



# NESHOBA COUNTY CONSERVATION NEWS

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## RAINWATER SIMULATOR BROUGHT TO PHILADELPHIA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service's Lee Jones came to teach the kids at the Philadelphia Boys & Girls Club about erosion with the rainwater simulator. He showed them how cover crops and mulching help reduce erosion through runoff as well as help with water retention in the soil.



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Natural Resources Conservation Service





## GRAZING FIELD DAY



Picture by Beverly Shelton

The Leake and Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation Districts along with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Mississippi State Extension offices from Leake and Neshoba hosted a Grazing Field Day that was held at the Nazary Farm in Leake County on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Rocky Lemus and Dr. John Byrd from Mississippi State University spoke on forage management, rotational grazing, weed control, fencing and water quality. Daniel Clanton with the NRCS Area Office spoke on NRCS practices and specifications. There were just under 90 in attendance, and everyone enjoyed the lunch which was sponsored by the Neshoba County Farm Bureau and was prepared by Jerry Smith and Harvin Hudson. We would like to thank Brown Bottling for donating drinks to help battle the heat.



Pictures by Angie Belvin

We would also like to thank the following exhibitors: Leake County Co-op, Neshoba County Farm Bureau, USDA's NRCS Area office with their Rainfall Simulator and USDA's FSA. Special thanks to those who contributed door prizes: Auto Zone – Carthage, Bank of Forest, Central Mississippi Animal Clinic, First Financial Bank, Leake County Co-op, Leake SWCD, McGivney Tire, Napa – Carthage, Neshoba County Co-op, Neshoba County Gin, Neshoba SWCD, NRCS, Michael's 16, Scott Petroleum, Sims It's a Wrap, David Weber with State Farm, Tractor Supply and Windham Tractor.



Picture by Beverly Shelton



We would like to thank the following sponsors: Platinum – Neshoba County Farm Bureau. Gold – Kemper SWCD, Leake County Cattleman's Association, Leake County Co-op, Leake SWCD, Neshoba County Gin, Neshoba SWCD, Ozark Ag, RoseBud, David Weber with State Farm, Tadlock Stockyard, The Citizen's Bank, Windham Tractor. Silver – D&W Tire Company. Bronze – Lauderdale SWCD, Marshall Ford Co. and Philadelphia Security Insurance.



## NESHOBA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S 2023 Award Nominees

**OUTSTANDING LIVESTOCK PRODUCER:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Billy Chunn  
\_\_\_\_\_ Billy Dickerson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Clifton D. Eakes  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cedric Steele  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jeremy Morgan  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dustin Pope  
\_\_\_\_\_ Monica Sullivan

\_\_\_\_\_ **OTHER** \_\_\_\_\_

**OUTSTANDING POULTRY PRODUCER:**

\_\_\_\_\_ John and Linda Cutrer  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dobie Eakes  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lonnie Luker  
\_\_\_\_\_ David McDonald  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hieu Nguyen  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jason Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_ Philip Tran

\_\_\_\_\_ **OTHER** \_\_\_\_\_

**OUTSTANDING WOODLAND CONSERVATIONIST:**

\_\_\_\_\_ James L. Hobby  
\_\_\_\_\_ Joe Fortson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Craig Brown  
\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Marshall

\_\_\_\_\_ **OTHER** \_\_\_\_\_

**OUTSTANDING WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONIST:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Donald Windham and Andrew Windham  
\_\_\_\_\_ Troy D. White  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tony Luke  
\_\_\_\_\_ Erik Richardson

**OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION FARMER:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Charlie Wilson II  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ronald J. Chiasson Jr.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Kathy Rickles

\_\_\_\_\_ **OTHER** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your ballot to the Neshoba County SWCD ~ 511 East Lawn Drive Ste. B ~ Philadelphia, MS 39350

**DEADLINE TO VOTE: Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

You are invited to the 2023 Neshoba County Soil & Water  
Conservation District's Annual Banquet

**Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Neshoba County Coliseum**

This banquet is to honor the members of our district and to award local individuals in the following fields: Outstanding Livestock Producer, Outstanding Poultry Producer, Outstanding Woodland Conservationist, Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist and Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year! All members and potential members are invited and a **steak** dinner will be served! R.S.V.P. by Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> by calling 601-656-8783 Ext. 3 Please note that there will be a \$10 charge for the meals of guest.

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS CENTRAL AREA AWARDS



Pictured left: MACD President Nick Elmore, Neshoba SWCD Commissioner Lynn Copeland and Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission Director Nick Ivy. Picture by Justin Polk.



