



## 2006 SCD Achievement Award Winners

### Clayton & Teresa Schaeffer

Clayton and Theresa Schaeffer have been chosen as the 2006 Stutsman County Soil Conservation Achievement Winners.

The Schaeffer's have been farming for more than 40 years. They have always been diversified with small grains and livestock. Theresa taught school for most of those years and then would come home and help on the farm.

Clayton has always been bent on efficiency and when the EQIP program started, he thought it looked like a good program to help him reach his goals. He credits the NRCS staff that has worked with him, their assistance has been immeasurable and he feels his operation has really benefited from that.

The Schaeffer's have hosted workshops for the NRCS state office and a rangeland tour for the Lower Pipestem Creek Watershed Project. Through the EQIP program they have completed pasture and hay land plantings, critical area seeding, protective fence/trees, windbreak shelterbelts, rotational grazing, conservation crop rotation, crop residue use, cross fencing, a pond and alfalfa seeding. He is scheduled for brush control, field windbreaks, filter strips, nutrient management, toxic salt reduction grass seeding, waste utilization, planned wildlife habitat management and several more practices. Clayton and Theresa continue to utilize the conservation practices available to them.

We congratulate the Schaeffer's and thank them for making our environment so much better with their efforts.

*As producers, you have a responsibility to be good stewards of the land, and to do this right, you need other people to help you. Let us provide the help to do what you need to do.*



# Stutsman County Soil Conservation District

March 2007

## 2006 Annual Report

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### 319 Watershed Project Accomplishments

To date, approximately 60 producers have signed contracts and are in various stages of plan implementation. These contracts include the following practices:

Nutrient Management	16,700.9 acres
No-Till	8003.8 acres
Mulch-Till	10,037.4 acres
Prescribed Grazing	3,171.5 ac (2177.7 applied; 993.8 planned)
Fencing on Grazing	173,421.7 LF (154,286.7 applied; 19,135 planned)
Wells	5
Troughs or Tanks	11 (9 applied; 2 planned)
Pipelines	15,976 LF (14,786 applied; 1,190 planned)
Pasture & Hayland converted from Cropland	1,039.9 acres
Animal Waste / Feedlot Updates	7 (7 have been surveyed; 4 are complete, 1 in progress)
Spring Developments	2
Riparian Buffer Areas	55,000 Row Ft
Windbreaks	3,300 LF and 32.2 acres



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### SCD /NRCS Conservation Activities

Brush Management (ac)	180
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (no)	1
Conservation Crop Rotation (ac)	11,663
Fence (ft)	154,342
Forage Harvest Management (ac)	240
Irrigation System, Sprinkler (ac)	133
Irrigation Water Management (ac)	280
Nutrient Management (ac)	10,521
Pasture and Hay Planting (ac)	738
Pest Management (ac)	2,225
Pipeline (ft)	6,226
Pond (no)	7
Prescribed Grazing (ac)	4,303
Range Planting (ac)	20
Mulch Till (ac)	10,936
No-Till (ac)	3,231
Waste Storage Facility (no)	1
Waste Utilization (ac)	386
Water Well (no)	1
Watering Facility (no)	3
Wetland Enhancement (ac)	48
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac)	158
Windbreak / Shelterbelt Establishment (ft)	68,534
Windbreak / Shelterbelt Renovation (ft)	6,105
Trees Sold	56,852
Row Ft. of Trees Planted	310,215
Row Ft. of Weed Barrier Applied	300,105
Acres of Trees Planted	57

**TREE PLANTERS NEEDED!**  
Tree planting season starts May 1st thru mid-June depending on the weather. If interested pick up an application from Julie Hofmann at the SCD office 1301 Business Loop East, Jamestown 252-2521

Stutsman Co. SCD  
1301 Business Loop East  
Jamestown, ND 58401

## WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private lands. An eligible participant need only provide acceptable evidence of control or ownership of the land. It is possible to receive up to 75% cost share to those applicants who are accepted to the program. Applications for the WHIP program are taken year-round.



## CP-37 DUCK NESTING HABITAT INCENTIVE

USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Conservation Reserve Program (CRP); CP-37 Duck Nesting Habitat Incentive aims to improve duck nesting habitat and restore the function and values of the wetland ecosystems that have been devoted to agricultural use.

