

# FIELD OF DREAMS

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## Conservation District Expands Equipment Rental Program

Fayette County farmers can now rent out more pieces of equipment through the Conservation District's Equipment Rental Program. Through funds with the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy, the District purchased a John Deere No-till Drill and a Haybuster Seed Drill. This new equipment purchase is currently available, along with 3 Great Plain No-Till Drills, Batwing Chain Harrow, and In-line Bale Wrapper.

To rent the equipment, contact Mark Southworth at Southern States Lexington-Cooperative at 254-4747 to schedule a date. Upon picking up the equipment, you will complete a Lease Agreement and Sales Tax Exemption form. If you do not complete and sign the sales tax exemption form, you will be required to pay sales tax on your rental.

Payment is due when equipment is returned. Forms of payment include Check or Money Order only. We are sorry that we **cannot** accept credit cards, cash, or Southern States Store Credit for rental.

### Rental Rates effective April 1, 2007:

Great Plains No-Till Drills (with & without native seed box): \$125 per day

John Deere No Till Drill: \$150 per day

Haybuster Drill: \$135 per day

Batwing Chain Harrow: \$75 per day

In-line Bale Wrapper: \$150 per day

If you need assistance or instruction on how to use the drills, please do not hesitate to contact the Conservation District at 254-5806 Extension 3 from 8AM-4PM Monday through Friday. If you need assistance after hours or on the weekend, please call 859-608-4941.

Special Thanks to Southern States for assisting with this program.



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## Conservation District Holds Annual Reception

The Fayette County Conservation District held its annual Awards Reception on March 21st, at the Fayette County Conservation District. Those honored included Art & Essay Contest Winners, Envirothon Team, and Outdoor Classroom Grant recipients. This year's Art & Essay Contest theme was "Soil: It's Worth Protecting" and is sponsored by the Louisville Courier Journal and Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts.



### Essay Contest Winners

*Crawford Middle School*--1st Place: Alex Trujillo, 2nd Place:

Whitney Scott, 3rd Place: Michael Berry

*Overall Fayette County Winner*--1st Place: Alex Trujillo, 2nd Place: Whitney Scott

### Jim Claypool Art Contest Winners

*Meadowthorpe Elementary*--1st Place: Jesse Nebeker, 2nd Place: Eric Xiong, 3rd Place: William Walters

*Lansdowne Elementary*--1st Place: Leah Noble, 2nd Place: Michael Millett, 3rd Place: Aiyana Templeton

*Stonewall Elementary*--Karlee Caswell, Participant

*Overall Fayette County*--1st Place Leah Noble, 2nd Place-Jesse Nebeker

### Outdoor Classroom Grant Recipients

Yates Elementary

Cassidy Elementary

Lexington Day Treatment Center

UK-LFUCG Arboretum

### Envirothon Team Participants

Natalia Truszczynski

Janelle Geddes

Grace Li

Maggie Pan

Jennifer Griffith

## Time to Update Your Agriculture Water Quality Plans

The Agriculture Water Quality Act requires all landowners with ten or more acres that is being used for agriculture or silviculture operations to develop and implement a water quality plan based upon guidance from the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Plan. It is the sole responsibility of each of these landowners to develop and implement a water quality plan for their individual operations. The Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Plan is basically a compilation of best management practices from six different areas - Silviculture, Pesticides and Fertilizers, Farmstead, Crops, Livestock, and Streams and Other Waters. Each BMP includes definitions and descriptions, regulatory requirements, Agriculture Water Quality Authority requirements, design information, practice maintenance, technical assistance, cost share assistance, recommendations and references. The statewide plan serves as the guide to individual landowners/land users as they develop water quality plans for their individual operations.

For more information, contact the Fayette County Conservation District. You can also find out the application and forms on the District website. Please be sure to send a copy of your certification to the District Office.

## Contact Information

### Fayette County

#### Conservation District & NRCS

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### Fayette County Cooperative Extension Service

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## Today is the Day to Be Part of Conservation's Power!

Fayette County Conservation District encourages you to think about your personal responsibility to be a good steward of the natural resources, including energy during its annual Stewardship week celebration. The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) has proclaimed April 29 to May 6, 2007 as Stewardship Week with the theme Conservation's Power.

Think about the energy you use every day. Does it come from renewable or non-renewable energy sources? Over 92% of energy used today comes from nonrenewable resources such as petroleum, natural gas, coal, and uranium. Only a small fraction of the energy we use comes from renewable sources. Is this good stewardship?

What can we do? Take the time to learn about energy efficiency (using less energy to perform the same function), energy conservation, and renewable energy. Then put what you learn into practice. Efficiency and conservation are key components of energy sustainability. Simply put, we need to meet today's energy needs while allowing our children to meet tomorrow's.



## Cost-Share Program Signups

Applications and Guidelines are available through the Fayette County Conservation District:

Forage Improvement Program

Agriculture Diversification Program

On Farm Water Enhancement Program

With the exception of OFW, work is to be completed prior to submitting application (maximum of 6 months retroactive). Program applications are accepted on a monthly basis and are available in our office and online at [www.fayetteconservation.com](http://www.fayetteconservation.com).

Applications and Guidelines are available through the Fayette County Extension Office:

Technology

Cattle Handling Facilities

Exterior Livestock Fencing

Genetic Improvement

Hay, Grain, and Commodity Storage Facilities

Applications are accepted on a monthly basis and are available at the Extension Office and online at <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/fayette/anr>

## Dates to Remember

**April 4th:** BOA Training @ Extension Office 6PM

**April 19th:** Growing Raspberries & Blackberries at Home Extension Office 6PM Cost \$20

**April 29-May 6th:** Soil Stewardship Week

**May 17th:** Gardening for Life @ Extension Office 6PM Cost \$10

**May 28th:** Offices Closed (Memorial Day)

**July 4th:** Offices Closed (4th of July)

## Have Equipment or Service to Sell?

Advertise in the Field of Dreams Newsletter. Your Ad will reach over 2000 Fayette County farmers. Rates start at \$10 per ad and will also be on the Conservation District website. Contact Jessica at 254-5806 x3 for more information.

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