

HURON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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JANUARY 2019

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OPEN HOUSE *Come join us on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 for our annual open house. We have two board of director terms expiring this year. Glenn Iseler and Paul Holdwick have filed petitions and their names will be on the ballot. At noon, we will honor the winners of the Land Judging/Agri-science Field Day and our state poster contest winners. Lunch will be served during the Open House hours from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded.*

EQUIPMENT FOR RENT IN 2019

**Two 15ft JD 1590 drills with digital weigh system, \$13 per acre (minimum \$200) delivered to your farm*

**Two 30ft JD 1990 CCS air seeders with Case IH Magnum tractor, \$18 per acre plus fuel (20 acre min) One of these drills is equipped with a guidance system, available at an extra \$1.50/ac.*

**Three Truax drills for planting CRP \$10 per acre plus \$65 setup (min \$200) Hiniker inter-seeder w/tractor \$17/ac plus fuel (\$200 min)*

Custom Planting \$20.50 per acre plus fuel (soybeans, wheat, etc) Extra \$1.50 per ac if guidance system used. \$40 per acre for planting CRP acres (\$200 min)

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE Do you have a Conservation Reserve Program contract expiring and need help with the re-establishment of your cover?

We have equipment to mow, disc, field cultivate, roll and plant your site. We can provide your special seed mixture.

BAD AXE CREEK AND PINNEBOG WATERSHED AREA

The Huron Conservation District currently has grant funding through Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to provide cost share funding to assist producers with Best Management Practices (BMPs) within the Pinnebog River Watershed. This grant funding ends September 30, 2019. Available cost share practices include: Cover crop, no-till, strip till, shallow vertical tillage, pre-sidedress nitrate testing, and nutrient management. All cost shared practices will have to be certified as complete by September 30, 2019. To be eligible the cropland must be located within the Pinnebog River Watershed.

NITRATE TEST LAB We will offer the service of our nitrate test lab for the 2019 crop year. Pre-sidedress nitrate testing is an excellent and inexpensive way of determining the available nitrogen (N) in your soil just before side-dressing. You should sample fields where corn or sugar beets are planted. During 2018 we processed 1,343 samples covering 32,864 acres. 89% of the samples had over 50 pounds of credit. Average credit per acre was 100 pounds and if you multiply that number x \$.45/lb of N it equals a savings of \$45 per acre. Deliver your sample to our office by 3 p.m., we will have the results for you by 1 p.m. the following day. The cost of a sample is \$8.00.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Two household hazardous waste collection days will be held in 2019. The first one will take place on June 29, 2019 and the second one will be on September 19, 2019. You must register with Huron County

Cooperative Extension before the collections dates to ensure a time slot. Call 989-269-9949 extension #602 to speak with Shelly.

CUSTOM MOWING Huron CD offers custom mowing to area landowners. We have a 15ft bat wing mower for the upcoming season. The cost will be \$25-\$50 (depending on conditions) per acre with a \$40 mobilization fee. Call us to get on the list for our staff to do your mowing project.

HUNTING ACCESS PROGRAM is a voluntary land leasing program. The DNR leases land from private landowners (Up to \$25 per acre) to provide additional hunting areas. Private landowners determine if all hunters or youth and apprentice hunters only may hunt on their property. Landowners also determine if hunters may harvest deer only, turkey only, small game only, all legal species, or a combination of any of these options. 14 hunting areas are under contract with Huron County landowners. A listing of enrolled HAP lands can be found at mi.gov/hap.

JUG RECYCLING 2019 In the spring of 2018 the Huron CD, with the help of the Huron County Farm Bureau, received a grant from the Michigan Farm Bureau to purchase a semi-trailer to store pesticide jugs. Jugs will be collected this year from May 1st thru October 15th. Please call to make an appointment for a drop off time. We accept clean pesticide containers only (no dairy cleaner or DEF jugs) up to 55 gallons in size. The caps and any loose labels need to be removed. Thank you to everyone that participated last year and helped us recycle approximately 20,000 pounds of plastic.

MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM (MAEAP)

This comprehensive, voluntary, proactive program is designed to reduce farmers' legal and environmental risks through a three-phase process: 1) education; 2) farm-specific risk assessment and practice implementation; and 3) on-farm verification that ensures the farmer has implemented environmentally sound practices. The program's four systems are Farmstead, Cropping, Livestock and Forest, Wetlands and Habitat System. After becoming MAEAP verified, a farm can display a MAEAP sign signifying that MAEAP partners recognize the farm is environmentally assured.

MAEAP has cost share money available to farms that are working towards verification. Some of the items that qualify are fuel pads, fuel tanks, well closers, soil tests, manure samples, spill kits, anti-back flow devices and others. Contact Ryan Kuhl at 269-9540 ext. 3. **MAEAP celebrates 5000 verifications state-wide March 21, 2019 10 am – 3pm Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave, Lansing. Lunch will be provided.**

Pesticide Safety Training, Friday February 22, 2019 at the Thumb Works Office in Marlette, 8:30 am-12pm. RUP and CCA credits will be offered. RSVP to Thumb Works by February 20th by calling Jessica Burns @ (989) 635-3561 ext. 221.

2019 TREE ORDER is enclosed. We have added several new varieties to our spring tree order blank. Quantities are limited, the earlier you order the better chance of getting what you want. Our order deadline is April 12th. Pickup scheduled for April 18th and 19th at the Huron Community Fairgrounds. Credit card are accepted but transactions will be charged 2.9%. Payment at pickup is cash or check only.