Eligible land includes cropland that has been cropped four of the six years from 1996 through 2001. The land must also be legally and physically capable of being cropped. Areas offered for CP-37 will include upland acreage and adjacent wetlands. Up to ten acres of adjacent upland acreage may be enrolled for every acre of wetland. The upland acreage may be enrolled even if the wetlands do not meet the cropping history requirements.

Participants will receive annual rental payments. Rental payments are based on the soils types on the land offered for enrollment. Participants will be reimbursed for up to 50 percent of the cost to establish cover and restore wetlands. Participants will receive an additional incentive equal to 25 percent of the cost to restore wetlands. There is no limit to the amount of acreage that can be enrolled by one landowner or operator. Other financial incentives are being offered by State Agencies and private conservation groups. These include, but are not limited to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, Ducks Unlimited and the North Dakota Natural Resources Trust.

This practice is available beginning October 2, 2006. Applications will continue to be accepted on a continuous basis until the earlier of December 31, 2007 or the 100,000 acre allocation is reached. Please contact the Stutsman county FSA Office for more information or questions.



## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program which offers farmers and ranchers a tool to install conservation practices to improve animal waste management, irrigation water management, grazing land, soil erosion and sediment control, and other environmental concerns. Eligibility for the program is limited to persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production. Beginning farmers/ranchers and Limited Resource producers may be eligible for additional cost share.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) accepts applications throughout the year for EQIP. Periodically, NRCS will gather the applications on file and consider them for funding.

Please contact the Jamestown Field Office for a complete list of eligible conservation practices and cost share rates.



For more information on any of these programs, please contact:

NRCS  
Jamestown Field Office  
1301 Business Loop East  
Jamestown, ND 58401  
(701) 252-2521 ext 3

*"Helping People Help the Land"*

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## Tex's Tree Planting Tidbits

By Tex Weatherly

**THINK SPRING!** I know it is hard to do when looking out the window and seeing the snow blowing around and piling up. If you are planting trees this spring there are a few things that need to be done before we get there. The ground must be worked in a manner that allows us to get a good job of planting done. The ground should be clean tilled and free from a lot of trash. Remember they are your trees, you are paying for them, so the better the ground is prepared the better the job is done and this equates to better survival and growth. Replanting trees by hand is not a fun job, especially into weed barrier fabric. For those who are getting fabric laid it is very important to have the ground well worked. We try to notify you by phone or postcard two or three days ahead of time so you have a chance to work the ground again immediately before planting. This takes care of any small weeds that may be coming up. It is best not to seed into ground that trees are going into. This is doubly important if you are getting fabric put on the planting.

We plant all the trees and then come back and lay the fabric, so vegetation in the tree rows must be controlled until the fabric is laid. The earlier the trees can be planted the better the survivability. We cannot lay fabric over weeds due to the fact that we cannot get the fabric to lay flat and cover well so wind doesn't start it flapping, and also we cannot see the trees to cut the slit for the tree to be pulled up through. We have all the tree planting we can get done for this spring so if you are thinking trees for 2008 contact Tex or the NRCS personnel and we can get the planting plan started. This will also facilitate our planting planning for the spring of 2008. We need to have hand plant trees ordered soon so we can get them ordered. Some species are sold out or in short supply at this time..

*"The best time to plant a tree is yesterday."*

## Watch your step!

By Sheryl Smith  
NRCS Soil Conservation Technician

Walking through fields and rangeland, I've happened upon several old abandoned wells of all sizes and depths, some covered and some left open. An uneasy feeling comes over me as I look down the shaft and see water several feet below. Then I think of the potential hazard this open shaft proposes, and the liability a landowner takes leaving an open abandoned well on his or her property.

Abandoned wells are found across much of North Dakota. Open wells are a direct path to the contamination of underground water. The danger of animals or children falling and becoming trapped can lead to traumatic death. No one should ever have to encounter this situation.

Please consider sealing or closing wells that are no longer in use. The Stutsman County Water Resources board is willing to pay \$200 per well if that well is sealed following the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Standards and Specifications. Contact your local NRCS office for more information at 252-2521 ext. 3

### Open Abandoned Well



### Sealing Same Abandoned Well



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## Handplant Orders

If you have ordered handplant trees you will be contacted by postcard as to when they will be available to be picked up.