Commissioner Lynn Copeland receives Commissioner of the Year for the Central Area

Pictured right: MACD President Nick Elmore, Neshoba NRCS Soil Conservation Technician Bill Stalcup and Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission Director Nick Ivy. Picture by Justin Polk.



Bill Stalcup receives NRCS Employee of the Year for the Central Area





# ORDERED	LANDSCAPE	SIZE	COST	TOTAL
	CRAPE MYRTLE - RED	2'	\$5.00	
	- WHITE	2'	\$5.00	
	- PINK	2'	\$5.00	
	WHITE FRINGE (Grancy's Greybeard)	18"	\$6.00	
	FLOWERING CHERRY (Pink)	2'	\$8.00	
	DOGWOOD	2'	\$8.00	
	REDBUD	2'	\$5.00	
	BALD CYPRESS	2'	\$5.00	
	GINGKO	2'	\$5.00	
	SYCAMORE	2'	\$5.00	
	MAPLE - RED	2'	\$5.00	
	- SUGAR	2'	\$5.00	
	RIVERBIRCH	2'	\$5.00	
	<b>FRUIT TREES &amp; BUSHES</b>			
	APPLES – RED DELICIOUS	3'	\$12.00	
	- YELLOW DELICIOUS	3'	\$12.00	
	- GRANNY SMITH	3'	\$12.00	
	PEACH – ELBERTA	3'	\$12.00	
	PEAR - KEIFFER	3'	\$12.00	
	- MOONGLO	3'	\$12.00	
	- BARTLETT	3'	\$12.00	
	HARDY PECAN	3'	\$6.00	
	<b>WILDLIFE</b>			
	CATALPA	2'	\$5.00	
	CRABAPPLE	2'	\$5.00	
	PERSIMMON	2'	\$5.00	
	CHESTNUT (IMPROVED)	3'	\$6.00	
	PAW PAW	2'	\$5.00	
	NATIVE PLUM	2'	\$5.00	
	OAK - SAWTOOTH	2'	\$5.00	
	- WHITE	2'	\$5.00	
	- SWAMP CHESTNUT	2'	\$5.00	
	- RED	2'	\$5.00	
	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>			\$
<b>NAME:</b> <b>DAYTIME PHONE / CELL NUMBER:</b>				

**\*\*DEADLINE FOR TREE ORDERS: MONDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2023\*\***

Drop off with payment at the drop box outside the office's front door or mail in with check for payment to:

You MUST pay for trees when you order. You will be contacted as soon as the trees arrive in February 2024. Trees are bare root, so it is important that you pick up your order as soon as you are contacted. Thank you for your order! If there is a particular variety that you are looking for, please feel free to contact Erica.

Neshoba SWCD  
 Attn: Erica  
 511 E. Lawn Drive Ste. B  
 Philadelphia, MS 39350



# COMMISSIONERS

BEAT 1



Nelson White  
Chairman

BEAT 2



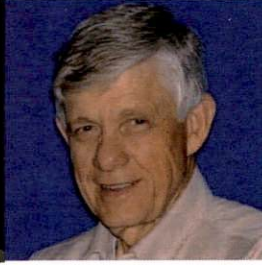
Lynn Copeland

BEAT 3



Ross Williamson  
Treasurer

BEAT 4



Carl Mason  
Vice Chairman

BEAT 5



Jerry Smith

## DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS

BEAT 1



Glenda Winstead

BEAT 2



Steve Cumberland

BEAT 3



Mary Lundy Meruvia

BEAT 4



Charlie Wilson

BEAT 5

Vacant

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### OFFICE STAFF:

Priscilla Williamson - NRCS Supervisory District Conservationist  
Jeff Fortenberry - NRCS Soil Conservationist  
Bill Stalcup - NRCS Soil Conservation Technician  
Erica Fortenberry - SWCD District Administrator (pictured right)



### WHAT IS A SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT?

The Neshoba County Soil & Water Conservation District is a governmental subdivision of the State of Mississippi located in the Third Congressional District. The formation of the Conservation District was authorized by the MS legislature on April 4, 1938, through House Bill 454. The Neshoba County SWCD was organized by citizens of Neshoba County on October 30, 1939. The Neshoba County SWCD is governed by five commissioners. Three are elected in a district (county) wide election by landowners. Two are appointed by the MS Soil & Water Conservation Commission upon recommendations of the SWCD board of commissioners. Each District is authorized to appoint five deputy commissioners. These commissioners serve without pay to carry out a cooperative program that addresses the natural resource concerns of the District.

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