

GARLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NEWS AND VIEWS

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2024 NUT FUNDRAISER

We are currently taking orders for fresh 2024 crop pecans, other specialty nuts, fudge, and pecan brittle! All in tamper evident packaging!

- All orders must be paid at the time they are placed
- Include your phone number and email on your order form so we can contact you when your order is ready for pickup
- Download an order form at www.garlandcountycd.org

1LB BAG - \$10.00

- PECAN HALVES
- PECAN PIECES
- MILK CHOCOLATE PECANS
- DARK CHOCOLATE PECANS
- WHITE CHOCOLATE PECANS
- AMARETTO CHOCOLATE PECANS
- PRALINE PECANS
- CINNAMON SPICED PECANS
- WALNUTS
- CASHEWS
- MIXED NUTS
- MILK CHOCOLATE ALMONDS
- DARK CHOCOLATE ALMONDS
- DOUBLE DIPPED CHOCOLATE PEANUTS
- PECAN BRITTLE
- CHOCOLATE PECAN FUDGE
- SALTED CARAMEL FUDGE
- ROCKY ROAD FUDGE
- BUTTER PECAN FUDGE

5LB BOX

\$48.00

- PECAN PIECES
- PECAN HALVES

5LB

\$20.00

- RAW PEANUTS

CONSERVATION SAMPLER

\$75.00

8/1LB PKGS - PECAN HALVES, MILK CHOCOLATE PECANS, PRALINE PECANS, AMARETTO CHOCOLATE PECANS, CINNAMON SUGAR PECANS, MILK CHOCOLATE ALMONDS, DOUBLE DIPPED CHOCOLATE PEANUTS, PECAN BRITTLE

LAST DAY TO ORDER OCTOBER 25!!!

ARKANSAS GROWN

BUY LOCAL



For more than 20 years, GCCD has proudly held our Annual Nut Fundraiser! Proceeds are used to support outreach efforts, educational programs, scholarships and operational expenses. Your support is essential for us to continue providing programs that promote and support the conservation of our natural resources in Garland County. Your generosity enables us to conduct educational workshops, clean-up drives, and conservation projects that protect our waterways, soil, forests, and wildlife. Together, we can make a significant impact in conserving the natural resources of Garland County for future generations.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support!!

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Where: Garland County Library
Community Garden
Date: Tuesday, October 15th
Time: 8:30 AM

Sponsored by:



Fire Benefits for Bobwhite Quail

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Everyone knows that fire can occasionally be dangerous, but did you know that it is necessary for creating suitable habitat for much of Arkansas' wildlife? The Northern Bobwhite Quail is especially dependent on fire altered landscapes. Bobwhites are so associated with fire that they are sometimes called the firebird. In both timber land and open landscapes, fire can be used to destroy dead plant material like thatch and leaf litter. Dead plant material makes it hard for bobwhites to move around and escape predators. Fire also exposes the ground to sunlight and promotes the growth of a diversity of native grasses and forbs. A diversity of native grasses and forbs creates a food source for adult bobwhites (seeds and vegetation) as well as attracting a variety of insects that bobwhite chicks eat. These are only a few ways that fire helps bobwhites.

Private Lands Habitat Workshop: Farm Bill Opportunities - October 21st



Private landowner conservation leadership is developed through habitat management education, awareness of land management resources, and understanding of emerging issues with wildlife.

Join AGFC's Private Lands Habitat Division for a workshop tailored to landowners in Southwest Arkansas. Learn about open pine restoration, Farm Bill programs, conservation opportunities, prairie restoration, quail/deer habitat and EQIP funding. Enjoy supper while networking with experts and fellow landowners. More information and registration can be found at register-ed.com/events/view/219402

Why is Stormwater an Issue?

Stormwater runoff carries pollutants like chemicals, bacteria, nutrients, sediment, and trash into storm drains that flow directly into creeks, streams, and lakes that we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. As land is developed, impervious surfaces like roofs and roads increase stormwater runoff, worsening water quality in watersheds. Garland County is comprised of nearly 36,000 water acres, home of three of the five lakes that make up the Diamond Lakes Region. GCCD is committed to bring awareness to the residents of Garland County on the effects of stormwater on water quality. Over the coming year we will partner with other agencies and organizations to address water quality and educate the community on what steps they can take to help! Stay tuned for upcoming events and activities!

10 Ways You Can Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution

1. Never dump anything down storm drains
2. Don't litter
3. Use fertilizer, pesticide, and herbicide sparingly
4. Keep yard waste off the streets
5. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
6. Minimize erosion: vegetate bare spots
7. Use a car wash rather than handwashing
8. Check your car for leaking fluids
9. Clean up pet waste
10. Properly maintain septic systems

Arkansas Farm to School Month Ecodrum Composter Giveaway



October is Arkansas Farm to School Month. In an effort to promote conservation practices in schools, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture has launched the Cultivating Green Schools: Ecodrum Composter Giveaway. To be eligible, applicants must be a public K-12 school in Arkansas with a demonstrated commitment to conservation through programs such as an active school garden, composting, recycling, agriculture conservation, water conservation efforts, environmental education, food waste reduction, or energy conservation. Visit arfarmtoschool.org/about/farm-to-school-month for more information.

