



Williams County Soil Conservation District

August 2022

5th Annual Ladies Ag Night



On Tuesday, July 19th the Williams County Soil Conservation District hosted our 5th Annual Ladies Ag Night “ConVersation `n` ConServation” event. This years focus was geared towards self awareness with our theme being “Stop to smell the roses”. With the help of our keynote speaker, Katelyn Duban, we were all better able to understand that we should appreciate the little things in life. Katelyn

brought a fun-loving personality and perspective to this evening. She shared her story of crossing over from the work force to full time farmer. She married into farming and soon became aware that her role was about to change. No longer would she be going to farmers market or her spin class, but instead would be mowing lawn, doing meal prep, learning to recognize plants, and

everything else in-between. Her lifestyle drastically changed, but she learned to look at the little accomplishments throughout her day which brought joy and happiness.



Stopping to smell the roses is something that we could all learn to do a little more of these days. This is a perfect time to count our blessings and take the time to acknowledge the things

in our life that we have to be thankful for. Whether it is our families, making a stranger smile, or eagerly awaiting the crops to ripen. Theses little moments exist each and every day.

This truly was a great night to enjoy some good food, and even better company! Thank you to all the ladies that were able to attend, and we hope you had just as much fun as

we did! A big thank you to our generous sponsors who helped to make this night possible, including the wonderful door prizes and goodie bags! Lastly, thank you to our caterers from the Eleven Restaurant & Lounge for the wonderful meal as well as our volunteer servers from the Williston Area Woodworkers!



Kevin Seitz



October 14, 1958 — May 1, 2022

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of one of our own, Kevin Seitz. Kevin served in the Williston Field Office for a little over 7 years as the District Conservationist. He had the gift of gab and stranger was not a word in his vocabulary. Kevin enjoyed doing a variety of outdoor activities, watching basketball, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family!

His presence has been greatly missed around the office, even his unsolicited fatherly advice that he gave from time to time, and the stories we would hear about his countless hours spent on the road with his ole Buick.

District Services & Price List

Machine Planting: (Includes Trees - Min. 1500ft)	\$35.00/hundred ft.
Machine Planting with Weed Barrier (Includes Trees — Min.1500ft)	\$100.00/hundred ft.
Handplant Replacement Service (Includes Trees).	\$4.00-5.00 Per Handplant
Fabric: 6' x 300' Roll	\$125.00
Fabric: 6' x 500' Roll	\$175.00
Staples Individual	\$0.17 Each
Staples Box (500)	\$85.00
Casoron Application: (Fall)	\$18.00/hundred ft.
Plantskydd 1lb. Box	\$27.95 Plus Tax
Plantskydd 1lb granular	\$10.95 Plus Tax
Poly-Pipe 1.5 inch	Call for Pricing/Availability
.....1 1/2 inch compression fittings available in limited supplies for poly-pipe.	
Water kits.	\$10.00

Rental Equipment

Shallow Pipeline Plow	\$0.25/ft
6 ft Frontier Drill	\$100.00/Day
10 ft Truax Drill: (Min. 10 Acres)	\$12.50/Acre
Custom Seeding: 30 ft Drill (Min. 40 Acres).	\$25.00/Acre
Post Pounder	\$200/Day
Tree Site Prep Service (Min. 2 hrs.)	\$75/hr.

Farm to Table Dinner

The 2nd Annual Farm to Table dinner was a success! This was our first year involved with the event; partnering with the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee. We chose to make it a bigger event by seeking sponsorships and bringing in speakers to strengthen our educational outreach.



The event is designed to bring rural and urban residents together to understand and educate one another. Increasing awareness and education about the importance of the local agriculture industry and its products to the broader Williston community. We highlighted crops grown in the Mon-Dak region as well as the livestock industry to educate the public about how farming and ranching is in their own backyards. We want everyone to know the process

of "Farm to Table". Education on how the crops are grown, harvested, and then processed to make the food and drinks on our tables. There are some who think their food comes from a grocery store. The general public may not truly understand the whole process of how it gets to the store, who is involved, or how much is sacrificed so they have those foods available to them.



The dinner featured commodities that are grown locally within the Mon-Dak region. Beverages were sourced from Busted Knuckle Brewery located in Williston. Wine was sourced from Pointe of View Winery in Burlington, ND and Fluffy Fields Vineyard & Winery in Dickinson, ND. They use North Dakotan fruits and honey to make their wines.

Border Plains Equipment and ACME Tools were gracious enough to lend us some of their implements so attendees could look at what equipment is used in farming and ranching. Every attendee received a take home bag that contained educational materials along with goodies for home use. We brought in the Williston FFA advisor and students to serve the meal and help with the event. These high school students were able to network with locals as well as more exposure to the ag life. We appreciated their help tremendously!

We had a great time and hope to see you next year at the 3rd Annual Farm to Table.



We couldn't have done this event without our wonderful sponsors!

Soil Health & Crop Tour

To provide an opportunity to learn more about what some producers in the area have been doing to improve their soil health, the Soil Conservation Districts, NDSU Extension Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Ag Improvement Associations in Williams and Divide counties held a soil health and crop tour on August 2.



One of the stops featured on the tour was the Justin & Sara Jacobs farm. The Jacobs' started farming in 2016 with a goal of making the land they are using better than when they started. They are using practices that improve soil health such as intercropping, no-till, and cover crops as they work towards achieving their goal.

Justin talked about practices that the Jacobs have implemented or plan to implement on their farm, including a flax-pea intercrop they have seeded on one of their fields in 2022 as one of the small pieces to the larger puzzle on their path to regenerative agriculture.

