

LOW INTEREST LOAN MONEY AVAILABLE



Low interest loans are available to farmers and landowners in Scott County to bring their livestock holding facilities and septic systems into conformance with water quality standards and also to help implement other stormwater control practices such as those needed to protect streambank, lakeshore, roadside and agricultural land from erosion. The maximum loan amount per applicant is \$50,000.00.

To be eligible, projects must be located in the rural areas of Scott County. Individuals wanting to apply

for loans should contact the Scott Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) for a loan application packet. Applicants will need to provide information about the proposed project to be funded and the desired loan amount. These low interest loans of 3% plus 1 ½% origination fee, will be available for:



- ⇒ Livestock holding facilities and agricultural waste management projects and activities; including runoff control structures, agricultural waste systems or pits and manure handling equipment.
- ⇒ Purchasing conservation tillage equipment such as chisel plows, no-till drills and no-till planters.
- ⇒ Conservation practices such as terraces, water and sediment basins, grassed waterways and gully control structures.
- ⇒ Upgrades and improvements to existing individual sewage treatment systems.

CONSERVATION TILLAGE AVAILABLE FOR RENT

Looking for some inexpensive no-till equipment for your land? The Scott SWCD will have three drills and a hand seeder available for rental for the upcoming planting season. Rentals for all our equipment is taken on a first come first serve basis.

The district has worked hard to promote and encourage no-till production in Scott County because of the environmental and economical benefits it provides. It is encouraging that many of you have responded positively to this alternative method of crop pro-

duction.

The John Deere 1560 no-till drill model has a planting width of 15 feet. The drill is equipped for soybeans and small grain, with a grass seed attachment to inter-seed alfalfa or renovate pastures.

The Great Plains No-till Drill has a planting width of 7 ft. The drill is equipped for seeding native grasses, small grain, grass and legume. The drill is also very useful in renovating pastures and seeding waterways and filter strips.

The Brillion Grass Seeder has a planting width of 10 ft. The seeder is equipped for seeding native grasses, alfalfa, brome grass and turf grasses. This drill is intended to be used on clean tilled land only.

The Native Grass and Wildflower hand seeder is ideal for areas that are too small, too steep, or inaccessible for other types of seeding equipment. Areas 1 to 2 acres or less are perfect candidates for this piece of equipment.

The cost to rent the drills will depend on the land location within in Scott County and the amount of residue remaining after planting. Contact the office for rental rates and drop charges if they apply.



Soybeans planted in residue cover

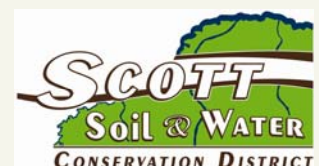
TREE PROGRAM

The Scott Soil and Water Conservation District annually makes available thousands of trees to county landowners. The trees that the District sells are primarily used for conservation and erosion control purposes. We offer a wide variety of trees and shrubs in bundles of 25 per variety.

This program was started to promote conservation, and help residents create a more

beautiful, healthy and ecologically balanced environment. Many of the county's shelterbelts, farmstead and field windbreaks, wildlife habitat, and reforestation have been started as a result of the SWCD tree program. In more recent years, housing development community beautification projects have been added to the list of uses under the Districts tree program.

We encourage all residents to utilize the tree program to start or add to their own beautification plans.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE PROGRAMS CONTACT THE
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