



Soil and Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Perpetual Easement Rate Increase

The SWCD would like to inform landowners that the State perpetual easement rates have increased county-wide. This rate increase is to account for the significant change in value seen for agricultural land over 2022. The rate increases are applicable on the State Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and the Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) perpetual easement programs. Here is the list of new RIM and CREP rates. Sign-up deadline is **April 1st**

City/Township	RIM Crop Rate	RIM Non-Crop Rate	MN CREP Crop Rate	CREP RIM-Only Crop Rate	RIM Only CREP Non-Crop Rate
Amiret Twp	\$ 9,742.51	\$ 6,495.01	\$ 12,567.84	\$ 11,203.89	\$ 6,495.01
Clifton Twp	\$ 11,039.62	\$ 7,359.75	\$ 14,241.11	\$ 12,695.56	\$ 7,359.75
Coon Creek Twp	\$ 6,600.26	\$ 4,400.18	\$ 8,514.34	\$ 7,590.30	\$ 4,400.18
Cottonwood City	\$ 9,419.04	\$ 6,279.36	\$ 12,150.57	\$ 10,831.90	\$ 6,279.36
Custer Twp	\$ 9,068.60	\$ 6,045.73	\$ 11,698.49	\$ 10,428.89	\$ 6,045.73
Eidsvold Twp	\$ 8,831.61	\$ 5,887.74	\$ 11,392.78	\$ 10,156.35	\$ 5,887.74
Fairview Twp	\$ 10,758.49	\$ 7,172.33	\$ 13,878.46	\$ 12,372.27	\$ 7,172.33
Florence City	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 11,803.50	\$ 10,522.50	\$ 6,100.00
Grandview Twp	\$ 10,840.31	\$ 7,226.87	\$ 13,984.00	\$ 12,466.36	\$ 7,226.87
Island Lake Twp	\$ 7,613.74	\$ 5,075.82	\$ 9,821.72	\$ 8,755.80	\$ 5,075.82
Lake Marshall Twp	\$ 8,980.76	\$ 5,987.18	\$ 11,585.19	\$ 10,327.88	\$ 5,987.18
Lucas Twp	\$ 11,247.60	\$ 7,498.40	\$ 14,509.40	\$ 12,934.74	\$ 7,498.40
Lynd City	\$ 7,602.12	\$ 5,068.08	\$ 9,806.73	\$ 8,742.44	\$ 5,068.08
Lynd Twp	\$ 9,878.18	\$ 6,585.45	\$ 12,742.85	\$ 11,359.91	\$ 6,585.45
Lyons Twp	\$ 8,441.79	\$ 5,627.86	\$ 10,889.91	\$ 9,708.06	\$ 5,627.86
Marshall City	\$ 9,419.04	\$ 6,279.36	\$ 12,150.57	\$ 10,831.90	\$ 6,279.36
Minneota City	\$ 9,419.04	\$ 6,279.36	\$ 12,150.57	\$ 10,831.90	\$ 6,279.36
Monroe Twp	\$ 11,249.47	\$ 7,499.65	\$ 14,511.81	\$ 12,936.89	\$ 7,499.65
Nordland Twp	\$ 9,682.39	\$ 6,454.93	\$ 12,490.28	\$ 11,134.75	\$ 6,454.93
Rock Lake Twp	\$ 7,313.61	\$ 4,875.74	\$ 9,434.55	\$ 8,410.65	\$ 4,875.74
Russell City	\$ 6,141.87	\$ 4,094.58	\$ 7,923.01	\$ 7,063.15	\$ 4,094.58
Shelburne Twp	\$ 7,476.44	\$ 4,984.30	\$ 9,644.61	\$ 8,597.91	\$ 4,984.30
Sodus Twp	\$ 9,304.28	\$ 6,202.85	\$ 12,002.52	\$ 10,699.92	\$ 6,202.85
Stanley Twp	\$ 10,589.85	\$ 7,059.90	\$ 13,660.91	\$ 12,178.33	\$ 7,059.90
Taunton City	\$ 8,783.91	\$ 5,855.94	\$ 11,331.24	\$ 10,101.50	\$ 5,855.94
Tracy City	\$ 9,419.04	\$ 6,279.36	\$ 12,150.57	\$ 10,831.90	\$ 6,279.36
Vallers Twp	\$ 10,301.70	\$ 6,867.80	\$ 13,289.19	\$ 11,846.95	\$ 6,867.80
Westerheim Twp	\$ 9,419.65	\$ 6,279.76	\$ 12,151.35	\$ 10,832.59	\$ 6,279.76



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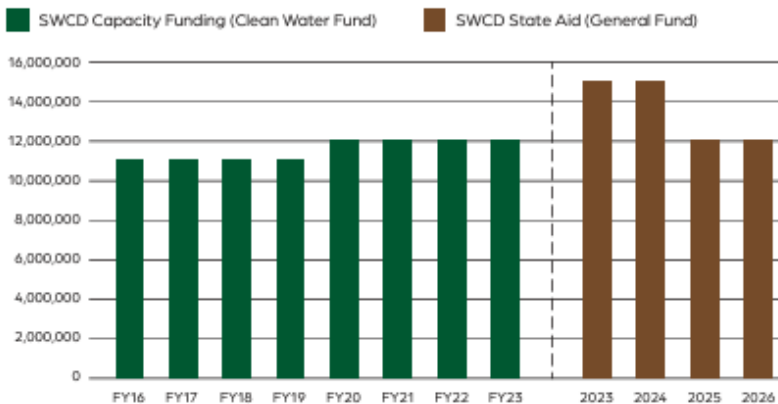
Increase SWCD Aid to support state conservation goals

Last year, lawmakers approved permanent funding for soil and water conservation district capacity, known as SWCD Aid, through the general fund. In the current biennium, the state appropriated \$15 million per year in SWCD Aid.

