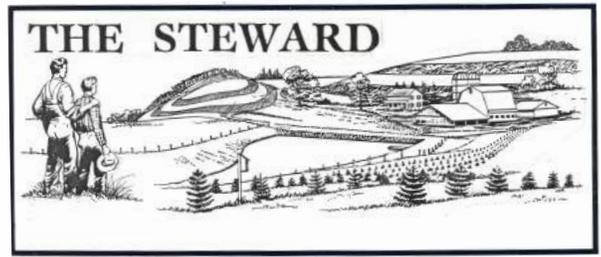


Spring 2021

# Ashland



## Soil & Water Conservation District

### Cover crops: Growing conservation in Ashland



Ashland SWCD's board identified cover crops as a key tool to improve agricultural productivity and soil health and to reduce erosion on cropland in their 2018 strategic plan. That's why when the district received a grant from the Ohio Department of Agriculture to focus on the Jerome Fork watershed, increasing cover crop use was a top priority.

Since then, we've experienced a dramatic growth in cover crop use, and this year, we're adding a new tool to our arsenal: a cover crop interseeder. Our district received a Partners in Watershed Management grant from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District for its purchase; the interceder will be available for farmers within MWCD's jurisdictional boundaries to rent for \$5/acre; farmers outside MWCD's boundaries will also be able to rent the interseeder for \$10/acre.

Interseeders are a relatively new management tool where farmers plant their cover crop into their existing cash crop, such as corn, about 6 weeks after the corn's initial planting. The canopy of the cash crop limits the sunlight the cover crop receives, slowing its growth. But when the cash crop is harvested, the cover crop is already in place and the canopy opens, allowing the cover crop to flourish.

#### Check out our 2021 cover crop incentives:

- **MWCD cover crop cost share:** \$12/acre cost share for approved acres with higher incentives for the county's highest priority fields and first-time participants
- **Beginner cover crop program:** 100% cost share for 2 years with additional cost share for years 3 and 4 (pending)
- **Interseeder rental:** \$5/acre within MWCD's boundaries and \$10/acre outside MWCD's boundaries
- **Aerial seeding:** coordinated county-wide aerial seeding
- **No-till drill rental:** \$10/acre rental for seeding cover crops

Contact Erica White at 419-281-7645 for more information!

### WHAT'S COMING UP

#### Ashland SWCD Office Closed:

May 31: Memorial Day; July 5: Independence Day

#### Board Meetings (SWCD office at 9 a.m.)

April 14, May 12, June 9

#### Rain Garden Workshop: April 8

#### Fall Fish Stocking Sale

Order deadline April 7; Pick up April 13, 11 am - noon

#### Tree Sale Pick Up, Loudonville High School

April 16 from 5-7 p.m. & April 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Conservation Chats Field Days at 6 p.m.:

April 21: Cover Your Assets, May 19: Pollinator Points,

June 16: Interseeder Intro, July 21: Oh Crap!

#### Family Fishing Day: May 8

#### Rain Barrel Workshop: June 19



# Cover Crop Program 2021

## Ashland Soil & Water Conservation District



Cover crops can play a vital role in improving soil health and water quality by increasing organic matter, reducing compaction and erosion, and improving water and nutrient retention. Ashland SWCD will be offering the following programs in 2021 to help producers implement cover crops on their operations:

- **Cover crop interseeder rental:** \$5/A within Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) boundaries; \$10/A outside MWCD
- **MWCD cover crop cost share** with bonus rates for new producers and field selected as soil health priority areas (Application deadline: July 2)
- **Aerial cover crop seeding** after Labor Day for early establishment (Application deadline: August 14)
- **Reduced no-till drill rental rates** for cover crop planting (from July 1-December 31)
- **Adapt-N nitrogen modeling** to help measure and manage available nitrogen from cover crop use (Call for details.)
- **Beginner cover crop program (returning participants only)**  
100% cost share up to 3 years with continuing cost share options for years 4 and 5.

For more information, contact

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Jerome Fork Watershed Coordinator

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**Ashland SWCD**

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# rain garden workshop

Rain gardens offer a host of benefits, from managing excess stormwater to improving water quality and even enhancing pollinator habitat! Come learn the basics you need to know to install a rain garden in your own landscape! Pre-registration is required to Becca Vales at 419-281-7645 and INCLUDES a packet of rain garden seeds for up to 250 square feet!

cost: \$25

april 8, 6 p.m.  
ashland co service center pavilion

# Family Fishing Day

Join Ashland SWCD & Ashland County Parks for a fun day of fishing!

Art Holden will give talks on beginning fishing at 10 a.m. & noon.

Lots of fishing gear give-a-ways!

