

GILLESPIE COUNTY SWCD ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2009 Activities - 9/1/2008 thru 8/31/2009

- Completed Program and Plan of Work. Renewed the Cooperative Working Agreement between NRCS, USDA, TX State SWCB and Gillespie County SWCD.
- Held Director Election (Zone 4); Clayton Grona re-elected in Oct. 2008.
- Co-sponsored the Fall Range Tour on Oct. 9, 2008
- Attended the annual state meeting of SWCDs in Bastrop on October 27-28, 2008.
- Co-sponsored annual burn association meeting on Dec. 5.
- Received poster & essay entries on Dec. 10.
- Co-sponsored Annual Conservation Awards Dinner with Fredericksburg Lions Club, Security State Bank & LCRA on March 25; honored six poster & essay winners, plus Bruce & Joyce Thiele, and Wanda Wunderlich.
- Directors & district manager attended Texas Assoc. of Watershed Sponsors meeting on March 30.
- With Gillespie Co. WCID directors and NRCS, inspected the dams on April 21.
- Attended the Area 2 Awards dinner in Wall on May 7. Mr. & Mrs. Thiele won as Outstanding Rancher for Area 2, we won as Outstanding District
- Co-sponsored Beef/Range Field Day, at Gillespie Co. Fairgrounds on May 14.
- Held Spring Fish Sale on May 22.
- Directors attended the Hill Country Assoc. of SWCD's Spring meeting at Bandera on May 28.
- In June 2009, Gillespie Co. SWCD was named "Outstanding SWCD" in Texas.
- Co-sponsored a seminar on Burning Brush Piles, July 31.
- Exhibited educational booth at Gillespie Co. Fair in Aug.
- Published District newsletter in Fall 2008 & Spring 2009
- Publicized our activities on www.gillespiecountyswcd.org.

MAJOR CONCERNS OF GILLESPIE SWCD

Gillespie Co. SWCD will focus long-range planning on: Water quantity & quality; Critical area erosion; Proper grassland and brush management; Prescribed burns to control brush re-growth and improve wildlife habitat; Maintaining conservation practices; and Continue application of Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

FY 2009 PROGRESS SUMMARY

In addressing our major concerns, these are some of the conservation practices applied during FY 2009 in Gillespie County through NRCS:

- 29 EQIP contracts and conservation plans were completed on 11,003 acres.
- 1,680 acres of pasture planting and range seeding were completed.
- 3,423 feet of cross fencing for grazing distribution were installed.
- 2,421 feet of terraces were rebuilt.
- 4,132 acres of brush controls were completed.
- 990 acres of prescribed burns were carried out on area rangeland.
- Five (5) Food Security Plans were developed.
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management was applied on 25,873 acres.
- Applied prescribed grazing management on 43,700 acres.
- Currently, there are 25 active Long Term Cost Shared Contracts.

PEDERNALES BRUSH CONTROL PROGRAM:

- One new contract was approved in FY2009 for Gillespie Co.; 201 total contracts for the county since 2002.
- \$27,369 was paid out for certified contracts in Gillespie Co. in FY2009; \$1,617,514 was paid in the county since 2002.
- 245 acres were completed in Gillespie Co. in FY2009; and 25,558 acres were done in the County since 2002.

Calendar of Events Fall & Winter 2009/2010

For details, visit
www.gillespiecountyswcd.org

Oct. 2009—May 2010. Gillespie Co. Predator Contest; help control coyote, bobcat, fox & feral hogs. Gillespie Co. Ag. Commodity Assoc. Call 830-997-9674 for rules & prize info (leave a message, they'll call you back).

Dec. 4 Gillespie Prescribed Burn Assoc (GPBA) Membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. at TX AgriLIFE Extension Bldg. RSVP by noon, Dec. 3 to 830-997-3349 ext. 3.

Dec. 4. Deadline to enter Gillespie County Pecan Show, Texas AgriLIFE Extension, 95 Frederick Rd. Judging and Pecan Show are Dec. 7 at NRCS building, 1906 N. Llano

Dec. 15. Hill Country District Pecan Show at River Hills Mall in Kerrville. Entries due by Dec. 11 at Kerr County Extension office in Kerrville. Judging & the show are on the 15th. The South Texas Regional Show is Dec. 16 at same location. Please call 830-257-6568 if you have questions.