The next stop highlighted a cover crop project with livestock integration as part of Phil & Harlan Johnson's farming operation. The Johnson's have been actively pursuing practices to build their soil health for several years and this project is the next step in incorporating the soil health principals through the use of cover crops for livestock grazing.

They were able to obtain cost-share assistance to put perimeter fencing around a couple quarters of land that encompassed not only cropland but also a small acreage of native rangeland which hasn't been used in many years. Part of the cropland will be seeded to cover crops every year to be grazed along with the rangeland through an agreement with a local rancher. At this stop, James Roger, NDSU Extension Forage Crops Production Specialist out of the North Central Research Extension Center, also talked about using cover crops as a forage crop.



From there the tour worked its way into Crosby with a couple other stops along the way to look at a pea-canola intercrop and a winter rye-hairy vetch intercrop.

The last stop on the tour was at Divide County Soil Conservation District's building. Justin Jacobs, who is also a Research Specialist with the NDSU Williston Research Extension Center, has a demonstration of 48 different intercrop mixes along with the 7 base crops planted as monocultures seeded on the SCD property and talked about some of the interactions he is seeing in the study.

The tour concluded with a supper at the Divide County SCD building for the 35 participants and a chance to visit about practices they had seen on the tour.

If you would like some help or suggestions on how to incorporate any of the soil health principles into your operation to improve soil health, stop by the SCD office or give me a call.

Keith Brown, Soil Health & Cropping Systems Specialist

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2022 Tree Season



Tree season 2022 is defiantly one for the books! With the western side of the state receiving two snow storms in late April. This set back planting season, but added much needed moisture back into our soil. As the season went on we found ourselves trying to plant when we could in-between the rain showers. Which is a wonderful problem to have compared to last year, but extended our season by a full month for machine plantings, fabric, and handplants.

This year was also our first year doing our Handplant Replacement Program. The handplants were a success with the final number of trees installed being 2,464 trees.

This year turned out to be a fantastic year to put trees in and we finished tree season installing 125,396 linear feet (24 miles) of trees and 98,365 linear feet (19 miles) of fabric.

This season would not have been possible with out the dedicated crew that worked endless hours to ensure everything was completed. A big thank you for all of those seasonal workers who helped to make this another successful tree season!

If anyone is interested in a machine planting for 2023 please call the office and talk to Molly to get the process started. Plans need to be completed by the end of November. It is best to have handplant order sheets turned in by November 1st to ensure availability. The sheets can found in our office, Facebook page, and website.



On the Horizon

- **Eco-Ed Education Days:** September 13th & 14th - all county sixth graders come out for a 2 day event that the district hosts. We are always looking for volunteers to help those two days. If interested please contact Molly.
- **Board Meeting:** September 8th
- **Board Meeting:** October 13th
- **Achievement Award Winner Banquet:** November





United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

2023

Program Sign-up



Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Technical & Financial Assistance for Installing Conservation Practices



- Water Well
- Grass Seeding
- Nutrient Management
- Irrigation
- Wildlife Habitat
- Tree Planting
- Tree Renovation
- Cover Crops
- Grazing System

Sign-up Deadline Friday, September 23rd, 2022

**Please stop by the Williston NRCS office
or call 701-572-6729 ext. 3 for more information.**

NRCS will set up a time to meet with you for a field visit to begin the conservation planning process. We look forward to working with you!

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

\$25.00 an acre



**Min. 40 acres &
Max.160 acres**

Fall will be here before we know it and many producers will be busy harvesting. Whether you lack the time, equipment, or man power, contact the District for your conservation seeding needs. If you are looking at seeding a field back to pasture, hayland or annual cover crop mix, contact our office and we'll be able to help you develop a mixture that will fit your goals. We are able to take care of your cover crop or grass seeding needs with our 30ft no-till drill. The charge is \$25/acre with a minimum of 40 acres, that is charged regardless if the acreage amount is reached. We would just need a map of the area you are wanting seeded, copy of the seed tags, and our custom seeding sheet signed. Stop in or give us a call before our slots fill up!

Tree Shed: 701-774-2319

Pipeline Plow

Water sources are starting to dry up and it's more important than ever to make sure you have fresh water systems in place. Water quality can also be a concern as the risk of algae blooms brought on by hot weather and lack of rain increases. Now is a great time to put in your shallow pipelines, whether it's for personal use or under contract. The pipe carried on hand is 1.5 inch poly-pipe that is rated for NRCS specs. The district also carries a range of 1.5 inch compression fittings.

- Plow Rental: \$0.25/foot
- 1.5" Pipe: Call for pricing
- Pipe Fuser is available when plow is rented

If interested in planning a pipeline project or potential cost-share programs please contact the office for assistance. Contact David for any assistance with installation of pipeline and rental of the plow.





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2022 Soil Conservation District Supervisor Election

Williams County Soil Conservation District will have one position on the ballot in the November Election. The Term for Soil Conservation Supervisor is 6 years. In order to be eligible for election to the office of supervisor of a Soil Conservation District, candidates must be land occupiers and physically living in the district. Candidates must file with the Williams County Auditor. The deadline for filing is September 5, 2022 no later than 4 p.m. Candidates must file a petition/certification of nomination containing signatures equal to not less than 25 nor more than 300 qualified electors of the district.

District Staff:

District Manager: Molly Jugovic
Equipment Manager: David Telck
District Clerk: Desiree Novotny
Soil Health & Cropping System Specialist: Keith Brown

NRCS Staff:

District Conservationist: Malinda Ferguson

Board of Supervisors

Donald Anderson
Blake Wheeler
Ryan Davidson
TJ Halverson
Amber Anderson