Made possible through an ODNR Step Outside grant

MAY 8, 2021 FROM 10 A.M. UNTIL 2 P.M. AT BYERS WOODS, 675 CO RD 1754, ASHLAND



# Spring Fish Sale

## Pick Up

ASHLAND SWCD OFFICE  
APRIL 13, 11 AM - NOON

# rain barrel workshop

Make & take! Includes everything you need to make your own rain barrel to take home with you! Cost: \$65; call Becca Vales at 419-281-7645 to register.

june 19, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 2 p.m.  
honey haven farm

# conservation chats

april 21: cover your assets

ANDY HALL FARM, 6 P.M.  
1567 COUNTY ROAD 175, JEROMESVILLE

- AERIAL COVER CROP SEEDING WITH THE OHIO AG CONSERVATION INITIATIVE'S BEGINNING COVER CROP PROGRAM
- COVER CROP COST SHARE & SEEDING OPTIONS: INTERSEEDING, DRILLED & AERIAL
- PRECISION CONSERVATION MODELING WITH COVER CROPS
- Q&A WITH ASHLAND COUNTY COVER CROPPERS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

# Rain Beat on Main Street

AUGUST 2-9, 2021

LOUDONVILLE'S CENTRAL PARK

AUGUST 10-16, 2021:

ASHLAND'S CORNER PARK

# Soil Testing Services

## Ashland Soil & Water Conservation District



SOIL SAMPLE  
COLLECTION  
POWER KIT



Ashland SWCD is excited to offer analysis of do-it-yourself soil samples as well as custom soil sampling:

### Custom Soil Testing

- \$20/sample with a minimum of 5 samples for Ashland SWCD staff to come to your farm to pull soil samples; samples will be pulled as staff time allows, either during the spring or fall
- Fields over 20 acres require multiple samples.
- Must come in to the Ashland SWCD office to talk with District Technician Erica White about where and how many samples will be pulled.

### Do-It-Yourself Soil Sampling

- Sample bags are available at the SWCD office, along with a soil probe or a Collect-N-Go soil sample collection kit.
- You collect samples, bring to the SWCD office and fill out the required forms.
- Ashland SWCD will send in your samples for analysis and return your results.
- Ag field samples range from \$8-16/sample; turf samples range from \$12-40 plus shipping. Shipping is \$2/sample or \$1/sample for over 10 samples.
- See reverse side of form for specific packages and pricing

**Free voluntary nutrient management plans are available with each test.**

For more information, contact

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Rain barrel kit only: \$35  
Rain barrel kit with barrel: \$50

# get your rain barrel kits

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# native plant sale

ORDER ONLINE AND HAVE SEED PACKETS DELIVERED RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR! FIND THE LINK AT [ASHLANDSWCD.COM](http://ASHLANDSWCD.COM)

## Ashland SWCD Board:

Justin Ringler, Chair

Roger Amos, Vice Chair

Karen Welch, Fiscal Officer

Valerie Hall, Secretary

David Elson, Equipment Chair

## Meet the Board:

*Valerie Hall*

Board Member Since: 2020



Valerie lives on her family grain farm near Jeromesville where they grow corn, soybeans and wheat. They also spread fertilizer and lime and do custom spraying and tiling. In addition to keeping all the farm records, Valerie is the fiscal officer for Perry Township and the treasurer for an investment club.

### Why she ran for the SWCD board:

Valerie thought it would be interesting to learn more about Ashland County soils and what she can do to conserve ground in our county.

### Hobbies:

For fun, Valerie has two horses she enjoys riding around the farm. She also has two grandsons and spends as much time as she can playing with them. When she has time, she also enjoys flea markets and antique stores.

### Last show she binge watched:

Probably a toss up between *Flea Market Flip*, *NCIS* or *Criminal Minds*

# Equipment Rental

ASHLAND SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



For more information or to schedule rental,  
contact Erica White at 419-281-7645

## 2018 John Deere No-Till Drills

- \$12/acre January 1-June 30; \$10/acre July 15 - December 31
- Available in 10 or 15 foot widths (\$100 min charge for 10-ft; \$200 min charge for 15-ft)
- Delivery available for additional \$50

## 2021 Cover Crop Interseeder

- \$5/acre within Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) boundaries; \$10/acre outside of MWCD boundaries.
- 6-row interseeder with end transport; 2 Salford row units/row
- Delivery available for additional \$50

## Straw Chopper/Mulcher

- \$50/day; includes trailer for transport

## APV Seeder & Side-by-Side UTV

- \$75/day; Includes use of box trailer
- Perfect for slug bait application or frost seeding; comes with light bar for even application

## Terra Plane

- \$30 for single-day use (pick up & return same business day); \$50/day if kept overnight.
- Excellent to level and grade drives

## Tree Planter (accepting sealed bids until June 9)

- 5¢/tree to plant trees purchased through Ashland SWCD's tree sale; 10¢/tree for other trees.
- \$10 min charge for 1st day and \$20 each additional day, weather permitting

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tree sale  
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**APRIL 16  
5-7 P.M.**

**APRIL 17  
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.**

REMEMBER THAT TREE SALE  
PICK UP IS IN A NEW  
LOCATION THIS YEAR:  
**LOUDONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL!**



**conservation  
chats**

JOIN US FOR MONTHLY FARM  
FIELD DAYS AT 6 P.M.

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**may 19: pollinator points**  
HEATH WHITE FARM, GREENWICH

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DAVID ELSON FARM, ASHLAND

**july 21: oh crap!**  
LOCATION TO BE BE DETERMINED