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Champaign County
Soil & Water
Conservation District

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WORKING TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES
BUILDING ON THE PAST - PRESERVING FOR THE FUTURE

STAR (SAVING TOMORROW'S AGRICULTURE RESOURCES)



The Stewardship Committee of the Champaign County Soil & Water Conservation District has developed a FREE tool to assist farm operators to evaluate their own nutrient loss management practices and to promote “best management practices” on individual fields.

The S.T.A.R. (Saving Tomorrow’s Agriculture Resources) evaluation system assigns points for each cropping, tillage, nutrient application and soil conservation activity used on individual fields. The total points are then used in a scale to determine a rating of 1 to 5 Stars for each individual field based on the management practices being used.

The benefits of using this program include: Decreased nutrient loss, potential increased net farm income, potential to gain new farms to lease, land owners can evaluate tenants’ contributions to conservation, assist in securing local conservation cost share (when available), assist producers in obtaining documentation to support potential water quality issues, and assist producers to obtain potential market premiums for conservation cropping practices. (con’t on page 2)

CCSWCD TO CONDUCT THIRD YEAR SURVEY

This information will be used to evaluate current tillage, nutrient, and cover crop practices found within various watersheds of Champaign County, and provides a baseline of information in creating strategies and practices towards the goal of reducing the amounts of nutrients lost within the county. The Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District appreciates those who contributed data for the 2016 & 2017 survey and look forward to everyone’s participation in the 2018 Survey.

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(con't) STAR (Saving Tomorrow's Agriculture Resources)

For more information, including an evaluation form and instructions, please see the STAR tab on the www.ccswcd.com website, or contact our office.



The CCSWCD is excited about this program and the opportunities it holds. We have presented to groups across the state and have received positive interest in this tool. In February the model evaluation system was presented at the National Association of Conservation District Conference.

On February 2, 2018, the inaugural class of this ongoing program was honored. We appreciate the support, time and feedback from these farmers and are very proud of their conservation efforts! Be watching the countryside for their field signs indicating the S.T.A.R. rating for a field, and here are the 2017 S.T.A.R. Farmers:

David Barcus	Will Glazik	Greg Magsamen	Dr. Magdi Ragheb
Clay Bess	Kevin Green	Blake Marketti	James Reed
John Boland	Doug Gucker	Bruce Matthews	Benjamin Rice
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Robert Geddes	Robert Lindgren	Eric Rademacher	Dave Wolken



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FISH DESCRIPTIONS

Channel Catfish: They are excellent for food and sport fishing. They are compatible with all pond species and can grow 1 lb. per year if fed with commercial feed.



Black Crappie: Excellent for food and sport fishing; however, they can quickly overpopulate and are not recommended for small ponds.

Straight Bluegill: An excellent sport fish that grows a little slower than sunfish.

Largemouth Bass: One of the most sought after game fish. The average size is 20 inches and they may live up to 23 years.

Fathead Minnows: These are especially important when stocking new ponds. They are also good for ponds prior to stocking largemouth bass. Young bass use them for food.

Red Ear Sunfish: Excellent in deeper ponds and with Bluegill and Hybrid Sunfish.

Hybrid Sunfish: They come from crossing a male bluegill with a female

Green Sunfish. They produce 90% males so they do not over populate a pond. They are a good choice for small ponds and will grow ¼ to ½ lb. per year. They can reproduce with bluegills if they are present in the pond.

Triploid Grass Carp: They eat many weeds, but not algae, and do not reproduce.

Champaign County SWCD Spring 2018 Fish Sale



Last day to order Fish: **Friday, March 16th**
 Grass Carp must be ordered by Wednesday, March 7th

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Additional Information for Grass Carp Orders Only: (GRASS CARP MUST BE ORDERED BY MARCH 7TH)

Pond Acreage: _____ Township: _____ Section: _____

To Place an Order:

Complete order form and mail along with your check:

Champaign County SWCD
 2110 W. Park Ct, Suite C
 Champaign, IL 61821
 217-352-3536 ext 3

Please make checks payable to: Champaign County SWCD
 Or pay by credit card from our web site: www.ccsxcd.com

