



Look for the 2009
 Tree Order Form Inside
 (Return to our office by October 31, 2008)



Plantskydd® Deer Repellent

Plantskydd is available at the Stutsman County SCD office. For more information call 701-252-2521 ext. 3 or email Julie at: julie.hofmann@nd.nacdnet.net

Plantskydd Deer Repellent is considered the most cost-effective and environmentally safe animal repellent available. Plantskydd Deer Repellent is made in the USA, is a 100% natural, environmentally friendly product. It's long-term effectiveness is attributable to the tenacity of its 100% natural, vegetable oil binder in sticking to plants, even under severe snow/ rainfall conditions: up to 6 months over winter, 3-4 months in summer. Plantskydd Deer Repellent works by emitting an odor that animals associate with predator activity, repelling the animal before it nibbles on plants. Plantskydd stimulates a fear-based response which will have deer, elk, moose and rabbits looking to dine somewhere other than your garden or trees.

1 lb granular	\$14.95
1 qt. premixed	\$21.95
1 lb box	\$24.95
2 lb box	\$39.95
1.32 Gal premixed	\$54.95

Tex's Tree Tidbits

By Tex Weatherly



Ground Preparation for Tree Planting

Ground preparation is very important and should be started early in the year prior to planting. It is especially important if trees are to be planted in what is now grassland. Get the old growth off and worked up and then an application of Roundup on re-growth along with working up and applying a second Roundup application in the spring.

Clean small grain stubble is fine for planting. If weeds are coming in the spring spray with Roundup. If a heavy layer of trash has built up behind the combine it should be dragged to break this up. Bean and corn stubble should be worked as it gets too hard, especially if you



plan to lay fabric. It doesn't need to be worked deep, 3"-4" of loose dirt on top is fine. The better the site they are put into, the better the survival and growth will be.

Older trees with fabric need to be checked to ensure that trees are not being girdled by the fabric. If it looks to be getting close, cut a slit on both sides of the tree to enlarge the opening.

It is the policy of the Stutsman Co. SCD that the ground be properly prepared before tree planting will be done.



Deadline for EQIP & WHIP

The deadline for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) is Wednesday October 15th for the 2009 batching period. Stop into the NRCS office and pickup up an application.

For further information or questions call the NRCS office at 701-252-2521 ext. 3

Welcome Matt!



The Stutsman SCD and the 319 Watershed Project welcome Matt Nelson to our team. Matt, a native of Drayton, ND, has had a strong interest in conservation and the outdoors which he and his dad share on their property in Red River Valley. Since he was a youngster, hunting, fishing, and planting trees to enhance wildlife habitat has always been an interest.. Thinking seriously about his career after high school, he enrolled in the Forestry/ Wildlife program at Vermilion Community College in Ely, MN in the fall of 2004. While attending college, he worked as a Wildland Fire Technician with the US Forest Service Seaplane Base and the Minnesota DNR Initial Attack Fire Crew. After graduation in May 2007, he served as a seasonal at Valley City Wetland Management District working as a Biological Science Technician (wildlife) with the US Fish and Wildlife. Then later that fall, he served a year working on restoration projects as a Pest Control Technician at the Big Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex in Hilo, Hawaii. Presently he is back on the prairie and working as a Watershed/ District Technician in Jamestown ND.

Land Aerator Rolls Again



The Land Aerator purchased this spring by the SCD is back in action for the fall season. There are several producers lined up to take advantage of the land aerators' many benefits including:

- 1) Smoothing out alfalfa and hayland and enhancing vegetative growth.
- 2) Smoothing expired CRP for future crop seeding, instead of plowing or disking the ground.
- 3) Smoothing pastures, reducing woody vegetation growth (such as silverberry and snowberry), and enhancing grass growth. It may roll over larger trees depending on size, such as volunteer Siberian Elm which may spread in CRP. These species may grow back, but aerating combined with herbicide should take care of the problem.
- 4) Smoothing no-till fields which have been infested with burrowing animals.

