

TECHNICAL SERVICES AVAILABLE

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	FEE
DEC Permits – Disturbance of waters, and jurisdictional shoreline & buffer areas.	District General Permit-low impact disturbances	\$75
	Article 15 DEC Stream Permit application	\$150
	DEC Wetland Disturbance Permit application	\$150
US Army Corps Wetland Impact Review prior to project approval		\$100 flat fee
Detailed Technical Assistance, such as erosion control, drainage, mining, water quality issues.	Initial consultation by phone	No Charge
	Onsite technical assistance	\$35./hour
Critical area seeding in conjunction with conservation practices		\$50/acre
Erosion & Sediment Control Plans	\$35/hour, \$150 minimum	
Erosion & Sediment Control Review		\$150 flat fee
Interpretation of natural resource information such as maps, soils, etc.		\$15 flat fee
Geographic Information System maps	\$25 minimum setup + \$10 each additional layer	
Pond management (including weed control)	Telephone, office consultation	No Charge
	Field visits	\$75
Pond Sites	Preliminary site evaluation	\$75
	Surveying work, including staking, layout, contractor consultation	\$35 per staff hour
Soil Group Worksheet/Ag Assessment	\$25/parcel or \$5/parcel for ownership change only	

EQUIPMENT RENTAL & SUPPLIES FOR SALE

GT No-Till Drill	\$50 delivery & setup fee + \$15/acre		
Sunflower No-Till Grain Drill	\$50 delivery & setup fee + \$15/acre		
Outlet Animal Guards for sale	4": \$4.00 6": \$6.00		
Marking Flags for sale	10 flags: \$2	50 flags: \$8	100 flags: \$15

FSA Farm Loan Program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers loans for farmers to purchase farmland and finance agricultural operations. FSA loan programs are designed to help producers who are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit. In many cases applicants are beginning farmers who have insufficient net worth to qualify for financing through a commercial lender. In other instances, borrowers may have suffered setbacks from natural disasters or might be persons with limited resources. Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maxi-

imum indebtedness of \$1,094,000.

Emergency loans are available when farmers suffer physical or production losses in disaster areas designated by a Presidential or Secretarial disaster declaration. Rural youth loans, loans to beginning farmers, and loans for socially disadvantaged applicants are also available through FSA.

The following are examples of interest rates for loans disbursed in August.

<u>Type of Loan</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Operating Loan	3.125
Farm Ownership	5.0
Emergency Loan	3.75

Please contact the Greenwich FSA Farm Loan team at 692-9940 (ext 2) if you have any questions about FSA loan programs. ■

Important MILC Reminder

Dairy farmers who participate in the Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC) are reminded that September 14, 2009 is the final date to select October 2009 as the production start month for the fiscal 2010 year. Many dairy farmers who hit the 2,985,000 pounds cap for fiscal 2009 have not selected a start month for fiscal 2010. October MILC rates are currently projected in a range from \$0.76 to \$0.97 per hundred weight. Do not miss a MILC payment because you forget to make a selection by September 14th. Please contact Patricia Pearson or David Holck at 692-9940 (ext 2) if you have any questions concerning the MILC program. ■

Got Fish?? Order Now for Fall

Our fall fish order form is inside this newsletter. Please note, **stocking fish requires a valid NYS-DEC permit.** Permit application forms are available at our office, or by contacting NYS-DEC Bureau of Fisheries in Warrensburg at 518-623-1200. Call DEC for specific permit information.

Rainbow Trout:

- For rainbow trout the pond should not exceed a maximum summer temperature of 72° F at average depth, during the first two weeks of August, although fluctuating surface temperatures near 78° F for a couple of days are acceptable. Spring-fed ponds exceeding 10' of depth usually meet the temperature requirements. This is especially true at higher elevations where summers tend to be cooler. Ponds in wooded or shady areas will also stay cooler during the critical mid-summer period.
- Trout usually do not reproduce in a pond unless there is a spring-fed inlet stream of adequate size. For this reason,

trout populations usually die out in most ponds over a 2-5 year period. After this time, restocking is required to maintain populations.

- The recommended stocking rate for rainbow trout is 400 fish per surface acre of pond, or 100 fish for the average _ acre farm pond.

Brown Trout:

Browns are more tolerant of warmer water, but somewhat elusive, and more challenging to catch. A stocking rate of 400 fish per acre is recommended for the Browns.

Largemouth Bass:

- Ponds should average a maximum water temperature of 75°-85° F during the last two weeks of July. A depth exceeding 6' is desirable, and 8-10' offers better protection against winter kill from oxygen depletion.
- The recommended stocking rate for largemouth bass is 100 fish per acre of pond surface (1 acre = 200'x 200', or

25 fish for the average _ acre farm pond).

- Largemouth bass will actively reproduce in most farm ponds that fit the above-mentioned depth and temperature requirements.

Channel Catfish:

Channel catfish are a warm water fish and a prized game fish. They can reach sizes of up to 3' long and 20 pounds in farm ponds. A stocking rate of 50 fish is suggested for _ acre (100' x 100') ponds. Catfish can live in both cold and warm water ponds, but do not spawn unless water temperatures exceed 72° for at least 3 weeks. Contrary to popular belief, channel catfish do not burrow in the mud and create cloudy water conditions as their cousins the Bullhead. Under normal pond conditions, 6-8" channel catfish will reach sizes of well over 1' in 2 years, and eventually 2-3' in size.

Minnows:

Minnows may be stocked as a forage fish with bass to increase food supply and growth rate, but are not required for the bass to survive. ■

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The Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District

<http://www.washingtoncountyswcd.org/>

Welcome to the NRCS New York State Web site. • <http://www.ny.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Cornell Cooperative Extension – Washington County

http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/washington/Ag/CCEWash_Agriculture.html

Welcome to the Agricultural Economic Development Program of Washington & Saratoga Counties Website.

<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/washington/AEDP/aedp.html>

Agricultural Stewardship Association • <http://www.agstewardship.org/>

American Farmland Trust • <http://www.farmland.org/>

Welcome to the New York Farm Service Agency Website

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=ny&area=home&subject=landing&topic=landing>

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) • <http://www.dec.ny.gov/>

The US Fish and Wildlife Service • <http://www.fws.gov/>

The Empire State Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society • <http://swcsnewyork.org/>