Fish Type	Size	Bag or Pound Quantity	Price	Quantity Ordered	Price
Channel Catfish	4-6"		\$ 0.65 each		
Channel Catfish	6-8"		\$ 0.80 each		
Channel Catfish	8-10"		\$ 0.95 each		
Albino Catfish	4-6"		\$ 1.05 each		
Black Crappie	2-3"	100 per bag	\$ 55.00 per bag		
Fathead Minnows		100-150 fish per lb	\$ 10.00 per lb		
Hybrid Sunfish	1-2"	250 per bag	\$ 65.00 per bag		
Hybrid Sunfish	3-5"		\$ 0.75 each		
Hybrid Sunfish	5-7"		\$ 1.05 each		
Largemouth Bass	2-3"		\$0.80 each		
Largemouth Bass	5-8"		\$ 2.50 each		
Red Ear Sunfish	1-2"	250 per bag	\$ 65.00 per bag		
Bluegill	1-2"	250 per bag	\$ 65.00 per bag		
Bluegill	3-5"		\$ 0.75 each		
Triploid Grass Carp	8-11"		\$ 10.00 each		
Pond Delivery available on orders over 1,000 fish			\$ 100.00	Yes___ No___	

Total Cost

Fish Pick-up will be:
 Monday, March 26, 1-2:30 p.m.

Office Use Only
 Date: _____
 Amt pd: _____
 Payment: _____



NUTRIENT LOSS REDUCTION STRATEGY SURVEY 2017 RESULTS

As we near the beginning of the third year of this survey, you may be wondering what we've learned. This information will be beneficial in creating a baseline for what is happening on our farmland.



Fall Cover Crop Practice

Survey Says....

- ✓ 246 farmers and landowners responded to the survey representing 185,557 acres
- ✓ 38% of those surveyed indicated usage of no-till practices on soybeans
- ✓ 6% of those surveyed indicated usage of no-till practices on a corn and soybeans
- ✓ 10% indicated strip-tillage was part of their tillage practices
- ✓ 39% indicated the usage of nitrogen applied as split pre-plant and in-season applications on corn
- ✓ 15% utilize side-dress only of nitrogen application on corn
- ✓ 54% apply phosphorus used variable rate technology (VRT)
- ✓ 41 farmers planted cover crops on 7,053 acres in Champaign County

THANK YOU CCSWCD SPONSORS

Arends Hogan Walker LLC	Grussing Construction	PNC Bank
ASM (Agricultural Soil Management)	Illini FS	Premier Cooperative
Busey Ag Services	Johnson Trailer Sales	Rick Wolken Tiling
Capital Agricultural Property Services	Kitchen Seed Company	Round Barn Banquet Center
CF&H Insurance Agency, Inc	Koeberlein Drainage LLC	Saddle Butte
Day Drainage	Liberty Land Improvement & Excavating	Suits Ag Services
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Farm Credit Services	Magsamen Backhoe & Farm Drainage	Trés Posh Décor
Franzen Construction Group LLC	Martin Equipment	United Prairie
The Gifford State Bank	Noel Farm Management	Waibel Farmland Services
Gordon Farms Seed Company		Waypoint Analytical Illinois

THE BARNHART COMMITTEE IS PLANNING AN EVENT TO BE HELD IN MARCH. CHECK THE CCSWCD WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Champaign County SWCD 2018 Tree Sale

**Order by
March 20th**

**Bareroot
Seedlings
\$15.00 for 5
(must be ordered
in bundles of 5)**

**RPM Potted
\$20.00**

**1 gal Potted
\$7.50**

**The Source for
All Your
Conservation Trees:**

Bareroot

RPM

1 gal Evergreens

Evergreens

White Pine (Pinus strobus)			
Eastern Red Cedar (Juniperus virginiana)			
Norway Spruce			
Blue Spruce			

Hardwood Trees

Deer Apple (Malus domestica)			
Sugar Maple (Acer saccharum)			
Red Maple (Acer rubrum)			
Northern Red Oak (Quercus rubra)			
Pin Oak (Quercus ellipsoidalis)			
Shumard Oak (Quercus shumardii)			
Swamp White Oak (Quercus bicolor)			
Pecan (Carya illinoensis)			

Shrubs

American Hazelnut			
Flowering Dogwood (Cornus florida)			

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Tree Pickup -
Champaign County
Fairgrounds, Kesler Hall
Friday, April 13, 2018
(7:30 am - 4 pm)
Saturday, April 14
(8 am - 11 am)

NOTE: CALL IF YOU NEED
OTHER SPECIES,
WE CAN PROBABLY
GET THEM.

