

# Ward Soil Conservation District

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## LIVESTOCK WATER TESTING

~Water Screen: Nitrates, pH, total dissolved solids (TDS), Sulfates.

-Cost: \$25 for test and \$10 submission fee.

~Cyanobacteria: (blue-green algae).

-Cost: \$20 for test and \$10 submission fee.

~Turnaround: within one day of sample arriving at lab.

## START YOUR TREE PLANNING

Now is the time to start preparing  
for 2021 tree plantings.

**Contact us 852.5438 Ext.3**

for more information.



## 2019 Annual Report

**January:** Finished taking handplant orders. Presented at the Living ag show for the 4th and 5th graders.

**February:** Started Discussing who we would like to have as an Achievement winner. Attended meetings.

**March:** Attended the tree promotion meeting in Bismarck, ND.

**April:** Prepped equipment, shed and cooler for tree plantings. Received trees at the end of the month rom LON.

**May:** Received trees from Towner and started planting May 10th and finished may 30th with 101,000 FT.

**June:** Started to lay fabric and finished ap-

plying 95,000 ft in June. Samantha also started working for WSCD.

**July:** Started contacting new producers for possible tree plantings.

**August:** We had an Envirothon meeting, and continued meeting with producers for tree plantings.

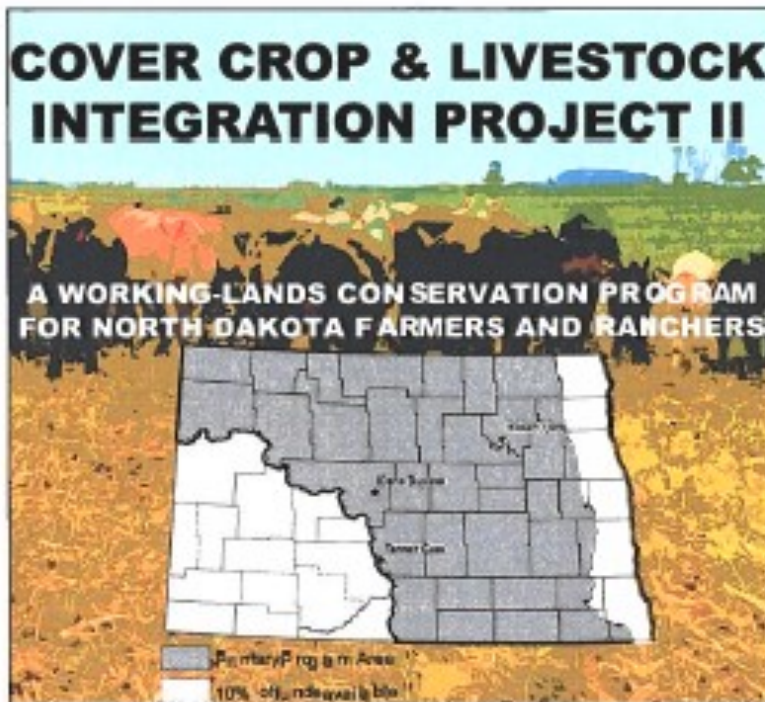
**September:** We attended Envirothon and Eco-Ed.

**October:** Sent out the fall newsletter

**November:** Attended the State Convention with our Achievement Winners.

**December:** Assisted NRCS with CSP Signatures. Board completed employee evaluations.





### DIVERSIFY YOUR OPERATION

Cover crops and livestock will improve soil health and functionality by restoring organic matter, increasing aggregate development, reducing soil compaction, and increasing water infiltration.

#### ✓ 5-Year Program

#### ✓ Technical Assistance

Experts from **Pulse USA** and **Millborn Seeds** and **Ducks Unlimited** can help design custom mixes and grazing plans for your operation

#### ✓ 60% Cost Share

- **GRAZING INFRASTRUCTURE ON CROPLAND**
  - ~ Perimeter Fence
  - ~ Cross Fence
  - ~ Water Wells
  - ~ Pipe
  - ~ Pumps
  - ~ Tanks
  - ~ Windbreak Panels

#### ✓ 60% Cost Share

- **COVER CROP SEED**
  - ~ Grazing Mixes
  - ~ Wildlife Mixes
  - ~ Custom Mixes
  - ~ Aerial Seeded Mixes



**Improve Soil Health!**

**Reduce input costs!**

**Increase your bottom line!**

**First-Come, First-Served**

**No Batching Periods**

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## Steps to Assistance

How to Get Assistance from NRCS for Farms, Ranches and Forests

1

### PLANNING

Visit your local NRCS field office to discuss your goals and work with staff on a conservation plan.

