



Washington County Conservation District Newsletter

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2019 Washington County Envirothon

1st Place



Canon-McMillan Gold Team

L to R: Bill Iams (WCCD Chairman), Henry Mongrain, Mikayla Bayto, Chase Chambers, Maddie Timko, Commissioner Maggi, Abby Daniels, Chelsea Geist (Advisor), and Sandy Strosko (Advisor).

Canon-McMillan Gold Team Wins Washington County Envirothon

Seven school districts from Washington County participated in the 2019 Washington County Envirothon on Wednesday, May 1st, 2019. The competition, held at the Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club, featured 13 teams of High School students competing for the top prize of a \$500 scholarship for each member and a trip to the State Level Competition on May 21st & 22nd.

The teams competing this year represented seven area high schools; Avella, Bethlehem-Center, California, Canon-McMillan, Chartiers-Houston, Ringgold, and Trinity. The teams from these schools tested their knowledge in the following topics: Aquatics, Forestry, Current Issues (Agriculture and the Environment: Knowledge and Technology to Feed the World), Soils & Land Use, and Wildlife.

For the third year in a row, the Canon -

McMillan school district took the top spot! First place went to Canon-Mac Gold Team with a total of 379 points out of 500. Second place went to Avella Blue Team (336 points), and Third place went to Canon-Mac Blue Team (334 points). Congratulations to the Canon-McMillan students for their win, and to all the student competitors for all the hard work they put into preparing for the competition.

The winning team members each received a \$500 scholarship for the higher education path of their choice thanks to our event sponsors. The 2019 Envirothon scholarship sponsors included MarkWest Liberty Midstream & Resources, EQT, and Range Resources.

The members of the winning team went on to compete at the State Competition on May 21st and 22nd. Competing against 66 other teams from across the state. The Canon-McMillan team placed 24th at the state event this year. Congratulations to the Canon-Mac team on your hard work this year.

Thank you again to our sponsors, staff and agency members for their assistance at the study session and competition, and to the teachers for their dedication to this program in Washington County.

If your school did not compete this year, but would like participate in the future, please contact Jennifer Dann at jdann@pawccd.org



2nd Place—Avella Blue Team

L to R: Bill Iams (WCCD Chairman), Noah Devenney, Nicholas Chase Blaze Allen, Paige Fino, Commissioner Maggi, Frank Craig, and Evy Breitigan (Advisor).



3rd Place—Canon-Mac Blue Team

L to R: Bill Iams (WCCD Chairman), Ash Spallinger, Jeffrey Liang-Sun, Linda Pan, Nathan Pirollo, Gabby Popovski, Commissioner Maggi, Chelsea Geist (Advisor), and Sandy Strosko (Advisor).

Special Thanks to the Sponsors and Individuals who assisted at this year's event:



Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club



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Sarah



Sarah Dugan was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and currently resides in Cheswick, PA. Growing up, she spent many of her summers attending events at the Rachel Carson Homestead in Springdale, PA, where she developed a love for the environment.

Sarah graduated from Springdale Jr. /Sr. High School in 2017. She is currently a junior at Washington and Jefferson College, pursuing an Environmental Studies and History double major. Throughout her college career, she has designed and conducted many research projects, including “Assessing the vigilance of Eastern Gray Squirrels in urban/rural habitats”, “Examining the Underground Railroad in Fayette County”, and “Assessing the abundance of earthworm populations at the Abernathy Field Station”.

Some highlights from her college career include being a LINK mentor to incoming freshman students for the 2018-19 academic year, the secretary of the Green Club, and a community outreach volunteer for the biology department. When she is not studying, Sarah enjoys photography, sewing, and spending time outside.

Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Road Program

-Matt Golden

Jefferson Township and West Brownsville Borough recently completed roadway improvement projects with funding through the District's Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Roads Program (DGLVR). Both municipalities made use of a contractor to complete the majority of the work.

Jefferson Township completed a stream crossing replacement on Shades of Death Road. The road crosses a tributary of Cross Creek. A failed 24" "tin whistle" culvert was replaced with a new 36" HPDE pipe with concrete headwalls & endwalls. The township was granted \$13,652.28 in program funds and they provided \$9,593.86 of in-kind contributions. The overall project value was \$23,246.14.

