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## NO-TILL DRILL RENTAL UPDATE 2026

Columbiana SWCD will be offering two (2) no-till drills for the public to rent on a per acre basis for 2026. We have a John Deere 1590 (10 foot) no-till drill and one Great Plains 706NT 7-foot no-till drill available. Both no-till drills are equipped with the large seed box (oats, wheat, soybeans, etc.) and a small grass seed/legume box. The no-till drills are also equipped with an acre-meter so that producers can keep track of the area planted. Prior to renting the no-till drill, the Columbiana SWCD will need to have a signed rental agreement on file. Please feel free to call the office and we can mail/email you a rental agreement. Once you have finished planting with the no-till drill, call us. We will be out to pick it up or contact the next farmer that is scheduled to use the machine, and that producer will retrieve it from your farm. Columbiana SWCD will send you an invoice for the acres that you planted. If you should have questions regarding the contract, please call Pete at the Columbiana SWCD office (330) 277-2974.



## 2026 FISH SALE ORDER PICKUP REMINDER



With the Columbiana SWCD spring fish sale wrapping up on March 25th we wanted to remind anyone who placed orders that the pickup date for orders will be **April 8th from 10:30am-12pm**. Pickup will be held again this year at the Kent State Salem campus. Please remember to bring your own 5-gallon buckets for transportation filled with water from your pond. We recommend 5-10 gallons of water per 100 fish, Amurs require 5 gallons of water per 2 fish, and minnows require 5 gallons of water per 1,000 fish. Pontius Fish Hatchery will provide oxygenated bags to make sure that your fish can travel to your pond from the pickup location without any issues. For questions, please contact John Beilhart Columbiana SWCD's Wildlife and Forestry Specialist at 330-277-2977.

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## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We have a few potential volunteer opportunities coming up. To learn more, please contact McKinsie at [mckinsie.klim@oh.nacdn.net](mailto:mckinsie.klim@oh.nacdn.net) or (330)-277-2976.

## SPRING SOIL TESTING



This time of year, many landowners in Columbiana County are looking forward to getting their crops and gardens in the ground. During this time, it is important to know exactly what you need to do to improve your soil for the fast approaching growing season. Here at Columbiana SWCD, we can help with this by offering soil testing. Our staff can either make an appointment to meet with you at your property to pull soil samples or you can drop your samples off at our office for them to be sent out for testing. Soil testing costs \$20-25 per sample depending on the test analysis that is ran. For more information or to set up a time to have us meet with you to gather soil samples please call John Beilhart Columbiana SWCD's Wildlife and Forestry Specialist at 330-277-2977.

## 2026 SPRING TREE SALE UPDATE

With the 2026 tree sale ending in April, we wanted to remind everyone who had placed orders of the pickup dates and times to minimize any confusion. The pickup of tree orders will be scheduled for **April 15th and 16th from 8am-6pm** as well as on the **17th from 8am-4pm**. Pickup will occur at the Columbiana Soil and Water office located at 1834- B South Lincoln Ave, Salem, OH 44460. We recommend that you plant these trees within the first week of picking up your order. If for some reason you need to wait longer than this to plant, we would encourage you to keep your trees in a cool, damp place to help prevent the roots from drying out. It is strongly suggested to plant these trees within two weeks of purchase.



## PILOT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Columbiana SWCD is applying for funding to create a grazing and pasture pilot program. Essentially, we are aiming to expand our ability to help livestock producers within the county implement best management practices that further improve our water quality throughout Little Beaver Creek. If you are interested in being added to a list of producers that will be contacted first should we receive funding, please contact McKinsie at [mckinsie.klim@oh.nacdnet.net](mailto:mckinsie.klim@oh.nacdnet.net) or (330)-277-2976.

