The 16th Annual Enviro Fest was held at the Dale & Marie Katterhagen Farm on September 23rd. Enviro Fest is an outdoor, hands-on educational day for all 6th grade students in Todd County. 179 students from 8 schools participated in the day. Topics covered included: Bubbleology, Wetlands, Electricity, Forestry, Black Bears, Invasive Species, Furs & Trapping, Bee Keeping and Soils. Students also participated in activities including: Watershed Jeopardy, What Water Would You Drink? and a Farm Tour. The Science Museum of Minnesota also put on a presentation about Water.
Information & Education

**2010 Breakfast at the Farm** was held at the Clasemann Dairy Farm on June 12, 2010. Attendees were able to enjoy breakfast and participate in presentations ranging from conservation practices to a Feed Consultant talking about feed rations.

Public Relations

- SWCD staff met and presented information to a variety of organizations including lake associations in Swan River Watershed & Residents at Sylvan Shores
- SWCD staff takes part in the Sauk River Watershed Lake Advisory Committee
- SWCD staff takes part in the Livestock Advisory Committee
- Held Annual Feedlot meeting at the Hub Supper Club

Todd County Fair

The Todd County SWCD & NRCS annually displays conservation information at the Todd County Fair in Long Prairie. The Downy Display has also been set up at various businesses across Todd County.
**Projects & Programs**

- Coordinated 11 Todd County precipitation volunteer monthly monitor reports
- Monitored 26 observation wells for static water levels in Todd County
- Administer the TMDL Implementation Plan for the Long Prairie River Watershed
- Partnered with Sauk River Watershed District for MRBI
- Reviewed 5 Irrigation Water Appropriation permit applications and developed Conservation Plans for 440 acres
- Provided guidance and support to the County Drainage Program
- Conducted Livestock Environmental Quality Assurance Reviews for Livestock producers in five key areas: Water Quality, Odor & Air Quality, Soil Quality & Nutrient Management and Community Image
- Supported and Utilized Engineering Services and Partnership with West Central Technical Service Area Engineers
- Provided Cost Share to seal unused wells
- SWCD sponsored a private well Nitrate Testing Clinic in cooperation with MDA & MDH

**Best Management Practices Installed**

- Feedlot Projects
  - Feedlot Buffer
  - Cattle Travel Lane
  - Pond Abandonment
  - Ag Waste Pond
  - Waste Water & Feedlot Runoff Controls
- Erosion Control
  - Bioretention Basin
  - Stream Barbs

**WCA**

- 25 Exemption determinations sent to landowners
- 3 DIRT team meetings for new plats
- Contacted with 148 wetland related questions

**Feedlots**

- 660 Feedlot Re-registrations
- 19 Construction Short Forms (new buildings or expansions)
- 73 Site visits (assistance/compliance)
- Contacted with 265 feedlot related questions

**Tree Planting**

In 2010, Todd SWCD sold 13,570 trees to 142 landowners. Trees were used for a variety of projects including: Field Windbreaks, Farmstead Shelterbelts, Wildlife Plantings and other smaller plantings.
Recognition & Awards

2010 Outstanding Conservationist of the Year: Clasemann Dairy

Anthony and Debra Clasemann, their son Mark and wife Cate along with their children Aiden and Zoe are the 2010 Outstanding Conservationist for Todd County. The family owns and operates Clasemann Dairy LLC. of Long Prairie. They milk 128 cows; rolling herd average is 24,000 pounds. They farm 520 acres, 370 acres dry land and 150 acres irrigated crops under two center pivot irrigation systems. The Clasemann’s have been farming for 23 years; the farm has been in the family since the early 1900s and is a Century Farm.

Clasemann Dairy installed a concrete storage facility to store sand bedding and livestock waste, protecting an adjacent wetland. They have Nutrient and Pest Management Plans and no-till about 100 acres, they stopped moldboard plowing four years ago. They believe the Manure Storage and Nutrient Management Plan have improved their soil tilth and saved them money.

In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we have been taught.

- Baba Dioum
Other News & Happenings

SRF Low Interest Loan
- 2 Ag Waste Systems Completed
- 3 ISTS Upgrades Completed
- 1 Tillage Equipment Loan

2010 Local Comprehensive Water Management Plan Update
The process was started in October 2009 and finished November 2010. The Plan has been sent to BWSR for approval. The plan should be implemented by March of 2011.

- Clean Water Legacy Grant funding from both the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) was administered by the Todd SWCD. Monies from these funds were used to complete cost-share projects throughout the Long Prairie River Watershed.
- An application for a Surface Water Assessment Grant (SWAG) through the MPCA to do monitoring on Pine Island and Fawn Lakes was submitted in November.
- An Application for Clean Water Funding through BWSR to do Shoreline Restoration and Feedlot projects in the Swan River Watershed was submitted in September.

NRCS & TSA Engineers

Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
- 4 Waste Storage Facilities
- 1 Composting Facility
- 5 Closures of Waste Impoundment
- 1 Grade Stabilization Structure
- 1 Grassed Waterway
- 1 Acre Vegetated Treatment Area
- 122.6 Acres of Residue and Tillage Management
- 82.4 Acres or Irrigation Water Management
- 164 Acres of Prescribed Grazing
- 2,760.9 Acres Nutrient Management
- 1,683.7 Acres Integrated Pest Management

CRP & CCRP
- 4.8 Acres of Filter Strips
- 66.6 Acres Restoration and Management of Rare and Declining Habitats
- 99.8 Acres of Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

West Central Technical Service Area Engineers
TSA engineers were utilized on the design of two large Ag waste systems and for ongoing construction inspections.
Staff Changes in 2010

Kitty Tepley retired from the Todd SWCD.

Jim Fritz took a position as the District Conservationist in Wabasha County.

Grant Pearson joined the NRCS staff as the Nutrient Management Specialist in December.

Russell Kleinschmidt joined the NRCS staff as the District Conservationist in July.

Sarah Primus joined the SWCD Staff in July as the new Administrative Assistant.

Amy Piekarski joined the SWCD Staff as the new Resource Conservationist in July.

Staff

Todd SWCD Staff
Sandy Rohr—District Manager

Greg Ostrowski—Technical Manager

Ed Uhlenkamp—Feedlot Technician/WCA

Amy Piekarski—Resource Conservationist

Sarah Primus—Administrative Assistant

NRCS Staff
Russell Kleinschmidt—District Conservationist

Darlene Drayna—Soil Conservation Technician

Grant Pearson—Nutrient Management Specialist

2010 SWCD Board
Thomas Williamson—Chairman

Leland Buchholz—Vice Chairman

Kenneth Pesta—Secretary

Dale Katterhagen—Treasurer

Norman Krause—Member