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### FEDERAL COST SHARE PROGRAM SIGN-UP

**2009 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)** offers cost-share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) determines producer and land eligibility for the EQIP program. Eligible producers may apply for the program at their local USDA Service Center (120 South Elm #110 in Madisonville 936-348-2666 x 3 or 1028 East Frontage Rd South in Centerville 903-536-2727 x 3). Ranking is changing for the 2009 EQIP program. High, medium, and low ranking determinations will hinge on the cooperators desire to address property resource concerns. Adequate vegetative ground cover can be established by *Pasture Planting* for livestock use. Rotational grazing using *Cross Fences* and *Livestock Watering Facilities* that meet the criteria for the livestock needs will improve plant health. Tree Planting will re-establish areas that were previously wooded and will require a Forestry Management Plan from the Texas Forest Service. Upland Wildlife Habitat Management can improve up to 10% of degraded areas that will improve wooded land for wildlife. If there are any landowners/users who would like a conservation plan on their property, please contact the local NRCS office. Resource Management System (RMS) plans will address ALL Resource Concerns on the property.

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## **DISTRICT DIRECTORS 68<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>

The 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors to be held at the Galveston Island Convention Center at The San Luis Resort was *cancelled* due to the storm damage, infrastructure and current conditions in and around Galveston. Our thoughts and prayers go out to ALL those in Galveston area.

This is an annual meeting that provides Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Directors, SWCD employees and others the opportunity to examine issues relevant to the conservation of the state's natural resources. Speakers from the local, state, and national level address attendees concerning a wide variety of agricultural and conservation topics

The Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board is looking at other sties to reschedule this meeting in the near future. <http://www.tsswcb.state.tx.us/>



## **Bédias Creek Soil & Water Conservation District**

**The purpose of the Bédias Creek SWCD is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural land within the District. The District serves as a voice for farmers, ranchers, and local community entities on conservation matters. The Board of Directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations and has authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes. The five members serving on the District Board of Directors are responsible for District Policies and procedures for carrying out the District Program within the framework of the Texas Soil Conservation District Law. In Texas there are 216 SWCD's. Each is a legal subdivision of state government organized by local agricultural landowners with the assistance of the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board. Unlike most other legal subdivisions of state government, SWCD's do not have the powers of taxation of eminent domain. All conservation programs managed by the District are of a voluntary nature to the landowner; operator or other potential users of SWCD. Soil and Water Conservation Districts do not aim toward power. They work to bring about the widespread understanding of the needs of soil and water conservation. In addition, they work to activate the efforts of public and private organizations and agencies into a united front to combat soil and water erosion and to enhance water quality and quantity in the state.**

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## **CONSERVATION Planner Check List**

**OCTOBER:** soil test, control prickly pear with herbicides, woodland site preparation, construct/erect duck boxes, order tree seedlings, deer census, stock fish in ponds, flood greentree reservoirs, beware of prussic acid (cyanide) poisoning from grazing a few summer annual grasses following frost, plan winter grazing/feeding strategies, plant cool season (green) fireguards if needed.

**NOVEMBER:** collect deer harvest data, continue spraying for prickly pear control, implement winter grazing strategies, monitor forage quality utilizing fecal sampling program (Nutritional Balance Analyzer {NUTBAL})-monitor livestock needs and body condition, prepare bare ground fireguards.

**DECEMBER:** conduct tree survival counts, prescribed burning, collect deer harvest data, prescribed burns for wildlife benefits shortly after first freeze, prepare bare ground fireguards for late winter burning, utilize stockpiled forages, match forage quality to livestock needs, utilize NUTBAL program for determining forage quality through fecal sampling, monitor and adjust grazing plans as needed.

Contact your Bendas Creek Soil & Water Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service for more detailed information on recommended monthly management activities. Look for calendar updates on the next newsletter.  
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