## THE MUSKINGUM WATERSHED STREAM EXCLUSION FENCING PROGRAM

We are excited to announce that we are now able to enroll producers in the Muskingum Watershed Stream Exclusion Fencing Program! No, we are not in the Muskingum Watershed, but we do share a few of the same impairments within our waterways. By limiting livestock's access to the stream, we can greatly reduce streambank erosion, sedimentation of our waterways, and nutrient runoff (which will greatly reduce algae blooms). To qualify, you must have a blue-line stream (visible on a map) running through your pasture. For more information and to schedule a site visit, please contact McKinsie at (330)-277-2976 or [mckinsie.klim@oh.nacdnet.net](mailto:mckinsie.klim@oh.nacdnet.net).

## WE ARE HIRING!

Columbiana SWCD is seeking to fill two seasonal positions and one full-time position.

### Environmental Technician Interns:

Position: Environmental Technician Intern

Location: 1834-B South Lincoln Ave., Salem, OH 44460

Reports to: Pete Conkle, District Administrator

Duration: May-August 2026\*

Hours: up to 30 hours/week Compensation: \$15/hour

Columbiana SWCD is seeking two qualified candidates to intern for the summer of 2026. Each position is \$15/hour for up to 30 hours/week. A qualified candidate has an interest in and is pursuing a degree in environmental conservation or related field. Responsibilities include assisting with our soil testing program, providing support for USDA Farm Bill Programs, assisting with education and outreach events, and assisting the Wildlife/Forestry Specialist and Watershed Coordinator with field and administrative tasks. While field experience is a plus, it is not necessary to apply for this position. The start and end date of this position are flexible with the applicant's school schedule. \*



### Agricultural Technician:

Position Title: Agricultural Technician

Location: 1834-B South Lincoln Ave., Salem, OH 44460

Reports to: District Program Administrator (DPA)

Employment Status: Full time.

Columbiana SWCD is seeking a qualified candidate to fill our Agricultural Technician position to aid in the planning and implementation of our drill rental program, soil testing, and other related services. This position is responsible for education, technical assistance and field assistance to landowners/operators and units of government, primarily in agronomic and natural resource issues. The position also aids in educational programming in Columbiana County. Candidates should possess at minimum a two-year degree in agronomic or natural resource management or related field.

*Please send your resume and cover letter to Pete Conkle([pete.conkle@oh.nacdnet.net](mailto:pete.conkle@oh.nacdnet.net)). Physical resumes can be mailed or dropped off at our office at 1834-B South Lincoln Ave., Salem, OH 44460. For more information, please contact Pete Conkle via email or phone (330)-277-2974.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**April 8th-** Fish Sale Pickup 10:30am-12pm

**April 9th-** Columbiana SWCD Board Meeting 9:30am

**April 15th-** Tree Sale Order Pickup 8am-6pm

**April 16th-** Tree Sale Order Pickup 8am-6pm

**April 17th-** Tree Sale Order Pickup 8am-4pm

**April 23th-** EOGC Pasture Walk Jefferson County

**April 29th-** Office Closed

**May 14th-** Columbiana SWCD Board Meeting 9:30am

**May 21st-** EOGC Pasture Walk Harrison County

**June 11th-** Columbiana SWCD Board Meeting 9:30am

**June 19th-** Office SWCD Closed in Observation of Juneteenth

**June 25th-** EOGC Pasture Walk Carroll County

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**Mission Statement**

The mission of Columbiana SWCD is to provide assistance, communication, and education through community leadership for the stewardship and improvement of our natural resources.

**Vision Statement**

The vision of Columbiana SWCD is to be the recognized leader and source of land use information and conservation expertise through efficient, proactive, and responsive assistance.

Contact us at:  
(330) 332-8732 ext. 5  
Columbiana County SWCD on Facebook  
<https://www.columbianacoswcd.com/>



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| PROTECTOR           | \$100 - Includes recognition in all SWCD publications, displays, and on Facebook, 2 tickets to the Annual Dinner. |
| STEWARD OF THE LAND | \$150 - Includes all of the above as well as a choice of a soil test or \$20 credit to the tree or fish sale.     |

Please list information as you would like it printed in materials.

Name (Individual or Business): \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide any other general contact information you would like to share and submit your sponsorship form to our office at 1834 B South Lincoln Ave, Salem, OH 44460.