



# Nelson County News

Nelson County Soil Conservation District



Fall 2018

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I think mother nature has her seasons mixed up! It seems we skipped fall and went right to winter! I know a lot of farmers still have crops to harvest and we still have plenty of field work to do for conservation planning, so I'm hoping for an Indian summer yet or at least a little bit of fall. It was a frustrating year to get cover crop planted and get some growth on it with it being so dry. In August, we held our first field tour for women landowners and operators where we discussed soil health and shared a little about our backgrounds and then toured Vicky Olson's seasonal high tunnel. It was a great turn out and all the participants enjoyed themselves. We hope to do some type of meeting like this at least once a year. In September, we had a solar powered watering facility and cover crop tour at Josh Joramo's. Eco Ed was held on September 12th at Stump Lake Village where local 5th and 6th graders learned about crops, wetlands, water quality, prairie, woodlands and soils. In October, we partnered with NDSU Extension and the Nelson County Crop Improvement board to host a soil health tour on John Steffan's soil amendment site. Education plays an important role in a soil conservation district. Thank you to the SCD board and the producers that partnered with us for giving us the opportunity to hold these events. Andrew and I attended an awards day celebration in Bismarek this fall. The Lakota Field Office received an outstanding customer service award. This is a testament to the great producers and landowners we get to work with in Nelson county. Thank you for entrusting us with your conservation needs. We have had some personnel changes. Zach Anderson, Farm Bill Specialist, has accepted a graduate assistant position at NDSU. Jacquie Vilandre, NRCS secretary, accepted an internship with Rural Development in Devils Lake. We wish them both good luck in their future endeavors. Kori Hodek is our new NRCS office clerk. She and her husband, Mark live on a farm near Fairdale, ND where they raise crops and beef cattle. They have a daughter that is a senior in high school and a son that is a senior at NDSU. Stop in and introduce yourself to Kori and help welcome her to the county. The EQIP batching period ended on October 19th. The batching period for CSP will be some time in early 2019. If we can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to stop in or give us a call .

### SCD Meetings:

November 7  
December 5

USDA Building  
Lakota ND  
8:00am

701-247-2514  
ext. 3



### Livestock Forage Disaster Program



The Livestock Forage Disaster Program has been opened in Nelson County due to the drought. LFP compensates livestock producers for 2018 grazing losses. Payments are based on the type of pasture and number of livestock grazed. Producers should contact the FSA office, 247-2455, for program specifics and to set up an appointment to apply.

# Seasonal High Tunnel Tour



On August 30th, a seasonal high tunnel tour and women's workshop was held. Sixteen ladies enjoyed a morning of sharing and learning, followed by a tour of a seasonal high tunnel at Vicky Olson's farmstead.

## Solar Powered Livestock Watering and Cover Crop Tour

On September 28th, a solar-powered livestock watering system and cover crop tour was held. Producers gathered at Josh Joramo's pasture to view his watering system set up. Then, we took a look at Josh's cover crop grazing mix and discussed the benefits of grazing cover crops.



## Soil Health Tour

On October 4th, a soil health tour was held on John Steffan's land where amendments were applied. Naeem Kalwar, NDSU Extension Soil Health Specialist spoke on amendments to saline soils, Katelyn Hain, Nelson County Extension Agent, spoke on species selection for seeding saline areas, DeAnn Galde, District Conservationist and Andrew Willyard, Soil Conservationist spoke on NRCS programs and demonstrated a rain simulator to show infiltration of different land uses.



# Eco Ed

September 12, 2018 — Stump Lake Village



Dakota Prairie and Lakota Elementary 5th & 6th Grade Students



DeAnn Galde  
Crops



Jason Sieler  
Wetlands



Ross Myers  
Woodlands



Katelyn Hain  
Prairie/Rangeland



Zach Anderson  
Water Quality



Andrew Willyard  
Soils

## Grass Seeding

### 1590 No-Till John Deere Grass Drill

\$30/acre which includes tractor, driver and fuel (\$300 minimum)  
Contact the SCD office for more info:  
701-247-2514 ext 3



### Land Aerator For Rent

\$8/acre with your tractor or \$18/acre with fuel, tractor and driver provided by SCD. For use on: CRP, Pasture, Hay and for Seedbed Preparation. Knocks Down Brush and Small Trees. Shreds Corn Stubble, Smooths Rough Fields, Improves Water Infiltration, and Loosens Compacted Soil.



1 lb. Powder  
Concentrate  
\$27.00 + tax

7 lb. Shaker Bag  
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