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“Ag in Action”

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TN Department of Agriculture

The Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District has Fiscal Year 2024 funds available from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) *Agricultural Resources Conservation Fund (ARCF)*. Funding is provided to landowners through contracts with the Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) for the installation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to push water quality improvements.

Upcoming Events/Deadlines

No Board Meeting this month.

Haybuster Drill Rental
- Rate is \$11/acre or \$55 min. Call Chris Layne @ 423.413.8227

EQIP ACT NOW

For fiscal year 2024, NRCS has more than \$2 billion in Farm Bill funding available to producers for priorities like organic and urban agriculture, soil health, water quality and quantity and wildlife habitat development. This extensive amount of funding will be used to meet producer demand for our oversubscribed programs, maximize climate benefits and help producers address their natural resource challenges.

The EQIP ACT Now applications are currently being accepted until **February 16, 2024**. Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funds are providing some unique funding opportunities with this signup.

Burn Ban in place for Marion County

Help Available for Producers Due to Extreme Drought Conditions

Several Tennessee counties have been designated as D-3 or under extreme drought conditions on the latest USDA drought monitor.

Producers in certain counties are eligible for drought assistance payments from USDA FSA. Producers in Bledsoe, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, and Sequatchie Counties should contact their local FSA offices for information on receiving assistance.

Producers will need to provide data on the number of adult cows and bulls in your herd, the number of animals over and animals under 500lbs if they are weaned. Depending on circumstances, you may be eligible for payments on animals sold earlier in the year. Sheep, goats, horses and mules are also eligible.

Deadline to apply is January 30, 2024.