRCS and TSSWCB contracts for brush management

Eligibility:

- Property must be located in the Guadalupe River watershed in Kerr County
- Must have signed documentation from NRCS or TSSWCB indicating contract completion
- Contracts for cedar removal only
- If contract executed after 5/22/19, cedar must be stacked or burned

How to Apply:

- Bring project completion documentation to UGRA within 12 months and submit application for reimbursement



For More Information:  
Contact UGRA (830) 896-5445 or  
tbushnoe@ugra.org

**MARKET FACILITATION  
PROGRAM**

The Market Facilitation Program (MFP) provides direct payments to help producers who have been directly impacted by illegal retaliatory tariffs, resulting in the loss of traditional exports. The MFP is established under the statutory authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act and is under the administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA). The Charter Act Authorizes CCC to assist in the expansion of domestic markets or development of new and additional markets and uses.

**Producers may apply for MFP through Dec. 6, 2019.**

**Payments**

MFP payments are available to eligible producers of specified commodities for 2019 that include certain non-specialty crops, specialty crops, dairy, and livestock.

MFP payments will be made in up to three tranches (or portions), with the second and third tranches evaluated as market conditions and trade opportunities dictate. If conditions warrant, the second tranche will be made in November, and the Third in January.

The first payment will be comprised of the higher of either 50 percent of a producer's calculated payment or \$15 per acre. The first payments were issued starting in late August.

Producers requesting an MFP payment must have a crop acreage report on file with FSA for MFP crop commodities.

**Cover Crops**

Producers affected by natural disasters who filed prevented planting claims then planted an MFP-eligible cover crop, with the potential to be harvested or for subsequent use as forage, may qualify for a \$15 per acre payment. Acreage of cover crops must have been planted by Aug. 1, 2019, to be considered eligible for MFP payments.

**Where to File the Application**

MFP applications are available online at

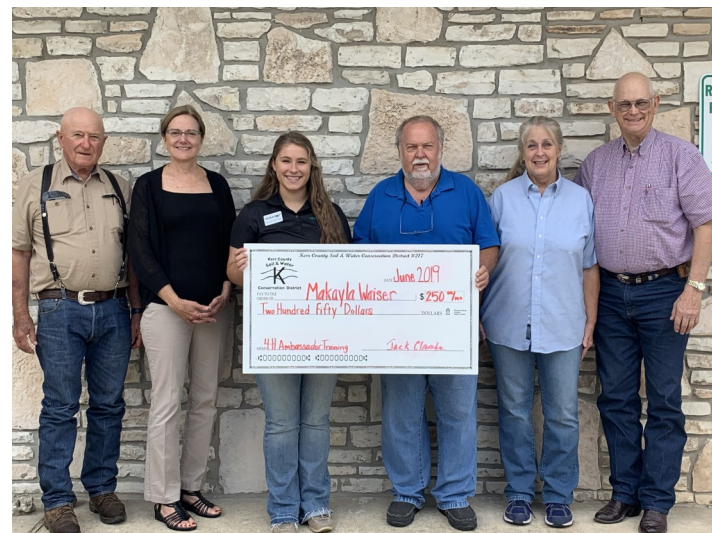
[farmers.gov/MFP](http://farmers.gov/MFP)

Applications can be completed at a local FSA office or submitted electronically either by scanning, emailing, or faxing.

**More Information**

For more information about the MFP program, visit [farmers.gov/MFP](http://farmers.gov/MFP) or contact your local **FSA Office**.

**Congratulations!**



Makalya Waiser, daughter of Travis and Amy Waiser, received a \$250.00 Sponsorship Check from the Kerr County SWCD to attend the **Texas 4-H Ambassador Training** program held in College Station. This program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related

to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for animal agriculture. Other objectives are to prepare youth to serve in leadership capacities in junior livestock programs across Texas, to prepare youth for the experience of the University setting through intensive science based instruction and experiences, to prepare and provide opportunities for the youth to serve in advocacy roles for animal agriculture, 4-H, and junior livestock programs, and to develop a heightened awareness of career opportunities in animal agriculture and advocacy. Through the creation of the Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program a new generation of knowledgeable, educated, and well-spoken youth have emerged in Texas to teach other youth and adults the skills of being good stewards, producers, and exhibitors of beef cattle, sheep, goats, and swine.

**Did You Know we could help provide technical  
support for your Cover Crops and Food Plots?**

Now is the time to assess the forage production on your property for the upcoming Fall and Winter seasons. We can help you implement a grazing plan based on forage availability. Give us a call or come by our office and let our team help you put together a seed mix for a Cool Season Cover Crop or Wildlife Food plot.