All orders are subject to availability of stock. The District retains the right to reject stock if it does not meet our standards. We retain the right to limit or reject any orders. These plants are for conservation related projects only and carry no warranty, and shall not be used in any ornamental or landscape plantings.

	Total Qty Ordered	Price	Totals
Bareroot Seedlings		\$15.00/ bundle of 5	
RPM Potted		\$20/tree	
1 gal Potted		\$7.50/tree	
Total Cost			

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Office Use Only

Date: _____

Amt pd: _____

Payment: _____

Pheasants Forever Expanding To Put More High Quality Habitat On the Landscape

Jason Bleich – PFQF Conservation Specialist

First and foremost, thank you for your efforts to put quality habitat on the ground benefiting our favorite birds, soil health, water quality, and pollinator species. I want to share with you the exciting news that I've recently transitioned into a new role within The Habitat Organization. In my new role as Conservation Specialist, I will work to pursue and develop new habitat partnership opportunities, maintain existing partnerships, and improve and promote our high quality habitat standards across the Eastern United States.

The top priority of the PFQF Habitat Program and my new position is to work with our state teams, partners, chapters, and landowners to improve the quality of conservation and habitat being established on the landscape. I'll be working to provide technical assistance and customer service to partners, chapters, and landowners.

It's been a great pleasure working with Champaign County landowners to put conservation on the ground. As I move into my new role, I will continue to work with partners and landowners to ensure current habitat projects continue moving forward. I will still have the same phone number and email address. Please feel free to contact me anytime to discuss habitat establishment, seed mixes, and food plot mixes. I will still be located in East Central IL and plan to stay engaged locally.



Our State Coordinator, Erin Holmes, is working to refill the East Central Illinois Farm Bill Biologist role as soon as possible. We will be sure to notify partners and landowners when that position gets filled and pass along his or her contact information. As always, thanks for your commitment to quality wildlife habitat and I'm looking forward to working with you in my new role!

CRP Guidance and Upcoming Habitat Events

Are you interested in pollinator habitat and / or CRP enrollment?

- The winter months are the perfect time to conduct airflow and broadcast seedings for native grasses and wildflowers.
- March is a great month to conduct prescribed burns as well as inter-seed areas with more wildflower diversity.
- The Vermilion County SWCD, PF, and Farm Bureau will be hosting a CRP Landowner Habitat Workshop in Danville on February 22nd. Morning and afternoon sessions.
- The 2018 Farm Bill will be drafted in the upcoming months. As this happens, it will be a vital to keep up to date for future conservation program opportunities.

Please feel free to contact Jason Bleich to learn more about any of these topics at (217) 855-0496 or jbleich@pheasantsforever.org.

DRONE SERVICE AVAILABLE

The Champaign County SWCD has 4 FAA UAV commercial licensed pilots who are available to come fly your field.

Benefits of Aerial Imagery:

In season crop images
tile line mapping
assessments for conservation planning
research and demonstration plot imagery
crop residue evaluation

District UAVs are registered and insured and include a Phantom 4, Chrome 3, & Phantom 3.

Fee Schedule

\$150 flat fee in Champaign County for the first field of 80 acres or less. \$50 for each additional field flown that day.

Out-of-County: \$50 an hour, including travel time, plus mileage with a minimum of \$150.

Images and video are available on a USB storage device, shortly after flight mission.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2018 AQUATIC PLANT SALE



Native Plants for Pond Edges and Wetlands.