West Brownsville Borough finished work on 2nd Blvd. This project involved drainage improvements and was funded using low volume road funds. To qualify as low volume a road must have less than 500 cars per day. The traffic count for 2nd Blvd. only counted 84 cars per day. The project consisted of road bank stabilization and the installation of new cross pipes and catch basins. The program provided \$25,851.00, with the Borough providing an in-kind contribution of \$5,952.50. The overall project is valued at \$31,803.50.

With construction season in full swing, many other projects are under construction and we hope to highlight them in future articles. The Conservation District is always looking for new projects, we encourage residents to alert their municipality to roads that may be good candidates for improvement through the DGLVR program.





2nd Blvd , West Brownsville Borough

Low volume road drainage improvements





FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY WATERSHED ALLIANCE—Summer 2019

Washington County Watershed Alliance

50 Old Hickory Ridge Road, Suite 1, Washington, PA 15301

Website: Visit us at www.wcwalliance.org or our Facebook page for more information on our activities.

Meetings: The meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at the Washington Co. Conservation District office (50 Old Hickory Ridge Rd., Washington, PA 15301). Meetings are open to the public and begin at 7:00 pm. Join us to learn more about our organization.

Amazon Smile: You can now help the WCWA with every purchase you make on Amazon. If you use Amazon, you can login through Smile.amazon.com to send 0.5% of each of your purchases to the Watershed Alliance.

Riparian Buffer Workshop: Are you interested in having trees planted next to the stream on your property?

The WCWA will hold an event in September for landowners to learn about Riparian Buffers. A Riparian buffer is the vegetated area directly next to a stream or river. The WCWA is looking for landowners to sign up for a free assessment of their property to determine if they qualify for inclusion on a grant program to get trees planted on their property, free of charge. If you are interested in attending our event, please email us at info@wcwalliance.org.



3RQ Roundtable: On May 23rd the WCWA hosted the 3RQ group out of WVU for a roundtable discussion of water quality issues in Washington County and how regional environmental groups can work together to tackle these issues. There was a lively discussion and several coordinated efforts have emerged. Keep checking in for the status of these projects! Thanks to 3RQ for coordination of the event.

Clean Up: On March 14th, the WCWA joined Washington & Jefferson, and University of Pittsburgh students to clean up roadside litter along N. Hewitt Avenue in Canton Township.



Ag Days: The WCWA and Watershed Associations staffed a booth at Ag Days on April 5 & 6. Thanks to those who stopped by! See you at the Fair!

Chartiers Creek Watershed Association

www.upperchartierscreek.org; email: chartierscreekwa@pawccd.org; [facebook.com/upperchartierscreek](https://www.facebook.com/upperchartierscreek)

Meetings - The ChCWA meets at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the WCCD Office—50 Old Hickory Ridge Rd. Suite 1, Washington, PA.

Spring Stream Monitoring: The spring monitoring for the ChCWA was completed in May. Thank you to the volunteers who assisted during this monitoring. If you are interested in participating for the Fall, please contact us at chartierscreekwa@pawccd.org.

Peters Lake Celebration: On April 28th, the ChCWA set up a booth to display macroinvertebrates at the Celebrate the Lake event at Peters Lake.

AMD: Filed a complaint with DEP of abandoned mine drainage (AMD) discharge on an unnamed tributary of Chartiers Creek in Peters Township.

Clean Up: Participated in a cleanup on March 14 in Canton Township along Hewitt Avenue and Georges Run with WCWA, W&J, and Pitt students on their alternative spring break.



Buffalo Creek Watershed Association

www.buffalocreekwatershed.org; email: buffalocreekwa@gmail

Meetings: BCWA meetings are the second Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm at the Buffalo Twp. Municipal Bldg.

Research Project: In 2019, the group has joined with West Liberty University, the WCWA, and the Center for Coalfield Justice to assess five new sites within the watershed. Sampling for macroinvertebrates has been completed and chemical samples will be taken every two weeks until February 2020. Results are presented quarterly at the BCWA meetings. Please contact us to learn when the next presentation will be held.

Independence Conservancy (Raccoon Creek Watershed)

www.independenceconservancy.org

Rocky Bend Nature Preserve: Volunteers from the Conservancy, BioMost, Shell, and Potter Township planted over 1,500 trees and 900 live stakes at a created wetland site at the Rocky Bend Nature Preserve. This wetland is part of an ecological restoration for a low impact recreation area. The project was funded by a donation from Shell Pennsylvania Chemicals.

