



## Morton County Soil Conservation District



# Conservation News

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## Farming & Ranching for the Bottom Line

Duane Olsen gave the opening comments for the Area 4 Research Farm on the first day of the Farming and Ranching for the Bottom Line. Discover the Triple Bottom Line: Economics, Ecology, & Sociology.

With over 300 people who attended the workshop both days to hear talks about the Links Between Land Management & Food, Weather Crystal Ball, and Mending Broken Linkages: Soil, Plants, Herbivores, & Humans to name a few.



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## KFYR Living Ag Classroom

Morton County Soil Conservation District staff took part in the KFYR Living Ag Classroom held at the Bismarck Event Center on February 11th & 12th. Over 1,000 4th graders came through the booth to see the demonstration that The Morton County SCD did using the enviroscape, showing kids how to take care of the water.



# Notice to Service Center Visitors

**Due to recent public health concerns, this service center is open by phone appointment only.**

**You can call:**

**FSA: 701-667-1163 #2**

**NRCS: 701-667-1163 #3**

**Morton County SCD: 701-667-1163 #3**

**to make a phone appointment.**

**Agricultural producers should visit [farmers.gov/coronavirus](https://farmers.gov/coronavirus) for the latest information on available services and the latest status of service centers impacted by these locally-specific health measures.**

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## CSP Classic Program for 2020

The Morton County NRCS office is working with the Conservation Stewardship Program to offer the 2020 CSP Classic signup.

If you are interested in signing up for CSP Classic, please visit with your local NRCS office about how these conservation enhancements can benefit your operation.

You can reach us at the Morton County USDA-NRCS office at 701-667-1163 Ex. 3 to make an appointment to discuss the opportunities with the CSP Classic program.

Applications must be submitted by May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## CORRECTION

**There was an error in the last newsletter with our numbers. Here are the correct numbers. If you have any questions let us know.**

### 2019 Conservation Practice Implementation:

Cover Crop ~ 624.06 ac.-----**1,996 acres**  
 Residue Management/No Till ~ 615.9 ac.---**2305 acres**  
 Forage & Biomass Planting ~ 89.3 ac.-----**109 acres**  
 Fence ~ 24,134 ft.-----**35,965 feet**  
 Livestock Pipelines ~ 9,010 ft.-----**26,289 feet**  
 Watering Facilities (tanks)~1610 gal (1 tanks)---**14 ea.**  
 Prescribed Grazing ~ 2,410 ac.-----**9903 acres**  
 Pumping Plant ~ 1-----**2 each**  
 Portable Windbreak ~ 1-----**1 each**  
 Windbreak Establishment ~ 32,680 ft.-----**32,710 feet**  
 Tree/Shrub Site Preparation ~ 10.8 ac.-----**11 acres**  
 Irrigation Pipeline ~ 3,000 ft.  
 Bush Management ~ 4 ac.-----**6 acres**  
 Nutrient Management ~ 189.8 ac.-----**406 acres**





## DRILL RENTAL

Morton County Soil Conservation District has a 10' Truax Grass Drill. This drill is available to rent to the producers of Morton County.

Minimum HP tractor—60hp.

Overall Width—14' Row Spacing—7.5"

Producer is responsible for clean/vacuum out drill and seed tubes. Clean off excess mud/debris as well as any damage.

The cost is \$10/acre with a \$50 delivery fee, if applicable. If you would like to use the drill and/or get more information, call the office at 701-667-1163 ext. 3.

## MANURE RENTAL

The Morton County SCD is renting a Kuhn Knight 160 manure spreader with vertical beaters to the producers of Morton County.

Unlike horizontal beaters, vertical beaters give a more even spread (25-30 ft.) of livestock manure or compost over a field.

Producers can rent the spreader for \$275/day.

Clean-up and maintenance are the responsibility of the renter as well as any damages.

The spreader has a capacity of 350+ bushels and a 160 HP tractor is recommended.

Both the big and small 1000 rpm PTO shafts are available.

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# Schubert Chokecherry

An alternative cultivar of chokecherry which shares many of the same benefits is the Schubert or Canada Red Chokecherry.

This cultivar has leaves which emerge green but turn purple in early summer. They are a common sight in yards and ornamental plantings.



As with the common chokecherry, they are prone to the black knot fungal disease, similar to smut. Chokecherry are also prime habitat for tent caterpillars which will form a large webbed tent in the foliage. Both Black Knot and Tent Caterpillars can be managed by pruning the affected foliage, bagging, and disposing of it.

## PRECISION AG BUSINESS PLANNING

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# WELCOME STEVE

Hi! My name is Steve Tomac and I'm excited to join a great group of folks with the Morton County Soil Conservation District Board. Some of you may remember me as a North Dakota State Legislator; or, you may remember me as a PRCA rodeo clown (1971-2006).

I own and live on a ranch south of St. Anthony where I have lived since 1983. I grew up the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest of 18 children on a ranch on the North Dakota/South Dakota border about 25 miles south of Carson.

I graduated from NDSU (go Bison) in 1976 with a degree in Ag Economics and Communications and went to work at the state-owned Bank of North Dakota. After that I've touched down in several places like Mandan Security Bank, ND Department of Agriculture, and ND Wheat Producers (ND Grain Growers), Farm Credit of Mandan. For 16 years I was in the North Dakota Legislature (1986-2002) I supplemented my ranch by working as a rural appraiser during the winter and doing rodeos across the United States and Canada during the summers.

In 2002 I was elected to the MorGranSou Board and was appointed representative of the Morton County Southwest Water Authority. In 2008 I accepted a position with Basin Electric which required a great amount of travel so I resigned from MorGranSou and the Southwest Water Authority.



As I said in the beginning, I'm excited to be part of the Morton County Soil Conservation District Board. My father was on the Sioux County SCD for several years, and my brother Frank currently serves on that Board. Thank you!

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## Upcoming Events

### May

10th — Mothers Day

14th—SCD Board Meeting -USDA Service Center, Mandan

25th—Memorial Day—Office Closed

### June

11th --SCD Board Meeting -USDA Service Center, Mandan

21st — Fathers Day

### July

4th — Independence Day—Office Closed (July 3rd)

9th —SCD Board Meeting -USDA Service Center, Mandan

“And forget not that the earth delights to feel  
your bare feet and the winds long to play with  
your hair” — Khalil Gibran