Species	Price	Quantity Ordered	Total Cost
New England Aster (<i>Aster Novae-angliae</i>) a common plant that produces showy blossoms into fall. The purple flowers are highly attractive to butterflies. Grows in both moist and dry soils and may attain heights of 4 feet. Plant in groups spaced to create the desired aesthetic effect.	\$10/plant		
Rattlesnake Master (<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>) warm-season perennial native forb which grows well on wet or dry mesic prairie soil. Plants grow 2 to 6 feet tall from a short, thick rootstock. Flower heads have a honey-like odor and are in bloom June to September. (http://plants.usda.gov)	\$10/plant		
Rose Mallow (<i>Hibiscus lasiocarpus</i>) Grows from 3-5 feet tall grows along wet edges of ponds, lakes, ditches and streams and in low wet woods. It is know for its showy flowers which bloom July through October.	\$10/plant		
Great Green Bulrush (<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>) Perennial that prefers full sun in wet to moist soil.	\$10/plant		
Prairie Ironweed (<i>Vernonia Fasciculata</i>) Purple flowers are highly attractive to butterflies in late summer. Ironweed will grow in moist soil, just above the water's edge. The primary purpose for planting Ironweed is to add color to the pond's edge. Ironweed may grow to heights of five feet, but 3-4' is the average. Plant in groups spaced to create the desired aesthetic effect.	\$10/plant		

Our Plant Sale is Back With Some Changes!
 Plants will come in a pot with at least 6" top diameter and 5" tall and are grown using the RPM (Root Pruning Method) from Forrest Keeling, meaning plants should have more roots, transplant easier and have a higher survival rate.

PLANT PICKUP
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS, KESLER HALL
FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018
(7:30 AM - 4 PM)
SATURDAY, APRIL 14
(8 AM - 11 AM)

Total Cost \$

Office Use Only
 Date: _____
 Amt pd: _____
 Payment: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Please make checks payable to:
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To Place an Order by Friday, March 10th:
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NEW FACES

My name is **Taylor Shedd** and I am the new USDA-NRCS Soil Conservationist for Champaign and Vermillion counties. This past August I received my bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University-Kingsville, where I studied Rangeland and Wildlife Management. During my undergraduate career, I have contributed to various wildlife research studies and publications. Some of my contributions involved GIS analyses, leading to a GIS Internship with the NRCS at the Central National Technology Support Center in Fort Worth, Texas. I am blessed that my internship has led to the start of an amazing career with the NRCS! I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

I am **Bruce Henrikson** and I was raised on a small grain and livestock farm near Springfield and have been married to Deb for over 40 years, living in Mahomet for most of those years. We have three adult daughters, three grandsons, and one granddaughter on the way.

After graduating from the University of Illinois in 1970, I was the Agriculture Teacher at Paxton, before it became PBL. I finished my Masters in Education at UI in 1974 and became an Agriculture Instructor at Parkland College in 1975, primarily teaching marketing and agribusiness management.

In 1985 I resigned from Parkland to become a Farm Marketing Consultant with Adams and Associates (now Strategic Farm Marketing) in Champaign. I enjoyed that very much and believe I helped farm families in managing some of their marketing risk, but I missed teaching. I was rehired at Parkland in 1989 and soon became the Agriculture Program Director.

I became the Chair of the Business & Agri-Industries Department at Parkland in 2003 and retired in June of 2016. I began working part-time for the CCSWCD in March of 2017 as a Special Projects Coordinator, currently focused on the S.T.A.R. evaluation tool.

FRIEND OF CONSERVATION AWARD PRESENTATION

CCSWCD has a history of developing partnerships and building bridges between groups that may not have otherwise come together. We have long since learned that despite different perspectives, many groups have the same goals for healthy farms and better water quality. It is better to find ways to work together so both sides can accomplish their goals. Therefore, it is an honor to award this year's Friend of Conservation to a lady who shares that philosophy. After becoming Executive Director for Prairie Rivers Network in 2015, Ms. Carol Hays sought out the Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District. She recognized that for her organization to reach their river goals, supporting and improving conservation efforts on private working lands was a key component. Ms. Hays approached this district in an effort to learn about us, and that was the start of a wonderful partnership and friendship that continues to grow.