Not just for pies!

Pecans are known as "America's Nut" due to the fact that they are the only tree nut truly native to the United States. The US produces more than 300 million pounds annually, which is about 80% of the world's pecan supply. Packed with protein, fiber, and essential minerals, pecans are a nutritional powerhouse. Pecans are most famous as the main ingredient in the upcoming holiday seasons' most popular pie, but the possibilities to enjoy "America's Nut" are endless. Here are just a few of our favorites.

Arkansas Pecan Bars

~Ruth Cunningham

- 2 T. butter
- 1 c. chopped pecans
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 5 T. flour
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- dash soda
- powdered sugar

Melt butter in an 8" square pan in 350° oven. Mix brown sugar, flour, soda and pecans. Beat eggs until frothy in a medium mixing bowl and add vanilla. Stir brown sugar mixture into eggs and carefully pour batter over melted butter. Do not stir. Bake at 350° for 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool, sprinkle with powdered sugar and cut into bars.

Pecan Logs

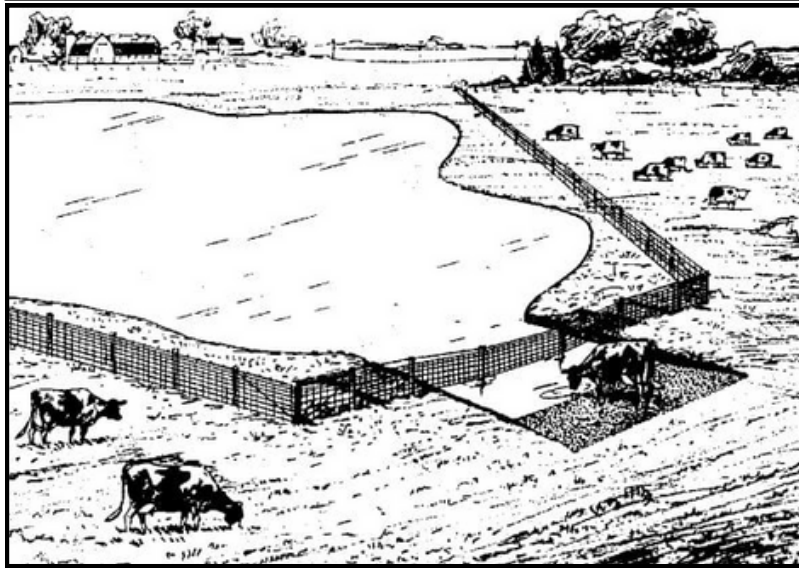
~Minnie Goldman

- 3 c. powdered sugar
- 1 (14oz.) bag caramels
- 1 (7oz.) jar marshmallow cream
- 3 T. water
- 1 1/2 c. chopped pecans
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix powdered sugar, marshmallow cream, and vanilla. Knead until smooth. Shape into six logs. Chill overnight. Melt caramels and water in the top of a double boiler until smooth. Dip logs in caramel and roll in pecans. Chill at least 2 hours and wrap in plastic wrap.

Pecan-Herb Pesto Pasta

- 1 1/2 cups packed fresh basil leaves
 - 1 1/2 cups packed fresh Italian parsley
 - 1 clove garlic
 - 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
 - 1/4 cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
 - 1/2 cup pecans
 - Kosher salt
 - Finely grated zest of 1 lemon
 - 1 lb pasta (cook to pkg directions)
- Toast pecans on baking sheet at 350° for 7-8 mins, until fragrant. Put basil, parsley, garlic, lemon zest, and pecans in food processor. Pulse to a chunky paste. Gradually add olive oil, while pulsing, to make an almost smooth pesto. In a large serving bowl, stir cheese, pesto, and salt together. Add pasta and toss.



Water Quality and Livestock



Water quality can become a major problem in a grazing system, especially when ponds are your only access to water. At NRCS, we can help you with water quality concerns in numerous ways. We offer cost share assistance on pipelines, water tanks, and even fencing to create 'limited access' to your ponds to preserve water quality. Read the following excerpt about limited access from K-State Research and Extension: "The limited access ramp is designed as part of a pond fencing system that allows cattle to drink only at a specific location. Limiting cattle access to a pond improves pond water quality and reduces bank erosion. A limited access ramp for a pond is a hard surfaced area similar to a boat ramp, that is designed to support cattle as they approach and drink from the pond."

"Stuttgart" the Arkansas state Soil

Stuttgart soils are named for the city of Stuttgart in Southeast Arkansas. They are used primarily for cropland with the dominant crops being rice, soybeans, small grains, and corn. The Stuttgart area is famous for its large fall and winter population of ducks and geese. These waterfowl feed heavily on the crops grown on the Stuttgart soils. Stuttgart soils have been mapped on about 200,000 acres in Arkansas. The Stuttgart series consists of very deep moderately well to somewhat poorly drained soils formed in silty and clayey alluvium. These level to gently sloping soils are on Prairie terraces in the Lower Mississippi Valley. Stuttgart's silt loam surface texture and the slow permeability in its clayey subsoil makes the soil ideal for rice population.