Bertha Road Trash Clean-Up: On May 22nd, the IC, Range Resources, and the Washington County Conservation District worked together to clean up an illegal trash dump along Bertha Road in Smith Township. Two roll-away dumpster were filled with trash, and there is more to collect. The eager volunteers have agreed to return in the fall to finish the collection. This proper disposal of the trash will reduce the pollution entering the Harmon Creek Watershed.



Ten Mile Creek Watershed Association

www.tenmilecreekwatershed.org

Facebook: The TMCWA has created a Facebook page, find us and keep up to date with volunteer items and meeting dates.

Upcoming Meetings: The TMCWA meets on the first Monday of April, July, and October, at 9:00am at the Log Cabin Fence Company meeting room. The next meeting will be held on Monday June 24th at 9:00am.

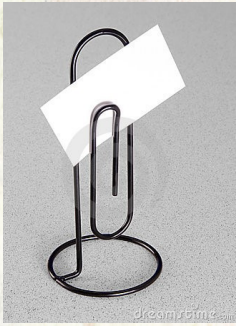
Natural Gas Outreach Event: The TMCWA will host an evening to learn about technology updates from the EQT company regarding their natural gas extraction activities. The event will be held on Monday October 7th at the Barn at Ike's place. Please join us for light refreshments and learn about a rapidly changing industry.

Upper Wheeling Creek Watershed Association

www.upperwheelingcreek.org

Upcoming Meetings: The Upper Wheeling Creek Watershed Association meets quarterly on the first Wednesday of April, July, and October at 10:00 AM at the East Finley Township Building, 1394 East Finley Drive (Rt, 231). Please note the date change for the upcoming meeting. The regular July meeting will be held on June 26th due to the 4th of July holiday.

Stream Monitoring: The UWCWA will be continuing its stream monitoring program, even after the WCWA ends it's participation. These loggers monitor for conductivity, temperature, and water level every 15 minutes continuously. This project will run in the Upper Wheeling Creek watershed into 2020 due to generous donations from local companies.



From the Manager's Corner

First, I would like to thank the employees at the Washington County Conservation District for their patience in teaching the new manager. **Second**, I would like to thank the Directors for allowing me to conduct my assessments over the first few months and the guidance they have provided me, thus far.

Over the last few months, as the new manager, I tried not to make any radical changes as I conducted my assessments of the staff, policies, procedures, and learned what everyone's roles and responsibilities were. As you come into a new position and look around, you realize there are not big sweeping changes that are needed but minor tweaks to move an organization from good to great. The staff in the district are professional, courteous, hard-working, and willing to accept change. Over the next six months, we will continue to improve on the base to turn this good organization into a great one. It is not about reinventing the wheel, it is about making small adjustments.

The staff developed a new vision and mission statement to begin the rebranding efforts to make this a great organization. They are working on creating a new district logo and then we will develop a strategic plan for the way forward. So, they are hard at work doing their regular jobs and I am asking them to go above and beyond and create a new brand for the district. They are up to the challenge and continue to be motivated. I am excited and confident that the work the district does for the citizens of Washington County are in the best interest of conserving the natural resources. Thank you for the enjoyment over the first four months.

SWPWO 2019 Calendar

Southwest PA Woodland Owners

July 13, Sat Evening Owl Walk- Take a walk in the woods and learn how to call and spot local owls (if we are lucky). Learn from the experts.

Aug 9, Friday 1 PM —Barrel Stave Factory Tour- Visit to Wilson Forest Products in Jefferson, PA—a local agribusiness that serves international customers from Greene County, PA. See how barrels are made from local white oak and learn how they are prepared for wineries and distilleries around the world. Meet at the factory at 1216 Jefferson Rd, Jefferson, PA before 1 PM

Sept 14, Sat 1-evening Wood Lot Tour and Dinner Social - Tour of conservation practices of Brian Adair's woodlot in Conneaut, PA, where he manages his property for a variety of recreational uses. The tour will be followed by a social hour and dinner on the water at Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club just down the road.

Sept 28, Sat 2019 PFA Annual Symposium: Wildlife & Woodlands, Toftrees Resort & Conference Ctr, State College (<http://paforestry.org/>) Join other PA woodland owners for educational sessions that will assist you in managing your woods, water and wildlife.