This was an important step in improving the ability of all SWCDs to deliver the services essential for performing our statutory duties through stable, predictable funding, and a long-term investment in SWCDs as partners in achieving the state's soil health and water quality goals.

Starting in 2025 and in all future years, SWCD Aid will be reduced to \$12 million per year. This funding level does not match the demands put on districts for implementing conservation practices, serving constituents and delivering on statutory obligations.

FUNDING LEVELS HAVE NOT KEPT PACE WITH SWCD ROLES



ACT NOW

Fund SWCD Aid at \$16 million per year for 2025 and beyond to help Minnesota maintain its pace of progress toward clean water and healthy soil goals.

SWCDS HELP CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES ACROSS MINNESOTA

SWCDS provide value to our state's conservation through technical assistance, funding and educational services for private landowners. They are a primary source of conservation information, support and program management for landowners and other local units of government. SWCDS are the technical experts and "boots on the ground" who understand their specific communities' needs and help landowners navigate conservation programs from start to finish. As water quality and soil health issues are prioritized in Minnesota, SWCDS' roles have expanded and now include helping landowners navigate regulations that are increasing in complexity.



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Lyon County Pheasants Forever and The SWCD are offering dated seed for food plots this spring. This seed is not charged but donations to the local Pheasants Forever chapter are accepted. The seed is distributed as a first come first serve basis. We have Roundup Ready corn and Sorghum mix bags available. This seed is only for food plot use. Pickup will be available around the end of April 2024, orders for next year will be starting in August this fall.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER FOOD PLOT SEED FOR NEXT YEAR or RESERVE SOME FOR THIS SPRING, CALL OUR OFFICE AT 507-532-8207 x3 AND ASK FOR BROCK BOERBOOM.

2024 Hwy 14 Tour – CLASIC

Lyon SWCD, Lincoln SWCD, and Pipestone SWCD had the opportunity to put on a soil health event on February 20th, 2024 in Lake Benton, MN where over 60 people attended the event that number includes vendors, staff and area landowners.

The guest speakers that presented were Carolyn King who is the Director of Operations for Continuum Ag, a soil health data intelligence company that enables farmers to profit from sustainable and regenerative practices. Carolyn grew up on her families in Western Illinois, where sustainability practices are a regular part of the operation. She received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Agronomy from Iowa State University.

The local guest speaker that presented was Randy Tholen. Randy has been involved with his family farming operations since a very young age. When he started farming with his dad they had cattle and focused on them pretty heavily, but as time went on, his focus has shifted from feeding cattle to feeding microbes! Today he farms land by Balaton and Tracy, MN. On this tour stop Randy presented how his practices have evolved through successes and failures of soil health practices. Recent soil tests will reveal his present-day results.

The third set of presenters were focused on managing manure in reduced tillage system. The speakers on this panel were Mark Vander Pol, Peter Noding, Peter Bakken, and Tom Cotter. These farmers represent a diversified panel of speakers who deal with a variety of manure types and will focus on how they manage manure and soil health systems together.

Partner Updates

NRCS Programs

Lyon County NRCS is accepting EQIP, RCPP & CSP applications year round even if deadline has passed. If you have areas of erosion or grazing practices you'd like to implement please stop by or call the office, sooner the better. Spring & Summer are the best times to do field visits and plan your conservation practices. Stop in the office and see Kelly, Hailey, Owen or Jeremy for more information.

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ATTENTION: Lyon County Feedlot Owners –

Manure Pile Etiquette: If you plan to temporarily stock your manure, make sure you follow these few rules required in Lyon County:

1. All manure piles should be 300 ft. away from the road right of way and 100 ft. from water sources such as: Open tile intakes, Lakes, Rivers, Streams, Wells, etc.
2. All manure piles must be at **MINIMUM** 1,320 ft. or ¼ mile away from dwellings not owned by feedlot owner and avoid short-term stock piling on slopes greater than 6 percent.

2024 Inspections will begin soon. Producers will be asked to be on site.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Lyon County Feedlot Officer, Courtney, at 507-829-3254 or call the main office at 507-532-8207 x3.

Staff Photo



Left to Right: (Front Row) Hailey Bornitz-NRCS, Courtney Williams-SWCD, John Biren-SWCD, Kelly Heather-NRCS, Anita Cauwels-SWCD, (Back Row) Brock Boerboom-SWCD, Owen Colline-NRCS, Jeremy Larson-NRCS, Blake Giles-SWCD