Dec. 16 Conservation Poster & Essay entries due.

Jan. – May 2010

Mid Jan. Poster & Essay entries will be judged.

Mar. 24. Conservation Awards Dinner, sponsored by the Lions Club, Security State Bank & Gillespie Co. SWCD.

March or April. Fish Sale through Gillespie Co. SWCD. Watch the Fredericksburg Standard for details this spring.

April 25 - May 2 Soil & Water Stewardship Week: Parents & youth leaders help youth learn about caring for natural resources.

May 2010 Spring Beef & Range Field Day, program and location to be announced early 2010.

Conservation Essay Winners 1979 to 2009

- 2009 Jordan White, Cavin Felts, Austin Rodriguez
- 2008 Bailey Baethge, Marlo Jimenez, Peyton Kneese
- 2007 (Sr. Div.) Callie Settles, Zack Graves, Rachel Lynn Karp
- 2007 (Jr. Div.) Rebecca Schwarz, Abby Howard-Kneitz, Kaylee Olfers
- 2006 Phil Delobbe, Nelli Jacobo, Sarah Kaderli
- 2005 Max Miller, Heather Heath, Ann Stehling
- 2004 Max Miller, Madison Dooley, Tyler Feller
- 2003 Carena Barsch, Alex Ward, Robert Brown
- 2002 Courtney McCrea, Jeffrey Valentine, Sarah Rode
- 2001 Andrew King, Ellen Granado, Jennifer Weinheimer
- 2000 Jacob Holloway, Katie MacWithey, Hailey Estenson
- 1999 Bradley Durst, Maggie Klein, Erin Hohmann
- 1998 Mark Geistweidt, Diane Sparks, Donna Crenwelge
- 1997 Crystal Baethge, Donna Crenwelge, Mark Geistweidt
- 1996 Kayla Welge, Julee Holladay, James Crenwelge
- 1995 Anita Grote, Julee Holladay, Jarime Baethge
- 1994 Kara Welge, Kimberly Bierschwale, Brandon Lively
- 1993 Kara Welge, Andrew Beyette, Adam Geistweidt
- 1992 (Sr. Div.) Heidi Sagebiel, Dana Edwards, Brad Steiner
- 1992 (Jr. Div.) Andrew Beyette, Adam Geistweidt
- 1990 (Sr. Div.) Patricia White, Dale Tomlinson, Justin Esquell
- 1990 (Jr. Div.) Jennifer Crenwelge, Sonya Immel, Terrill Stehling
- 1989 (Sr. Div.) Shannon Tatsch, Shawn Spaeth, Tessa Mezik
- 1989 (Jr. Div.) Dorian Dykstra, Lalonna Bratcher, Jennifer Crenwelge
- 1988 (Sr. Div.) Tauyna Rodriguez, Robert Modgling, Connie Burrier
- 1988 (Jr. Div.) Shawn Sattler, Heather Miles, Beth Baskett
- 1987 (Sr. Div.) Shannon Tatsch, Dana Edwards, Ricky Clark
- 1987 (Jr. Div.) Diane Fritz, Elizabeth Schmidt, Dinchen Klein
- 1986 (Sr. Div.) Liz Dunn, Allen Vallentine, Kit Saulter
- 1986 (Jr. Div.) Melissa Rech, Sherry Hahn, Kevin Geistweidt
- 1985 Lisa Northcutt, Shannon Sattler, Melissa Johnson
- 1984 Bradley Baethge, Lisa Northcutt
- 1983 Brenda Sieckmann, Jared Jung
- 1982 (Sr. Div.) Sandra Ransleben
- 1982 (Jr. Div.) Brenda Sieckmann
- 1981 Audrey Hahn
- 1979 Margie Hahn, Michael Baethge

