

NRCS Program Signup

Now is the time to stop in the NRCS office and sign up for Farm Bill programs if you are interested in competing for funding. EQIP is a very popular program for cost share and technical assistance for practices many of you may need to implement for your CAFO plan. The majority of the programs are continuous signup with determined cutoff dates. Cutoff dates for the programs are as follows:

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

January 26, 2007

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)

January 12, 2007

Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)

March 12, 2007

Signing up for a program does not automatically guarantee funding. Applications for programs are funded until the allocation for a particular program is met.

Please call (315)782-7289, Ext. 3 for more information on program qualification.



SWCD Website

The Jefferson County SWCD now has a website. The website is jeffersoncountyswcd.org. The website lists all the programs and services available from the District. In addition, the tree and shrub order form is also available. Past copies of the District newsletter are posted on the website. The CAFO newsletter will also be posted on the website starting with this issue.

Important Dates

2007 is underway and with the new year comes change. Any large CAFO should have all required components of their CNMP implemented. Remember that large CAFOs have more recordkeeping to keep track of than medium CAFOs. All CAFOs must keep track of precipitation events greater than 0.3 inches. Medium CAFOs have until June 30, 2009 to have all of their required components of their CNMP implemented. Medium CAFOs should be targeting high risk conditions for immediate implementation work, since best management practices for high risk conditions should be implemented by October 1, 2008.

Annual reports are due to NYS DEC by March 31, 2007. Remember, one copy must go to Albany and one copy must go to the Regional Office in Watertown. EFARM is available again this year to help offset the costs of CNMP updates. As always, if you have questions, talk to your planner. There also looks like there will be some changes to DEC's regulations for CAFOs, so it would be a good idea to attend one of the CAFO update meetings to get a better understanding.



SWCD Tree and Shrub Program

The Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District is again taking orders for their annual tree and shrub seedling program. Order forms can be obtained by calling the District office at 315-782-2749.

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