



JEFFERSON COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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July 19 – 25, 2015 is the Jefferson County Fair in Brookville. Come and join the fun and festivities. Be sure to stop by the Jefferson Conservation District's booth!

Free Pond and Lake Workshop

When: Thursday, July 30, 2015, 6-8 pm

Where: Pavilion 3 - Reynlow Park,
Sportsman Dam Road, Reynoldsville, PA
15851

Ponds and lakes are a common feature of the landscape and provide a source of enjoyment for many residents. The management of these water resources can be challenging. This free workshop will help pond and lake owners solve these management challenges. In addition, the new topic of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) will be covered.

Topics to be covered at this workshop include:

- Getting to Know Your Pond or Lake
- Fish and Wildlife Issues
- Managing Nuisance Plants and Algae
- An Introduction to Harmful Algal Blooms

Register by July 27th by contacting Jim Clark, from Penn State Extension at 814-887-5613, email: jac20@psu.edu or online at:

<http://extension.psu.edu/natural-resources/water/events/pond-and-lake-workshop>



Labor Day Weekend Grazing Event

Join us at Wilson Land & Cattle Co. in Tionesta, PA for a two-day Grazing Event entitled "Adaptive Grazing; Taking Soil Health to the Next Level". The event will feature Greg Brann, a multi-species grazer and NRCS Grazing Land & Soil Health Specialist from Tennessee, and Russ Wilson, a multi-species grazer and owner of Wilson Land & Cattle Co.

Pasture Walk

Friday, September 4, 2015
5:30pm – Dark

Preview the values of adaptive grazing management and how it improves soil health. No cost to attend.



Grazing Field Day

Saturday, September 5, 2015
9:00am – 4:00pm

This field day will take a more in-depth look at how adaptive grazing management techniques can reduce costs, increase production, and improve the land; using healthy soils as a basis for success. Cost is \$30 to attend, and includes a continental breakfast & boxed lunch.

To register for the Pasture Walk and/or Grazing Field Day, contact Headwaters RC&D Council at 814-503-8653 by August 21, 2015 or register online at: www.headwaterspa.org.

For Both events, please park at:
Wolf's Corners Fairgrounds
2612 Lake Lucy Road
Tionesta, PA 16353

Transportation from the fairgrounds to the farm will be provided. Wilson Land & Cattle Co. is just minutes away from the fairgrounds, on 1532 Stitzinger Road, Tionesta, PA 16353.

Financial and other support for this project is provided by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



Ag Progress Days

August 18 – 20, 2015

Tuesday (18th): 9am – 5pm

Wednesday (19th): 9am – 8pm

Thursday (20th): 9am – 4pm



At the Russell Larson Research & Education Center, 2710 West Pine Grove Road, Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865 (9 miles Southwest of State College, PA)

Sponsored by Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, Ag Progress Days features:

Demonstrations

- Field machinery and crops
- Horse training and health
- Home and farm safety

- Gardening and beekeeping
- Cooking and nutrition
- Grazing and pasture management

Educational Presentations and Tours

- Dairy, livestock, poultry, and equine
- Field and forage
- Energy and environmental resources
- Horticulture and landscaping
- Entrepreneurship and business management
- Woodlot and wildlife management

Interactive Events and Activities

- Pasto Agricultural Museum
- Annual silent auction
- 4-H program opportunities
- Health screenings and safety
- “MyPlate” healthy meals
- FFA activities

Youth and Family Fun

- Friendly bugs, bunnies, and robots
- Native wildlife exhibits
- A-Maze-N Corn
- Pedal Go-Kart Derby
- Kids’ Tree Climb

Admission and parking are free. Visit www.apd.psu.edu for more information.

Manure Application Setback Requirements

To protect our freshwater resources, the Department of Environmental Protection requires a 100’ setback from all environmentally sensitive areas when mechanically applying manure, including streams, lakes, ponds, sinkholes, and drinking water sources. The 100’ setback

requirement can be reduced for *surface waters only* (streams, lakes, ponds) in the non-winter months to:

- ✓ 50’ if a recent soil test (within the past 3 years) shows <200 ppm phosphorous, *and* no-till & cover crops are used.
- ✓ 35’ if a permanent vegetative buffer is established.

Note: These guidelines pertain to farms with a manure management plan. For farms with a nutrient management plan (Act 38 plan), and farms that import manure from other farms with an Act 38 plan, slightly different stipulations apply. Contact the district for more details.



Resource Enhancement and Protection Program

The Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP) is anticipated to be available for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Administered by the State Conservation Commission, the program allows farmers and businesses to earn PA state tax credits in exchange for implementing best management practices on agricultural operations that will enhance farm production and protect natural resources.

North Fork Watershed Camp

When: Tuesday, August 4 and Wednesday, August 5, 2015 9 AM to Noon

Where: Dr. Walter Dick Memorial Park
(The Dam) Brookville, PA

The Jefferson Conservation District and the North Fork Watershed Association are sponsoring a **FREE** camp for kids ages 6 – 9.

Each participant will:

- Make a tie-dyed t-shirt from mine water
- Learn about critters in the stream
- Visit a water treatment plant to learn how and why water is treated

Get a registration form on the District's website at www.jeffersonconservation.com. Be sure to return registration form by July 27, 2015 to ensure their spot at the camp.

Mark your calendar!

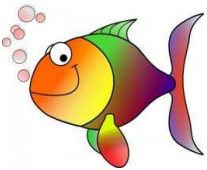
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