

# HURON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1460 S. Van Dyke Bad Axe 989-269-9540 ext.3

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**OPEN HOUSE** *Come join us on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 for our annual open house. We do not have any director terms expiring this year. At noon, we will honor the winners of the Land Judging/Agri-science Field Day and our state poster contest winners. We have three students winning the top prizes at the state competition. Lunch will be served during the Open House hours from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded.*

## **EQUIPMENT FOR RENT IN 2020**

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

**\*One 30ft JD 1990 CCS air seeder with Case IH Magnum tractor and one 30ft Case IH Precision Disk 500T with Case IH 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.

**\$33 per acre for planting CRP acres (\$200 min)**

**989-269-9540**

**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 per acre (depending on conditions) with a \$40

mobilization fee. Call us to get on the list for our staff to do your mowing project.

## **NEW DISTRICT DRILL TECHNICIAN**

In August 2019 the district welcomed Matt Watkins to our staff. He and his wife Tara and son Chase make their home south of Bad Axe. He is ready to assist you with equipment rental and custom field work. You will still see familiar faces, Greg Renn, Charlie Errer, and Norm Nelson during the busy season.

**NITRATE TEST LAB** We will offer the service of our nitrate test lab for the 2020 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 2019 we processed 1,414 samples covering 32,706 acres. 72% of the samples had over 50 pounds of credit. Average credit per acre was 80 pounds and if you multiply that number x \$.51/lb of N it equals a savings of \$40.80 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.

**JUG RECYCLING 2020** Jugs will be collected this year from May 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 15<sup>th</sup> by appointment only. Please call to make sure someone is available to assist with the drop-off. 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. New this year, we can take totes. Call for more information on how to cut up your tote so it can be recycled.

Thank you to everyone that participated last year and helped us recycle approximately 16,000 pounds of plastic.

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**

A household hazardous waste collection day will be held May 9, 2020. 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. In 2019 16,538 pounds of household hazardous waste were collected and properly disposed.

**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. Fifteen hunting areas are under contract with Huron County landowners. A listing of enrolled HAP lands can be found at [mi.gov/hap](http://mi.gov/hap).

## **MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE 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.

**PROGRAM (MAEAP)** The Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) reached a major milestone this past year. In March the 5,000<sup>th</sup> verification was awarded. Huron County currently has 178 of those 5,000. Becoming MAEAP verified has three components. One is completing a risk assessment with Ryan, the second is attending

a Phase 1 meeting, and the third is the verification by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. MAEAP has four areas that you can be verified in: Farmstead, Cropping, Livestock, and Forest, Wetlands and Habitat. MAEAP is open to all sizes of farms and the verification process moves at your pace. There is a limited amount of cost share money available to help with risk reductions on your farm. MAEAP continues to be a voluntary program and your information is completely confidential. To schedule your farm visit, call the Huron Conservation District at (989) 269-9540 ext. 3 ask for Ryan.

**Pesticide Safety Training**, Friday February 28, 2020 at the Thumb Works Office in Marlette, 8:30 am-12pm. RUP and CCA credits will be offered. RSVP to Thumb Works by February 21<sup>st</sup> by calling Jessica Burns @ (989) 635-3561 ext. 221.

**2020 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 10<sup>th</sup>. Pickup scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Huron Community Fairgrounds. Credit cards are accepted but transactions will be charged 2.9%. Payment at pickup is cash or check only.

**TIRE RECYCLING** In May 2019 the District held a tire recycling day and collected 4,000 passenger tires. This effort was funded with a grant from MI Dept. of Environmental, Great Lakes, and Energy, Material Mgt. Div. We applied for and were approved for a grant to hold a collection this year. The date has not been set yet. Call after April 22<sup>nd</sup> to make an appointment. We will accept passenger car tires and a limited number of semi-trailer tires.