The cost includes \$10.00 per acre for the roller, \$5.00 per acre for any seeding, and the landowner provides the diesel. Producers who have used this on expired CRP have saved much time and expense in tillage operations. The aerator will also save in soil erosion and soil structure for future no-till production.

To schedule the Land Aerator call the Stutsman SCD office at 252-2521 and ask for Matt.

Cost Share Available for Cover Crops



The 319 program offers cost-share on cover crops for seeding. It will cover the actual cost of the seed up to \$20 per acre per year. NRCS offers cost-share of \$30 per acre for multi-species per year through the EQIP program. Call 252-2521 ext.3 for more information.

For more information on 319 programs contact Watershed Coordinator Ryan Odenbach at 701-252-2521 ext. 3.

Information is also available on our website at: www.stutsmanscd.org



MARK THE DATE!

Stutsman County Cover Crop & Aerator Tour

Wednesday, October 15th
9:30 am

Leave from Farmer's Union Parking Lot

Tour Stops include:

Ryan Odenbach - Cover Crops
N-Builder, Italian Ryegrass & Turnips

Larry Wahl - Cover Crops
Turnips, Radish & Rapeseed

Dennis Ova - Aerated Acres

Jeremy Wilson - Cover Crops
Turnips & Radishes

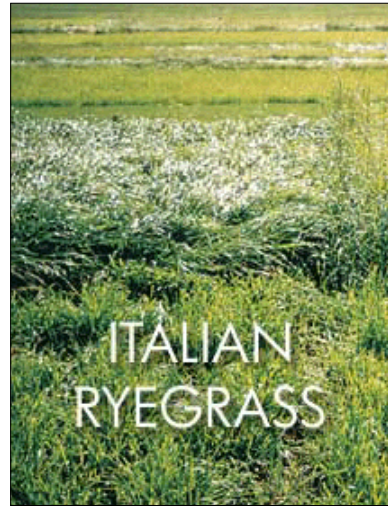
Watch your mailbox for more information...

Cover Crop Spotlight Italian Ryegrass

Italian Ryegrass (*Lolium multiflorum*) is a cool season grass that can be used as a cover crop. Italian ryegrass will establish quickly and provide excellent forage. It is termed as an annual in North Dakota because it cannot winter here. Because of its very early development, quick regrowth, and a prolonged growing period in the fall, Italian ryegrass usually has greater overall productivity than other cool season grasses.

Italian ryegrass can be planted with other cover crops

such as turnips or forage rape. This combination provides excellent grazing as well as readily available organic matter for succeeding crops. Crops that follow a stand of Italian ryegrass tend to show higher yields than other green manure crops.



PHEASANTS FOREVER

THE HABITAT ORGANIZATION



Enhance Your Property with the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

With the hunting season about to get into full swing, you might be beginning to notice that your property isn't sustaining as much wildlife as you might like. Or maybe you would like to enhance the aesthetic appeal of your property with a tree planting or a stand of native grasses. The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program provides an excellent opportunity to get monetary assistance in creating environments that are beneficial to wildlife.

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private lands. It provides both technical assistance and cost-share payments to help establish and improve critical wildlife habitat.

The NRCS and the participant enter into a cost-share agreement for wildlife habitat development. This agreement generally lasts for 5 to 10 years from the date the agreement is signed. Under this agreement the landowner agrees to install and maintain the conservation practices applied under WHIP. The sponsor then agrees to provide technical assistance in plan development, pay up to 75 percent of the cost of installing the wildlife habitat practices, and monitor the effectiveness of the practices.

If you would like to learn more about WHIP or land eligibility, please feel free to contact me at (701) 252-2521 ext. 129, or at [sstensgard@nd.usda.gov](mailto:ssstensgard@nd.usda.gov).

For additional information about Pheasants Forever, please visit www.PheasantsForever.org

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Upcoming Events, Award
Winners, Tree Information
with printable Order Blanks,
Watershed Information, Prices
and Services Offered and
much more!

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