

Farm Chatter



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New Regenerative Pilot Program Administered by NRCS

A \$700 million regenerative pilot program was announced in December 2025. This program is designed to help farmers enhance their farm by adopting practices that improve soil health and water quality, as well as increasing long-term productivity.

This new program which is administered by NRCS will focus on whole farm planning with the goal to strengthen food supply in the country. This program involves bundling practices into a single application to make the program easier to access. Sample practices include Cover Crop, Grazing Management, Nutrient Management, and more.

Requirements to participate in the program include a whole-farm assessment, using at least one regenerative primary practice, and soil testing. The contract length is a minimum of 5 years. Please reach out to the local NRCS office in Coudersport for more information.



No-Till Drill Available to Rent

- \$12.00 per acre or \$24.00 per acre if used on conventional tilled ground.
- Free use of the drill up to 30 acres if planting a non-harvested cover crop.
- District will transport the drill for a \$25 fee
- A lease/rental agreement will be signed when the drill is delivered
- Rental is first come first serve
- Please contact Adam Causer 814-887-4003



Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program

A new round of ACAP applications will be open from **April 1st to June 30th**. The applications will be ranked dependent upon available funding.

Please contact Adam Causer 814-887-4003 or Sarah Carlson 814-887-4017 for more information.

Pesticide License Exam to be held in McKean County

November 9th from 10 AM-1PM

A Pesticide License Exam will be held at the McKean County 911 Center for anyone interested in becoming a licensed private applicator. A study session will also be offered before the test.

Please contact Adam Causer, Watershed Specialist, at accouser@mckeancountypa.gov or (814) 887-4003 for more information.