

HURON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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JANUARY 2021

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ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE will not be held this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. No elections will be held, the board members with expiring terms this year were appointed to an additional 1-year term (this was done in accordance with MDARD guidelines). We welcomed a new director this year, Kameron Southworth from the Elkton area. Along with Kameron, current Huron CD board members include Glenn Iseler, chairman, Donna Fritz, secretary-treasurer, and members Fred Baranski and Paul Holdwick.

EQUIPMENT FOR RENT IN 2021

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 per acre.

Three Truax drills for planting CRP
\$10 per acre plus \$65 setup (min \$200)

Hiniker inter-seeder w/tractor \$17 per acre plus fuel (\$200 min)

Custom Planting \$20.50 per acre plus fuel (soybeans, wheat, etc) Extra \$1.50 per acre if guidance system used.

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

Our drill technician is Phil Schadd. He is ready to assist you along with the familiar faces of Greg Renn and Norm Nelson.

CUSTOM MOWING Huron CD offers custom mowing to area landowners. We have a 15ft bat wing mower cost will be \$25-\$50 per acre (depending on conditions). Call us to get

on the list for our staff to do your mowing project.

NITRATE TEST LAB We will offer the service of our nitrate test lab for the 2021 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. 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 2021 Jugs will be collected this year from May 1st thru October 15th. Please call to make sure someone is available to assist with the drop-off. The crushing truck will be at our office on the following dates: June 24th, September 30th (appointments are not necessary on crushing days, but hours are limited). 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.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

COLLECTION days will be held June 5, 2021 and September 8, 2021. You must register with Huron County Cooperative Extension before the collections dates to ensure a time slot. Call 989-269-9949 ext. 602 to speak with Shelly. In 2020, 10,038 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. Fourteen hunting areas are under contract with Huron County landowners. A listing of enrolled HAP lands can be found at mi.gov/hap. New enrollments are currently being accepted.

The Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program

(MAEAP) currently has over 5,800 farms verified in the state and Huron County has 176 of those. MAEAP is opened to all size farms and the verification processes moves at your own pace. The MAEAP program is voluntary and all of your information remains confidential. MAEAP has four areas a farm can be verified in: Farmstead, Cropping, Livestock and Forest, & Wetland and Habitat. There is a three-step process to becoming a verified farm:

1. Complete a risk assessment
2. Attend a Phase 1 meeting
3. Verification done by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

To help with risk reductions there is a limited amount of cost share money available. For more information or to schedule a farm visit, call the Huron Conservation District at (989) 269-9540 ext.3 and ask for Katie Volmering our new MAEAP technician.

2021 TREE ORDER is enclosed. Quantities are limited, the earlier you order the better chance of getting what you want. A deposit is required when ordering; we accept cash, check, or credit card. Pickup scheduled for April 22nd and 23rd at the Huron Community Fairgrounds.

During 2021 we will be updating our Resource Assessment for Huron County,

We would appreciate your input on the following questions: (Please return by mail or put in the gray drop box by our front door)

Please rate the following issues, 1 being most important and 5 least important

Lakes, rivers, streams, watersheds _____
Soil resource _____
Parks or recreation sites _____
Hunting land _____
Agricultural land _____

Please rate the following issues, 1 being most important and 7 least important

Agricultural management (mgt) (nutrient, pesticide and animal manure) _____
Invasive species mgt _____
Shoreline preservation _____
Wildlife and habitat _____
Water quality _____
Soil erosion/sediment _____
Community outreach, educational programs for youth and adult _____

What source(s) do you use for news & events relating to natural resource issues?

Huron Daily Tribune
The News Weekly
Radio announcements
Facebook
Web page

Would you be interested in attending workshops or presentation on the following topics? Circle all that apply:

Trees & forest health
Invasive species mgt
Wetlands & watershed
Landowner property mgt
Farm tour
MAEAP verification process