Ms. Hays has a background of running her own consulting practice where she supported non-profits and community leaders in strategic planning, leadership and policy change. She found Soil and

Water Conservation Districts in a time of flux under the funding challenges within Illinois Government. We needed help planning for the future, in Champaign County and in all districts across the state. She provided assistance on how to build a plan for the future. She utilized her political insight and offered support as the Soil & Water Conservation Districts sought to get funding released from the State of Illinois and distributed to all districts.

As evident from co-founding the Upper Sangamon River Conservancy with her husband Scott, watersheds and water quality are important to Ms. Hays. She has become a valuable member of our Stewardship Committee and has been generous with her many skills, talents and contacts as we have worked to develop S.T.A.R. and the whole "market pull" approach to conservation efforts here in Champaign County. Ms. Carol Hays, you truly are a Friend of Conservation!



BEES FOR BEGINNERS WORKSHOP

Please join us for information and guidance if you are interested in beekeeping.

The evening will include speakers from:

- Illinois Department of Agriculture on how to register your beehive.
- Pheasants Forever, Jason Bleich, on the best habitat for your bees.

Then we will have a panel of local beekeepers to help answer questions and offer guidance from their experiences.



March 22, 2018 @ 6pm

Champaign County Farm Bureau Building
801 N Country Fair Drive, Champaign IL



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION & WETLAND UPDATE

Many years ago, the base for the parking and viewing area at the St. Joseph Wetland Restoration and Education site was created. Lack of funding has stopped the CCSWCD from completing this project. Over the past year, the district stepped back and decided to take a different approach. Instead of constructing a premier site from the beginning, the goal has changed to make it a usable site and then improve from that.

To make it a usable site, the parking/viewing area needed a final grade, fabric and gravel. Our friends at Vermilion County Soil & Water supplied the fabric at cost and Mr. Rod Maddock, the Road Commissioner for St. Joseph Township, agreed to help. Rod utilized the township grader to perform an initial blading of the parking area in order to level the grade. As gravel was being delivered, Rod, utilizing his own tractor and equipment, spread and leveled the material. Rod's

advice and assistance in completing the initial construction of a useable parking area was valuable and greatly appreciated. As a result, we have a place for people to park their car and look out over the wetland to enjoy nature.

Next year, walkways will be constructed around the parking/viewing area. We have already secured bricks through a store closing sale. The CCSWCD will finally get to put the customized pavers on site as well as the benches constructed by the 2008 St. Joseph Ogden Ag Structures Class.

Your patience, volunteer efforts and financial support are all greatly appreciated and vital to completing this project. Thank you.



CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP) APPLICATIONS DUE BY MARCH 2, 2018

CSP helps agricultural producers and forest landowners earn payments for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities like cover crops, nutrient management, buffer strips, and pollinator habitat – all while maintaining active agriculture production on their land. CSP also encourages the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and new management techniques such as precision agriculture applications, on-site carbon storage and planting for high carbon sequestration rate, and new soil amendments to improve water quality. Some of these benefits of CSP include:

- Improved water quality
- Increased crop yields;
- Improved wildlife habitat;
- Improved cattle gains per acre;
- Decreased inputs;
- Better resilience to weather extremes.

CSP participants can earn up to \$40,000 per year to implement new conservation practices on their operation. Call 217-352-3536 ext. 3 or stop by the Champaign NRCS office to learn more.

Drainage Districts - A forum looking at opportunities to assist and answers to questions.

February 20, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.
CCFB Building: 801 N Country Fair Dr, Champaign, IL

Drainage Districts face many regulatory obligations that are difficult to meet with a small group of volunteer leaders. Let's look at ways the CCSWCD can assist and services that can be provided to ease those burdens.

Hunting and other concerns near drainage ditches will be addressed by Illinois Conservation Police Officers.

Also planned for the morning is a Regulatory Panel with Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and the Army Corps of Engineers. They will answer some of the more common questions and you are welcome to bring your own questions.