Oct 6, Sun 1PM Annual Walk in Penn's Woods- This is a statewide program where walks in the woods are offered all over the state. Visit this site to find a walk for you: <https://sites.psu.edu/walkinpennswoods/> or stay local and walk on the Burnham Wood lot where the tour will take you by vernal ponds, a variety of tree plantings of different age classes, and beautiful fall foliage on and around the country road.

Nov 13, Wed 7 PM Forest Management Practices Using Drones: This meeting will focus on recent developments in the world of UAS (otherwise known as drones). We have some exciting work going on locally and will present the technology and various applications of the technology to woodland management. This will be a follow-up to our meeting of two years ago. The technology is really flying along (pun intended). So I will stop droning on (pun intended) and hope to see you there. Greene County Airport hanger.

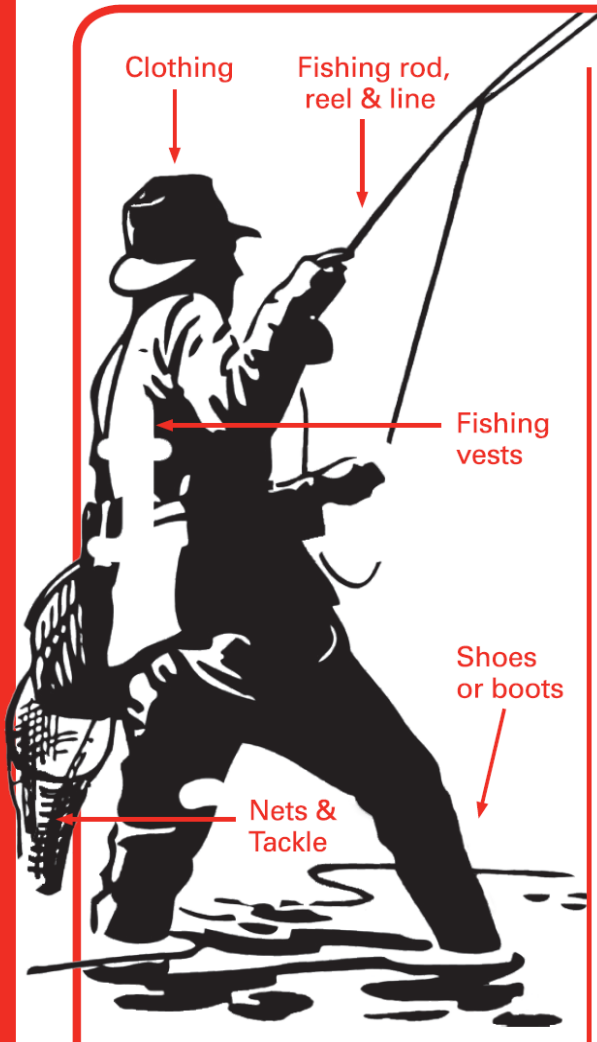
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Clean gear with hot water, or
Dry everything for at least five days.

Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

From the Ag Department

The Washington County Crops Day was a great success. The district along with Penn State Extension hosted the event on February 28th. The event included discussion on nutrient and weed management; cover crops; and NRCS and FSA updates. It was well attended by local farmers who provided great feedback for future workshops. We look forward to hosting this event next year.



Additionally, the District hosted multiple manure management workshops this spring. The workshops introduced landowners to regulations and requirements to be in compliance. As always, the conservation district is available to assist with any questions relating to nutrient management regulations and assistance in completing your manure management manual. Thanks, and we hope to hear from you!

SAVE THE DATE – On September 19, 2019 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Barn at Ike's place in Amity, Pa, join Southwest Project Grass and local specialists for a pasture field day. The day will consist of speakers, a tour of the Iams farm, and field demonstrations. For more event information contact Tom Ulrich at 724-705-7098.



Washington County Ag Land Preservation Program

The Washington County Agricultural Land Preservation Board (WCALPB) is pleased to announce that from 1994 to present, **6,462 acres on 40 farms are preserved!** These farms represent working lands across the county which produce field crops, milk, vegetables, Christmas trees, nursery stock, and a variety of livestock. On behalf of Washington County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, we thank the farm families who have made this forever commitment.

