

LASALLE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

December Newsletter

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!

HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2023

Welcome!

If you are interested in getting these emailed to you, you can either call into the office at 815-433-0551 ext. 3, or email calie.biron@il.nacdnet.net subject Newsletters and ask to be put on the list.

SWCD

- **REMINDER:** Our office will be **CLOSED** **December 26th** for **Christmas Day** and **January 2nd** for **New Years Day**
- Board meeting here at the USDA Service Center December 5th at 5pm.
- We will be going out to the fields and checking CRP practices. Prior to field visit you will receive a call from us.
- After harvesting do you see any trouble spots in your fields or your waterways/filter strips/etc having issues? Give us a call and we can take a look.
- Are you a retired teacher, current teacher, or just looking to be apart of education? We are looking for volunteers for our education committee and education events.
- We are looking for volunteers for work days at the Rasmusen Natural Area.
- We also are always open to anyone who would like to be an associate director.

“Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas lies in you heart”.

- Santa Claus

-The Polar Express-

Upcoming Events

First Day of Winter -

December 21st

Christmas Eve - December

24th

Christmas Day - December

25th

New Years Eve - December

31st

New Years Day - January 1st

If you have any questions or are interested in giving a helping hand within our community please give us a call at the office, 815-433-0551 ext. 3, or email calie.biron@il.nacdnet.net.

Thank you!





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NRCS

NRCS programs are competitively ranked and may offer cost share for cover crops, switching to no-till, managing private forest ground, construction of grassed waterways or denitrifying bioreactors, and many others.

NRCS is currently accepting applications for Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) programs.

If you have any questions about these programs please feel free to stop in our office or call us at 815-433-0551 ext. 3

RD

Right now we are appointment only.

If you have any questions please call 815-433-0551 ext. 4.

FSA

DEADLINES: Wheat certifications end on December 15th

USDA Announces Streamlined Guaranteed Loans and Additional Lender Category for Small-Scale Operators

Options Help More Beginning, Small and Urban Producers Gain Access to Credit

Producers can apply for a streamlined version of USDA guaranteed loans, which are tailored for smaller scale farms and urban producers EZ Guarantee Loans use a simplified application process to help beginning, small, underserved, and family farmers and ranchers apply for loans of up to \$100,000 from USDA-approved lenders to purchase farmland or finance agricultural operations.

A new category of lenders will join traditional lenders, such as banks and credit unions, in offering USDA EZ Guarantee Loans. Microlenders, which include Community Development Financial Institutions and Rural Rehabilitation Corporations, will be able to offer their customers up to \$50,000 of EZ Guaranteed Loans, helping to reach urban areas and underserved producers. Banks, credit unions and other traditional USDA-approved lenders, can offer customers up to \$100,000 to help with agricultural operation costs.

EZ Guarantee Loans offer low interest rates and terms up to seven years for financing operating expenses and 40 years for financing the purchase of farm real estate. USDA-approved lenders can issue these loans with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) guaranteeing the loan up to 95 percent.

For more information about the available types of FSA farm loans, contact your LaSalle County USDA Service Center at 815-433-0551 ext. 2 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans

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