COST-SHARE IS AVAILABLE

No-till or Strip-till

Only Fields to be planted to corn or sorghum and never before planted no-till or strip till are eligible
\$20/ac
IDOA PFC

Cover Crops

Only Fields to be planted to corn or sorghum and never before planted no-till or strip till are eligible
60% up to \$40/acre (up to 3 years) and a maximum of \$1,600/year
IDOA PFC

Well Decommissioning

60% not to exceed \$400
IDOA PFC

Nutrient Management Planning (Acres)

\$12/acre;\$2/acre
supplement (land user); \$14/acre if on field w/
con. practice; \$4/acre (TSP)
IDOA PFC

EQIP

\$36-65 per acre
depending on practice
USDA-NRCS

CSP

\$5-13/ac depending on practice/enhancements
USDA-NRCS

PCM- Precision Conservation Management is a farmer service program that proves conservation practices to improve a farmers economic and environmental legacy.

Cooperating in this program, PCM will give the farmer a better chance at receiving more money from these federal cost share programs such as Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

**For More Information
Please Contact Our Office!**

DIRECTOR HISTORY

Charles A. Britt.....1943-1974	Robert Maddock.....1957-1958	Pete Eisenmenger.....1984-1985
Roy A. Parrett.....1943-1945	Paul Miller.....1959-1960	Leroy "Hoot" Smalley...1985-1996
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L.E. Hatch.....1948-1950	Eldon Hesterberg.....1975-1981	Eleanor Blackmon.....2005-Present
C.V. Swanson.....1951-1952	John McMahon.....1976-1977	Lennie Heiser.....2007-Present
George Miller.....1952-1953	Darrell Cox.....1977-1978	
Albert Zehr.....1952-1953	David Downs.....1978-1992	
Howard Harshbarger...1953-1956	John Goodmann.....1979-1984, 1985-1999	
Herman Warman.....1954-1959		
Charles Cole.....1954-1965	Terry McGarigle.....1982-1985	

Precision Conservation Management

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 10:05 am

German Fall Festival Building – Gifford, IL (101 S Main St, Gifford, IL)

10:05 – Welcome and Introduction

10:10 – Jeff Rasazehr (Center Seeds) – Maximize your Cover Crop

11:05 – Sarah Carlson (Practical Farmers of Iowa) – “What about my yields?”

12:00 – Catered Lunch from Nelson’s of Champaign (FREE)

12:15 – Clay Bess (Conservation Specialist) PCM Update, initial analysis

12:30 – Adjourn

Time will be provided at the end of each presentation for questions/discussion

RSVP by February 23, 2018 to 309-445-0278 or cbess@precisionconservation.org

Each attendee is permitted two guests, limited number of seats available

If a disability request or dietary/allergy specification needs to be accounted for, please inform Clay Bess during the time of RSVP.

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider.

CCSWCD CELEBRATES 75 YEARS!

The Champaign County Soil Conservation District was incorporated in 1943. Beginning with inexperience and a modest educational program, the District undertook to inform the people of the value of practicing conservation. A lot has happened over 75 years, but our core mission remains the same, help-

ing people conserve, improve and sustain our natural resources! We are thankful for the opportunity to celebrate our past and excited for what’s ahead. We hope you will visit our YouTube channel to see the video featured at our annual meeting. A link can be found on our website.



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**THANK YOU
CHRIS KARR!**

The Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to thank Chris Karr for his display at the Annual Meeting on February 2, 2018.

This year's theme was Across Time, as the district celebrated 75 years.

Mr. Karr graciously displayed a portion of his agriculture toy collection. This showed the changes in equipment over the years and was a wonderful addition to our event.

LOOK INSIDE FOR:
**FISH, TREE & AQUATIC
 PLANT SALES**

S.T.A.R

**WORKSHOPS, WETLAND
 HABITAT AND MORE**



Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- February 20th - Drainage District Meeting
- February 28th - PCM (cover crops & financial analysis of conservation practices)
- March 2nd - CSP 2018-1 signup cutoff
- March 7th - Grass Carp Orders Due
- March 16th - Fish Sale Orders Due
- March 20th - Tree Sale Orders Due
- March 22nd - Beekeeping Workshop

Meeting locations and times can be found inside and on our website.