In 2018, the WCALPB received eight applications totaling 977 acres. **This year, the WCALPB has selected two farms totaling 172 acres for easement purchase.** In order to qualify for land preservation, minimum eligibility criteria for consideration includes:

- Enrolled in an Agricultural Security Area;
 - Comprised of 50% lands in Soils Classes I-IV utilized for commercial ag production;
 - Contain the greater of 50% or 10 (ten) acres of harvested cropland, pasture or grazing lands;
 - Must have a current conservation plan;
- The easement purchase program also has a 50-acre minimum or, if adjacent to a previously preserved farm, a 10-acre minimum.

Applications are accepted on an annual basis by September 30 of any given year. In order to be considered for that year's ranking, applications must be submitted every year. An initial one-time fee of \$50.00 is due with the first application.

After the September 30 deadline, staff will begin to schedule conservation evaluation visits with farm owners. During these visit, we will compare the farming operation with the operation described in the conservation plan. Common issues found with conservation plans can include:

- Plan not written for current operator
- Plan does not address all lands in commercial ag production
- Land uses have changes since the plan was written (i.e. cropland is now pasture)
- Plan does not address resource concerns
- Plan is not implemented (Less than 50% of practices are present on the farm)

Funding for land preservation efforts comes from sources such as Clean and Green penalties and state sources. In January, the Washington County Commissioners approved \$31,012.00 for the WCALPB preservation use. In February, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Farmland Preservation allotted \$627,313.00 to Washington County, bringing our county total to \$658,325.00 available this year for Agricultural Land Preservation.

Landowners interested in preserving their farmland may contact the Washington County Planning Commission at 724-228-6811, or find our information at www.co.washington.pa.us. Office hours are 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. We are located in Courthouse Square, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 701, Washington, PA 15301.



Sacrifice Area Management For Horse Owners



Does your pasture look like this?



Do you want to make a change?

Have you thought about a stabilized sacrifice lot, dry lot or heavy-use area?

What is a sacrifice area/dry lot or heavy-use area?

- A small non-grazeable outdoor paddock or lot generally designed for loafing without damaging pastures during stressful environmental periods.

Benefits

- Allows for movement and exercise when horses cannot get out on pastures
- Protects grass from being overgrazed
- Reduces mud, odor, and flies
- Reduces soil compaction that leads to more desirable plants and less weeds in the pasture
- Prevents hoof disease and parasite problems
- Helps control grazing periods when horses have limited time and access to grass, and when there is inadequate acreage to support long hours of grazing

How big should a sacrifice area be?

Sacrifice areas should take into account how much exercise a given horse needs; a yearling is going to require more exercise than an older, more mature horse. Also take into account the amount of riding time, pasture time, and other means of exercise your horse might be getting. A sacrifice area should be no larger than the maximum number of horses that will be in a given area at a given time, not the total number of horses on the farm.

Rule of thumb (1,100 lb. horse)

- At least 600 sq. ft. (30 x 20 ft.) per horse
- For running and playing - minimum of 20-30 by 100 (trot) by 200 (gallop)
- Avoid right angles - Less dominant horses may become trapped by more dominant horses
- Group horses by their temperament not necessarily their age

- Account for land availability and intended purpose

Where should a sacrifice area be located?

Horses will spend a lot of time in this area, especially in the winter and spring when soils are wet and have the potential to become muddy. This includes when the grass needs a rest or during maintenance of the pastures such as dragging, clipping, or fertilizing.

- Locate on high, well-drained soils away from wetlands, surface water and wells if possible.
- As close to the barn as possible, allowing easy access to the pastures. Remember horses will spend a lot of time here.
- Close to feed and water access
 - Try to keep feed elevated as much as possible

What is involved with a sacrifice lot?

A sacrifice lot can be fairly simple and cost effective.

- Try to locate on a slope of no more than 3 to 5 percent
- Grade area to the sub-base (remove top soil), grading away from the barns, and manure pile
- Cover with a heavy duty geo-textile
 - Tuck ends of geo-textile into trenches along perimeter (this will prevent horses from pulling it up)
 - Install 6 inches of ¾ to 3-inch crushed rock or limestone. This enhances drainage and protects from erosion.
 - Final layer - this is the layer that provides footing; it should be 3 to 4 inches of sand, crusher run, rubber chunks, wood chips or limestone dust (Limestone helps control urine odor)
- Install kick board to prevent material from washing away
- Divert flowing water around lot into a vegetative area

Maintenance

The sacrifice area needs to have some management; this will enable you to effectively utilize available land resources.