Conservation Poster Winners 1980 to 2009

- 2009 Logan White, Conor Thompson, Brittany Sanders
- 2008 Scott Burlison, Jacob Krebs, Keagan Sieckmann
- 2007 Zane Graves, Quaid Hall, Makenna Olfers
- 2006 Luke Smith, Jacquelyn Crenwelge, Kaylee Olfers
- 2005 Shelbi Schneider, Nelli Jacobo, Chaston Hall
- 2004 Katherine Crenwelge, Jordan Schultz, Kendall Baethge
- 2003 Holly Crenwelge, Shannon Bonn, Amy Hannemann
- 2002 Brittany Brady, Morgan Kunz, Kevin Shumake
- 2001 Morgan Kunz, Amanda Jones, Madison Dooley
- 2000 Joanna Folse, Morgan Marquardt, Carson Diltz
- 1999 Nina Smith, Libby Boos, Carena Barsch
- 1998 Stacy Segner, Katie Walch, Joey Kammlah
- 1997 Brittany Marquardt, Ana V. Berber-Thayer, Eileen Tynan
- 1996 Daniel Hannemann, RickyDeIturiza, Jacob Holloway
- 1995 Mike Brandenberger, Blake Dickson, Matt Kordzik
- 1994 Anita Grote, Kara Welge, Neal Eckert
- 1993 April Vinus, Anita Grote, Kara Immel
- 1992 Kimberly Bierschwale, Kayla Welge, Staci Webb
- 1990 Anita Grote, Emily Mae Smith, Corianne Grote
- 1989 Kimberly Bierschwale, Blaine Hahn, Sarah Monk
- 1988 Cornelia Sawatzky, Jennifer Crenwelge, Todd Bierschwale
- 1987 Todd Bierschwale, Jacqy Beaudoin, Dale Tomlinson
- 1986 Blaine Hahn, Kim Pickens, Jennifer Crenwelge
- 1985 Trena Northcutt, Sherry Hahn, Adam Geistweidt
- 1984 Kevin Geisweidt, Brenda Bryson
- 1983 Leah Ottmers, Elise Northcutt
- 1982 Lisa Northcutt
- 1981 Brenda Bryson
- 1980 Kristi Ohlenburg, Scott Kuykendall

Absentee Conservation Rancher/Farmer

- 2007 Dr. Leonard Hilliard, San Antonio
- 2000 Garett von Netzer, Amarillo
- 1997 Marvin Pipkin, San Antonio
- 1992 James & LaRue Acosta, San Antonio
- 1991 Robert Sechrist
- 1990 Lou Ellen & Bob O'Kennon, Dallas

Wildlife Conservationist

- 2008 Liza & Jack Lewis
- 2007 David Darr
- 2002 Henry Frantzen
- 1992 Ted Masser
- 1991 Mr. & Mrs. Sam Smith
- 1989 Henry Louis Welge
- 1985 Cave Creek Wildlife Management Area (83 ranches & 35,000 acres)

Conservation Teacher

- 2007 Clairlean Friedrich
- 2001 Doug Gray
- 2000 Helen Usener
- 1999 Evelyn Weinheimer
- 1995 Corine Klose
- 1989 Scott E. Johnson
- 1986 Joan West, Scott E. Johnson & Carrie Bierschwale
- 1984 Edna Crenwelge

Note: Records unavailable for Poster Contest for 1991 & 1980, & Essay Contest, 1991.

Conservation Business Award

Wayne Geistweidt, 2001

Outstanding Business/Professional Individual

Terry Collier, 2000 and Roy Strocher, 1988

Outstanding District Cooperator

Stehling Ranch, 1995

Goodyear Award

Desmond and Maebeth Sagebiel, 1987

Conservation Media Award

Terry Collier, 1985, for the publication he edits

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Utilities Inventory

"Call Before You Dig" You and/or your contractor are also responsible for notifying utilities who are non-members of the Texas One-Call System. Some local utilities including water, waste water, slurry and overhead utilities are not required to join a notification or one-call center.

Construction of conservation practices on your property could endanger life & property involvement of utilities located in the construction area. Because of this, NRCS is required to inform you of the state law requiring you and/or your contractor to notify:

One Call Board of Texas at 1-800-545-6005, NRCS can provide the form to use for Cooperator Confirmation of the One-Call Utility Safety System; people with EQIP contracts are required to have the completed One-Call form on file.

no more than 14 days nor less than 48 hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, prior to starting construction/excavation activities.

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