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Tuesday—October 21
Soil Health, Climate Change
Soil Sampling & Pasture Management
9:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
Education Building, Canadian Co. Fairgrounds
220 N. Country Club Road, El Reno

JOIN US, TO UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF YOUR SOIL’S HEALTH!

The Natural Resources Conservation service (NRCS) has announced that USDA agencies, Oklahoma Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (OTCAC), and the East Canadian County are partnering to hold a FREE conservation workshop, Tuesday, October 21st in the Canadian County Educational Building, Canadian County Fairgrounds, El Reno. Pre-registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Local farmers, ranchers, tribes, tribal members, youth and women in agriculture are encouraged to attend. Attendees will be able to participate in a soil health demonstration that will illustrate the importance of soil health, benefits of no-till, and best management practices for pasture and rangeland. Additional topics include the impacts of climate change on pasture and rangelands, how to get a good soil test, and FSA’s Livestock Disaster Program. USDA and sister agencies will have informational booths to provide information on 2014 Farm Bill and conservation cost-share assistance programs.



The workshop is free and open to the public. Please RSVP for meal!

To register, please RSVP by noon, October 17, to the NRCS El Reno Field Office at (405) 262-1958, ext. 3, or call Carol Crouch at (405) 612-9331.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

**Unlock the Secrets
of Soil Health!**

Tuesday, Oct. 21

**Canadian County
Educational Bldg.
Fairgrounds
El Reno, Oklahoma**

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The purpose of the North Canadian River 319 Project is to reduce pathogens and sediments from entering the river from private lands. Testing at locations along the North Canadian River have repeatedly exceeded Oklahoma water quality standards for fecal coliform as well as turbidity. The four conservation districts in the watershed proposed the project as a pro-active, voluntary effort, installing best management practices that will help achieve pathogen and sediment reductions through voluntary efforts.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

The North Canadian River Watershed 319 Program is Entering it's Final Year of Conservation Cost-share Assistance!

Unless we are notified in the near future that we will receive additional funding, the N. Canadian River Watershed 319 Program will end on December 31, 2015. This means:

1. If you have applied, and been approved for conservation practice cost-share assistance, and *have not yet implemented that practice*, you have until December 31, 2015 to complete that practice and receive payment. No payments will be made after December 31, 2015.
2. If you have considered *adding additional practices to your contract*, but have not applied and been approved, now is the time to call and make an appointment to do so.
3. Eligible practices still being cost-shared: Nutrient Management (i.e. Precision Ag/Grid Sampling - cropland only), cross-fencing for grazing management, cropland to grass planting, alternative watering sources, septic systems, riparian area exclusion fencing, waterways, etc.

Now is the time to review future goals for your crop and livestock operations and plan accordingly. Time is ticking! Don't procrastinate and miss out on this final opportunity to implement beneficial conservation practices on your agricultural land at 80 to 90% of the average cost!

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