- Remove manure regularly- depending upon the number of horses at a given time, this may need to be done daily and before rain and snow events
- Check that fences are strong and free of sharp objects
- Control dust (may have to be watered down when needed)
- Add new footing as needed



More Information

For more information on horse management practices and other soil and water quality practices, contact your local Natural Resource Conservationist Service, Soil Conservation District, and/or Cooperative Extension Office.

www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov

Sources:

Sacrifice Areas – Snohomish Conservation District

Exercise or Sacrifice Lots for Horses – Micheal Westendorf, Department of Animal Science, Rutgers

Constructing a Sacrifice Area for Horse Operations – Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District



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2019 Acreage Reporting Dates

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Washington-Greene County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Washington and Greene County:

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| November 15, 2018 | Apiculture, Fall-Seeded Small Grains |
| January 15, 2019 | Apples, Grapes, Peaches, Pears |
| June 15, 2019 | Spring Barley, Spring Oats, Rye, Triticale, Spring Wheat |
| July 15, 2019 | All other crops, Perennial Forage |
| August 15, 2019 | Beans, Cabbage |

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.
- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of “cover only,” “green manure,” “left standing,” or “seed,” then the acreage must be reported by July 15th.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Washington-Greene County FSA office.

MAL and LDP Policy

The Agricultural Act of 2014 authorized 2014-2018 crop year Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs), with a few minor policy changes. Among the changes, farm-stored MAL collateral transferred to warehouse storage will retain the original loan rate, be allowed to transfer only the outstanding farm-stored quantity with no additional quantity allowed and will no longer require producers to have a paid for measurement service when moving or commingling loan collateral.

MALs and LDPs provide financing and marketing assistance for wheat, feed grains, soybeans, and other oilseeds, pulse crops, rice, peanuts, cotton, wool and honey. MALs provide producers interim financing after harvest to help them meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows. A producer who is eligible to obtain a loan, but agrees to forgo the loan, may obtain an LDP if such a payment is available. Marketing loan provisions and LDPs are not available for sugar and extra-long staple cotton.

FSA is now accepting requests for 2018 MALs and LDPs for all eligible commodities after harvest. Requests for loans and LDPs shall be made on or before the final availability date for the respective commodities. Before MAL repayments with a market loan gain or LDP disbursements can be made, producers must meet the requirements of actively engaged in farming, cash rent tenant and member contribution.

Commodity certificates are available to loan holders who have outstanding nonrecourse loans for wheat, upland cotton, rice, feed grains, pulse crops (dry peas, lentils, large and small chickpeas), peanuts, wool, soybeans and designated minor oilseeds. These certificates can be purchased at the posted county price (or adjusted world price or national posted price) for the quantity of commodity under loan, and must be immediately exchanged for the collateral, satisfying the loan. MALs redeemed with commodity certificates are not subject to the actively engaged in farming, cash-rent tenant, Adjusted Gross Income provisions or the payment limitation.

To be considered eligible for an LDP, producers must have form [CCC-633EZ, Page 1](#) on file at their local FSA Office before losing beneficial interest in the crop. Pages 2, 3 or 4 of the form must be submitted when payment is requested.

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) provisions were modified by the 2014 Farm Bill, which states that a producer whose total applicable three-year average AGI exceeds \$900,000 is not eligible to receive an MLG or LDP. Producers must have a valid CCC-941 on file to earn a market gain of LDP. The AGI does not apply to MALs redeemed with commodity certificate exchange.

Kids Corner



BUSY BEES



Image from: Wasatch Beekeepers Association



Did you know that bees make their own food from flowers? They use the nectar and pollen from flowers to make honey and royal jelly, which they use to feed themselves and their larvae.

Image from: Trees for Bees NZ



Bees find flowers by their scent and color. As they travel from flower to flower, they help pollinate the plants, which helps them reproduce. In fact, bees are responsible for pollinating corn, apples, strawberries, blueberries, almonds, celery, and many other foods we eat every day!



Image from: woodlandtrust.org

You can make your garden a home for bees!

This is a list of plants that will have bees buzzing about your garden:

- Lavender
- Goldenrod
- Sunflowers
- Rosemary
- Daisies
- Sage
- Roses
- Basil
- Chives
- Mint
- Marigolds
- Catnip
- Oregano

Image from: Homestead Gardens



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