2

### APPLICATION

With the help of NRCS, complete an application for financial assistance programs.

3

### ELIGIBILITY

Find out if you're eligible for NRCS' variety of financial assistance programs.

4

### RANKING

NRCS ranks applications according to local resource concerns.

5

### IMPLEMENTING

Put conservation to work by signing a contract and implementing conservation practices.

## Get Started with NRCS

**Do you farm or ranch and want to make improvements to the land that you own or lease?**

Natural Resources Conservation Service offers technical and financial assistance to help farmers, ranchers and forest landowners.

1

### Planning

**To get started with NRCS, we recommend you stop by your local NRCS field office.**

**We'll discuss your vision for your land.**

NRCS provides landowners with free technical assistance, or advice, for their land. Common technical assistance includes: resource assessment, practice design and resource monitoring. Your conservation planner will help you determine if financial assistance is right for you.

2

### Application

**We'll walk you through the application process. To get started on applying for financial assistance, we'll work with you:**

- To fill out an AD 1026, which ensures a conservation plan is in place before lands with highly erodible soils are farmed. It also ensures that identified wetland areas are protected.
- To meet other eligibility certifications.

Once complete, we'll work with you on the application, or CPA 1200.

Applications for most programs are accepted on a continuous basis, but they're considered for funding in different ranking periods. Be sure to ask your local NRCS district conservationist about the deadline for the ranking period to ensure you turn in your application in time.

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### Eligibility

**As part of the application process, we'll check to see if you are eligible.**

**To do this, you'll need to bring:**

- An official tax ID (Social Security number or an employer ID)
- A property deed or lease agreement to show you have control of the property; and
- A farm tract number.

If you don't have a farm tract number, you can get one from USDA's Farm Service Agency. Typically, the local FSA office is located in the same building as the local NRCS office. You only need a farm tract number if you're interested in financial assistance.

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### Ranking

**NRCS will take a look at the applications and rank them according to local resource**

**concerns, the amount of conservation benefits the work will provide and the needs of applicants.**

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### Implementing

**If you're selected, you can choose whether to sign the contract for the work to be done.**

Once you sign the contract, you'll be provided standards and specifications for completing the practice or practices, and then you will have a specified amount of time to implement. Once the work is implemented and inspected, you'll be paid the rate of compensation for the work if it meets NRCS standards and specifications.

To find out more, go to: [www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted)

## 2019 Tree Tally

Trees ordered:

**24,425**

Mechanically Planted Trees:

**14,000**

**101,000 ft**

Tree Stock Sold:

**8,000**

Surplus Trees Sold:**8,000**

Tree Plantings: **36**

Fabric Installed:

**94,000 ft**



## Garden Pasta

### Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package uncooked tri-color spiral pasta
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced carrots
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/2 cup cucumber, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 large tomatoes, diced
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 (16 ounce) bottles Italian-style salad dressing
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese



### Directions:

1. Cook pasta in large pot of boiling water until al dente. Rinse under cold water, and drain.
2. Mix chopped carrots, celery, cucumber, green pepper, tomatoes, and onion together in large bowl.
3. Combine cooled pasta and vegetables together in large bowl.
4. Pour Italian dressing over mixture, add Parmesan cheese and mix well.
5. Chill for one hour before serving.

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Gail Yuly  
Pat Zeltinger  
Mark Schumaker  
John Pietsch  
Mike Aamot

### **District Technicians**

Stetson Myers  
Samantha Koetter

### **NRCS Employees**

Jared Andrist  
Darrick Ystaas  
Dan Owens  
Julie Carter  
Jerry Wingenbach

### **Dates the office will be**

**CLOSED**



**May 25th**

**July 3rd**

**September 7th**

**October 12th**

**November 11th**

**November 26th**