



March, 2025 *Newsletter*

2025 Spring Conservation Celebration

Please join us on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 (Rain Date: Thursday, April 25, 2025) from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm for the 2025 Spring Conservation Celebration. This will be an outdoor event at the Weisner Farm, 8728 Highway 201 South, Mountain Home 72653. Farm tours will begin at 5:45 p.m. This event is free to the public. If you plan to attend, registration is required. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Event information and registration details on the last page of this newsletter.

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COULD YOU USE COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE?

319 WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

The Baxter County Conservation District is currently running the Hicks Creek - White River 319 Water Quality Program. The primary objective is to maintain or restore water quality in the Watershed. If you own livestock, we can help you reduce silt runoff on your property through conservation planning and cost-sharing. We may be able to assist you with cross fencing, livestock water lines and watering facilities, heavy use areas for feed and water stations, and spraying for unwanted pasture weeds and planting. Please contact us to see if your property falls within the watershed and if you qualify for assistance.



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On the Horizon



BCCD is sponsoring a Coloring Contest/Poster Contest for 2nd and 5th graders attending Mountain Home Schools, Cotter Schools and Norfolk Schools. Details for the contests can be obtained through each school. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners at each school.

All entries from all schools will be considered for a cash prize of \$50.00 for Best Overall.




Thank you to everyone who placed tree and shrub orders. Orders should arrive in mid to late March.

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Baxter County
Conservation District
Monthly Board Meeting

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BPM
Board Room of Farm Bureau
1424 Highway 62
Mountain Home, AR 72653



Food for Thought by Molly Garland, Grassland Specialist

It has been a cold and wet winter, but the warm and sunny months of springtime are right around the corner. It is a suitable time to start thinking about brush management and soil testing in preparation for the upcoming growing season.

Soil testing is a useful tool for determining the kinds and rates of nutrients and/ or animal waste required to maximize and sustain profitable forage production, greener lawns and more productive gardens. Proper soil sampling is crucial to ensure that the soil test results accurately characterize the soil chemical properties that influence nutrient availability to plants.

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The best time of year to test your soil depends on the forage species, growth habit and time of nutrient applications. For cool season forages, soil samples should be taken in late spring or early summer. For warm season forages and legume mixtures, soil samples should be taken in late fall or winter. These samples correspond to the forage's dormant period and allow for timely collection of samples and laboratory analysis, as well as planning of nutrient management strategies that maximize forage production.

Baxter County residents can submit soil samples for free analysis through the Baxter County Extension office located at 3 E 9th St, Mountain Home, AR 72653.

Properly applied weed control is one of the most cost-effective management practices available for forage producers. Many weed control practices are relatively inexpensive when compared to other pasture improvement practices. Consider the cost of the initial treatment and the cost of maintenance treatments to avoid losing what was gained by the initial application. I would advise researching the projected forage response, the financial outlay involved and contacting your local extension office for herbicide treatment recommendations.

As a reminder, we have 2 - No-Till Drills, 2 - 300-gallon boom-less sprayers, 2 - drip torches, and a tow-behind field roller for rent.

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Rental Equipment

NO TILL DRILL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25.00 p/day +\$9.00 p/acre and \$60 min • \$100.00 refundable deposit • 5,000 lbs • no brakes • 10 1/2" W x 10' L • drop pin towing • requires 50-60 hp tractor w/rear hydraulics 	SPRAYER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25.00 p/day • \$100.00 refundable deposit • 300 Gallons • Tow behind PTO • Boomless
FIELD ROLLER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20.00 p/day • \$30.00 refundable deposit • 8' (w/tongue 12') • requires 70 hp tractor 	DRIPTORCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10.00 p/day • \$20.00 refundable deposit • Discount with seven (7) day rental

Please feel free to reach out to us through our Facebook page, our website, via email or by telephone if you need to update your contact information or need to change the way we contact you.

Conservation Corner

Get to know

Edward Johnson,
Conservation
Technical Assistant



We are pleased to announce that Edward Johnson has joined the Baxter County Conservation District in the role of Conservation Technical Assistant.

Edward is retired from the Army Infantry and has lived in Baxter County for twenty-five years. Edward and his wife, Shannon Johnson, have one dog named Toby. Edward enjoys wildlife property management, hunting, fishing and the outdoors. Edward says his family inspires and motivates him to build a life they can enjoy.

Edward joined BCCD to learn more about wildlife management and practices he can incorporate on his land. Edward is enjoying the opportunity to learn and to help others develop their land.



The winner of the \$500.00 Baxter County Conservation District Scholarship Essay Contest is **Hannah Baker**. Hannah's essay will also be submitted to the Area President for an opportunity to win additional scholarship awards. Congratulations Hannah and we wish you the best of luck in the Area contest!

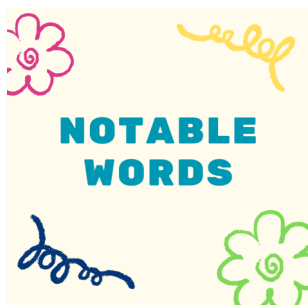


We are looking for input from our readers. If you have a question you would like answered, suggestions for ways we can improve our newsletter, events, etc., topics you would like us to provide additional information on, feedback on our services or anything else you would like to share with us, please email baxtercountycd@gmail.com.



By 2050, the global demand for food could double. Using existing farmland more efficiently could feed more people without clearing additional forests and wetlands.

Tilman, D., Balzer, C., Hill, J., & Befort, B. L. (2011). *Global food demand and the sustainable intensification of agriculture*. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 108(50), 20260–20264. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1116437108>



“When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.”

John Muir



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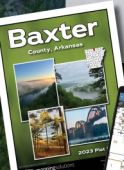


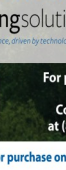
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NOW ACCEPTING

 **Square**



2025 SPRING CONSERVATION CELEBRATION

Hosted by Baxter County Conservation District's
Hicks Creek-White River 319 Project

WHEN•

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

5:30-7:30 pm

(Rain Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025)

WHERE•

Wiesner Farm

8728 Hwy 201 South, Mountain Home, AR 72653

FEATURING•

Farm Tours beginning @ 5:45pm

The tours will allow you to see how the following practices were implemented according to NRCS standards:

- Heavy-use areas
- Watering systems
- Livestock pipelines
- Cross Fencing
- Rotational grazing
- Fruit trees
- Brush Management



FREE TO THE PUBLIC•

Deadline to register is APRIL 18, 2025 to 870-425-3527, Ext. 3, email baxtercountycd@gmail.com or scan the QR code below



DINNER BEGINS AT 6PM•

Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, dessert and drinks

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Baxter County Coop Extension

DONATIONS•

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For more information or to register for this event, visit

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