

DUNN DEALS IN CONSERVATION

OCTOBER 2007

IMPORTANT DATES

October 1st	Regular Board Meeting	
October 8th	Columbus Day	Office Closed
October 17th	Women's Ag Night	
November 5th	Regular Board Meeting	
November 12th	Veterans Day	Office Closed
November 18-20th	Annual SCD Convention, Bismarck	
November 22nd	Happy Thanksgiving!	Office Closed
December 3rd	Regular Board Meeting	

New District Policies

Soil Testing Charges

Field less than 100 acres	\$65/test (maximum of 15 probes)
Field 100 acres or more	\$80/test
Postage (one time charge)	\$8.50

~Standard test for all producers includes Nitrogen (2 depths), Phosphorus, Potassium, Sulfur, Salts, pH, Chloride, Copper and % Organic Matter. Any individual or additional tests will extra.

~Lab fees will be included in the cost of the test.

~We will be using a GPS unit for testing.

Policy for out of county testing

~Policy on out of county use: Any producer who has fields in county and also out of county will not be charged mileage. Mileage will be charged for strictly out of county producers at a rate of \$0.50/mile if the producer has less than 1000 acres to test. If the producer has more than 1000 acres to test, no mileage will be charged.

Replacement Handplants

Handplants (purchased individually)	\$1.25/tree
Handplant bundles	\$25/bundle of 25 trees

~Most bundles are sold in bundles of 25. This may be subject to change depending on nursery delivery.

~All bundles purchased have to be on same tree species in order to receive discount.

~The discount does not include tall stock trees.

Included in this Issue: The 2008 Handplant Order Form. The form now includes brief descriptions of the trees on the back. Please have these forms back to us by the middle of October as that is when we place our first order with the nursery. And don't forget to order in bundles and save yourself \$6.25/bundle! You may also print this form off our website.



Project Trees

Tom Gibson of Project Trees was sponsored by the Dunn Co. SCD to perform at the Dunn County schools on September 26th. Presentations were held in Killdeer, Halliday and Twin Buttes. Tom played the part of Private George Gib-



son, a hunter and trapper who was part of Lewis and Clarks 1805 expedition to Ft Mandan. Private Gibson showed the students different animals that were found on the expedition, and also gave some insight to the trading with the local Native Americans.



Women's Ag Night Wednesday, October 17th 6 pm at Dunn Center City Hall

Presentations by:

Craig Stange:

Forester– Natural Resources Conservation Services

“Rain Gardens and Native Landscaping”

Craig will discuss the benefits of using the more resilient, attractive native plants when landscaping. He also will present a discussion on Rain Gardens which capture the runoff from roofs, lawns, and driveways to water this colorful, perennial planting.

Kellie Laumb, PA-C:

Physician Assistant– Great Plains Clinic

“Current Woman's Health Issues”

Kellie will touch on new current medical issues that affect women today including screenings, treatments options, vaccinations, etc.,

Please RSVP by calling Shannon at 764-5646 ext 3. Seating is limited.

Dinner will be served by the Dunn County SCD Board Members.

Door Prizes will be given.



Don't forget about our new John Deere 1590 No-till Grass and Grain drill for your fall seeding! It was delivered on Oct 1st and we weren't sad to see the old one go.

Grass Drill: \$7/acre.



Over 600 trees donated~

The Dunn County SCD donated over 600 handplants this year to non-profit organizations in Dunn County. We feel very fortunate that we could donate excess trees to help beautify the county!

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."
-John Fitzgerald Kennedy



Hello Dunn County Producers. Hope you and your family are doing well and I hope your calves are packing on the pounds! Did you notice Downy brome (a.k.a. cheatgrass) in your fields and pastures this year? If you didn't, consider yourself very lucky, but keep your eyes open because it creeps in quickly. Cheatgrass is an exotic, highly invasive, annual grass that has invaded many acres and it's spreading over the countryside fast!

If you're not sure if you have cheatgrass or not here are some key identifiers:

- It is an annual or typically a winter annual plant
- It is with soft hairs at all growth stages
- The inflorescence is dense, slender, drooping, one-sided, and 2 to 6 inches long
- As the heads develop, downy brome becomes easily identifiable because the plants have a silvery sheen and, as they mature, become reddish-purplish
- It appears to grow in patches
- Overgrazed rangelands are more easily invaded by downy brome
- Seeds can survive in the soil for more than one season
- It is a palatable grass before the seed heads emerge (this is early spring) but becomes unpalatable with maturity.
- Mature downy brome can cause injury to livestock by causing infection in the eyes or mouth. Mature plants are also a serious fire hazard.

Control in Rangeland and Pasture

Use good rangeland management practices. Harvest half the forage and leave the rest. Practice rotational grazing. Graze it early before your native grasses come up. This should help control the spread of it Downy brome cannot be controlled in rangeland and pastures until good management practices are employed.

Good Luck Guys,
Paula Jo Wanner

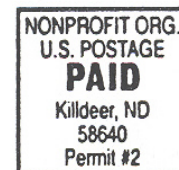
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