



67 Years of Conservation EST. January 14, 1942

**Day County  
Conservation District**  
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## 2009 Activity Report

### District Services

- Planted 51.6 acres of trees on farmsteads, field windbreaks, for wildlife cover for 32 landowners
- Laid 116432 feet of fabric on 33 sites
- Cultivated 53.2 acres utilizing weed badgers, disc and diggers for 25 landowners
- Provided a mowing service to landowners for between tree row weed control
- Leased out the John Deere no-till drill to 22 landowners for seeding grass, wheat, oats, alfalfa, and soybeans
- District offered hand plant trees for sale. Including sale of large trees as service for residents
- Sold over 1650 large trees and over 4500 conservation handplants
- Handplanted trees within existing tree belts for landowners.
- Provided hand auger rental
- Leased out weedrollers to landowners to assist in controlling weeds in tree rows, farmsteads, and yards.
- Offered tree protector tubes to protect trees from deer and rabbits
- Offered tree straps and weed mats

### Education/Youth Activities

- Sponsored a booth at the Day County Winter Farm Show —Provide workshops on Storm Damaged trees, the Natural History and Northeast Wildlife of Northeast SD, Carbon Credits, and Cover Crops during farm show.
- Held an Arbor Day Essay contest for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in Day County receiving 82 essays. Participating schools were visited and cash awards given to winners; this year's winner was Demi DuMarce from the Enemy Swim Day School.
- Celebrated Arbor Day by visiting 4<sup>th</sup> graders in 4 area schools. Craig Brown, District Forester and Cindy Zenk, District Manager showed video "Its Arbor Day Charlie Brown" and talked to students about Arbor Day. Each student and teachers were given a free Black Hills Spruce.
- Assisted in Webster 2<sup>nd</sup> grade plant trees in city cemetery and donated the 100 trees planted at the cemetery
- Celebrated Earth day at Enemy Swim Day School with Sammy Soil Saver
- Distributed materials to Day County churches and schools for observance of Soil Stewardship Week
- Provided trees to local church for Stewardship week
- Sponsored Tree Care workshop
- Promote and support youth education programs such as Conservation Speech contest and Conservation Photography Contest.
- Sponsored Soil Painting activity at local Farmers Union Camp
- Sponsored 8 participants to Rangeland and Soils Days in Martin.
- Promoted SD Range Camp to area schools and youth
- Promoted the Karst Memorial Scholarship program. Day County Youth was one of the state winners. Derek Zenk received \$300 from SDACDE.
- Supported a \$100 Youth Conservation Scholarship offered to Day County senior high school student involved in conservation on the land. District Scholarship was given to six winners in 2009. Andy Dale, Candace Fosheim, Jessica Herrick, Dustan Davis, Amber Hommel, and Kellie Fosheim
- Promoted SD Wildlife Federation Youth Camp and
- Supported SD Ag in the Classroom
- Promoted and supported NESD Land and Range Contest. District employees organized, setup and supervised the contest, 12 area schools with 300+ students in attendance.

- Promoted and presented at Lakes Are Cool Program
- Promoted and presented at 1, 2, 3 to the Refuge Program
- Presented at the Brookings Water Festival
- Presented and sponsored at the Northern Prairie Water Festival to 640 students
- Presented at Camp Chance at Joy Ranch near Watertown to 200 students
- Presented Stream and Lake Water Quality workshop at Enemy Swim Lake and Custer
- Distributed quarterly informational newsletter to over 1300 owners and operators and over 100 electronically
- Recognized for Outstanding District Supervisor—Marvin Bury by SDACD
- Provide informational bulletin board in entryway of building for producers
- Provided informational articles to area newspapers
- Enhanced the Backyard Demonstration plot and Native Plant and Arboretum
- Sponsored/hosted Cover Crop Tour and Rainfall Simulator Demo at Simonson Homestead Ranch
- Sponsored CCSP demonstration project
- Provided use of John Deere No-till drill for Day County Crop Improvement test plot

### **Conservation Projects/Programs**

- Sponsored Governor's tree planting project in Day County---distributing large trees to residents suffering from storm damage trees.
- Winter Cereal Initiative (Joint Agreement with Ducks Unlimited, Landowners in Sargent, Ransom, Marshall and Day Counties, Soil Conservation Districts in 4 counties, NRCS in North and South Dakota, Extension Service in North and South Dakota, North Dakota Wetland Trust, Environmental Protection Agency-Non point Source Pollution Program)
- Prairie Coteau Conservation Grant Project (Joint agreement with South Dakota Department of Ag, Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry, Ducks Unlimited, South Dakota Game Fish and Parks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Grant, Codington, Deuel and Roberts Counties).
- Northeast Grazing and Water Development Grant sponsoring district(Joint agreement with FWS, GFP, Roberts, Clark, Codington, Grant, and Marshall Conservation Districts)
- Met with the Marshall and Roberts Conservation District Board of Supervisors, Pierpont Town board, Clear Lake Betterment Association, Greater Pickerel Lake Association, Pickerel Lake Sanitary Sewer District, and Enemy Swim Sanitary Sewer District to report on the Northeast Glacial Lakes Watershed Improvement and Protection Project. Project start date May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and Segment 2 start date July 1, 2009
- Roy Lake Watershed Assessment reporting completed
- 319 I & E Grant for Pickerel Tributary Study
- Instrumental in EQIP pilot project---Shelterbelt Renovation Project

### **Miscellaneous District Activities**

- Publish a District Newsletter to keep public informed on district programs/activities
- Promote and organized the Coteau Area Legislative Dinner held in October where people attended from 12 county area
- Help to financially support through dues the South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts, SDACD Auxiliary, SDACD Employees Association
- Donated to NACD through Stewardship program
- Promoted Local workgroup meeting in Day County
- 11 County Area Workgroup Meeting organized by Day Co. CD
- Organized Area Employees Group held in Webster in July
- Continue to donate to SDACD Endowment Fund---Recognized for reaching milestone in donations at SDACD
- Supervisors and employees attend training workshops and area and state association meetings throughout the year