



CALHOUN CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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OUTREACH EVENTS

The Calhoun Conservation District is happy to be apart of the community and looks for more ways to be of assistance and educate! Recently, we have participated in the Youth Conservation Day at Battle Creek Kiwanis' Baker Sanctuary as well as being apart of a Career Day for Sonoma Elementary. We look forward to being apart of more public events to spread the news of conservation in our area.

To serve, educate, and empower community by providing technical assistance and information to landowners in all aspects of natural resource management.

Do you have any ideas or questions about conservation in the county? We'd love to help you in any way to extend our reach.

NO-TILL DRILL

The Calhoun Conservation District leases a No-Till Drill from the DNR. We provide this service to the community so they have the opportunity to rent the drill. This year over 66 acres have been planted with the No-Till Drill. The benefits of the drill are plentiful, this includes soil health, water retention and erosion control. The drill allows seed to be injected into the soil without turning over and disrupting the soil structure. It also improves the organic layer on the soil by retaining the residue on top of the soil and reduces soil erosion with an active top soil.



NEW BOARD MEMBER – JARROD RHOADES

Jarrold Rhoades is a new addition to the board of Directors for the Calhoun Conservation District. He is a former MAEAP technician for Jackson and Calhoun Counties with a past focused in agriculture and conservation. He is a current resident of the county, where he owns and maintains a small livestock farm, Rhoades Ranch. He is currently working doing field research at the Kellogg Biological Station for Michigan State University.

We'd like to thank Mark Karaba for his service to the district as a director on the board.