

Arkansas Mud Drive

Voluntary Pledge Form

I, _____, pledge to donate "MUD" on my property located in _____ County by closing my risers or adding boards to my water control structures within *14 days after harvest*. I am doing this because it; 1) is economical, 2) will reduce the amount of sediments and nutrients that leave my field during the fall and winter, 3) will provide habitat for shorebirds and waterfowl, 4) will reduce the abundance of spring weeds, and 5) further documents that agricultural producers are concerned about water quality, the environment, and wildlife habitat.

I will leave the riser(s) closed, or not remove the boards from the water control structure(s) until January 15th at the earliest. Overall, I plan to flood approximately _____ acres.

X _____
Signature

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Student/Group Name if applicable

**Your pledge will allow 2 agriculture students
and 1 Ag group the chance to win at least \$125!!**



Arkansas Mud Drive Information Sheet

- This pledge will help document the contribution that ag producers make to improve water quality and wildlife habitat.
- A significant amount of sediments and nutrients can be kept out of streams, rivers and bayous by simply closing risers/structures on crop fields after harvest. A slow or gradual release of water after January 15th is recommended.
- Late summer/early fall flooding will help control spring weeds as the water reduces germination rates and migratory birds consume the seeds.
- Several species of shorebirds and waterfowl rely on shallowly flooded (3-4 inches) agricultural fields during the late summer and winter for food.
- Raise awareness for water quality and shallow water wildlife habitat by participating in the Mud Drive.
- This practice is applicable to corn, bean, and rice fields as well as aquaculture ponds.
- Two students (ages 13-15 and 16-18) and one group with the largest number of acres pledged and with insightful answers to a few questions will receive a cash prize. Visit <http://www.aracd.org/> for guidelines and contest information.
- To contribute to the awards, please send a check to the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts (101 East Capitol, Suite 350, Little Rock, AR 72201) and mark the check "MUD DRIVE".
- Producers can submit their forms to their County Conservation District office regardless of whether or not a student approaches them for their pledge.

Deadline for Pledges: August 28th, 2015



PREVENT THIS

BY DOING THIS AFTER HARVEST

