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Nominee winner for the 2020 Farm/Ranch Soil Conservation Award

Hughes County Conservation District board members nominated Darrel Reinke for the 2020 Wildlife Habitat Award. Darrel does utilize CRP on his property in a couple spots but otherwise he does everything else on his own. Darrel does a lot of work to make different habitats for wildlife. He also works with youth every year on the correct ways of hunting and why it's important to provide habitat for wildlife. Darrel is also heavily involved with several different local chapters such as Pheasants Forever, and Ducks Unlimited.

Darrel is a great example for other producers, considering all the work that he has done using conservation and natural resources technique on his property to benefit wildlife. Darrel has accomplished habitat protection on his land by planting cover crops, trees, winter cover, nesting cover, food plots, building dams, grassy waterways, and other native grass plantings for the wildlife. Darrel has turned some of his wetlands into nesting areas for birds and different types of habitat for wildlife. Darrel has also reduced the tame cool season grasses by burning them, allowing the native grasses to flourish more.



Izaak Walton Pierre Chapter's President John Henderson (Center) is shown presenting HCCD Board Members Lyle Stewart, Darrell Metzinger, Brent Pries, Jesse Foster and Terry Ness (Left to Right) a certificate of appreciation for nominating Darrel Reinke for the 2020 IWLA Wildlife Habitat Award.



Izaak Walton Pierre Chapter Dana Edwards & John Henderson (Left side) is shown presenting Darrel Reinke (Right Side) the 2020 IWLA Wildlife Habitat Award plaque.

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USDA Offers Secure New Options for Signing and Sharing Documents Online

Farmers and ranchers working with USDA's Farm Service Agency or Natural Resources Conservation Service can now sign and share documents online in just a few clicks. By using Box or OneSpan, producers can digitally complete business transactions without leaving their homes or agricultural operations. Both services are free, secure, and available for multiple FSA and NRCS programs.

Box is a secure, cloud-based site where FSA or NRCS documents can be managed and shared. Producers who choose to use Box can create a username and password to access their secure Box account, where documents can be downloaded, printed, manually signed, scanned, uploaded, and shared digitally with Service Center staff. This service is available to any FSA or NRCS customer with access to a mobile device or computer with printer connectivity.

OneSpan is a secure eSignature solution for FSA and NRCS customers. Like Box, no software downloads or eAuthentication is required for OneSpan. Instead, producers interested in eSignature through OneSpan can confirm their identity through two-factor authentication using a verification code sent to their mobile device or a personalized question and answer. Once identity is confirmed, documents can be reviewed and e-signed through OneSpan via the producer's personal email address. Signed documents immediately become available to the appropriate Service Center staff.

Box and OneSpan are both optional services for customers interested in improved efficiency in signing and sharing documents with USDA, and they do not replace existing systems using eAuthentication for digital signature. Instead, these tools provide additional digital options for producers to use when conducting business with FSA or NRCS.

USDA Service Center staff are available to help producers get started with Box and OneSpan through a few simple steps. Please visit farmers.gov/service-locator to find your local office and let Service Center staff know you're interested in signing and sharing documents through these new features. In most cases, one quick phone call will be all that is needed to initiate the process.

Farm Program Policy Reminders

Change in Farming Operation

If you have bought or sold land, or if you have picked up or dropped rented land from your operation, make sure you report the changes to the office as soon as possible. You need to provide a copy of your deed or recorded land contract for purchased property. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and penalties. Making the record changes now will save you time this spring. Update signature authorization when changes in the operation occur. Producers are reminded to contact the office if there is a change in operations on a farm so that records can be kept current and accurate.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) - Annual Certification

Before an annual rental payment can be issued, participants must certify to contract compliance using either the FSA-578, Report of Acreage, or CCC-817U, Certification of Compliance for CRP.

Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation Compliance

Landowners and operators are reminded that in order to receive payments from USDA, compliance with Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions are required. Farmers with HEL determined soils are reminded of tillage, crop residue, and rotation requirements as specified per their conservation plan. Producers are to notify the USDA Farm Service Agency prior to breaking sod, clearing land (tree removal), and of any drainage projects (tiling, ditching, etc.) to ensure compliance. Failure to update certification of compliance, with form AD-1026, triggering applicable HEL and/or wetland determinations, for any of these situations, can result in the loss of FSA farm program payments, FSA farm loans, NRCS program payments, and premium subsidy to Federal Crop Insurance administered by RMA.

2021 CROP ACREAGE REPORTING PROCESS

Current operating procedures do not allow customers to enter the Hughes-Stanley County USDA Service Center; however, our staff is still ready to assist you in timely filing a crop acreage report.

The deadline to complete 2021 acreage reports for corn, soybeans, milo, sunflowers, spring wheat, CRP, and other spring seeded crops is July 15, 2021.

All Hughes and Stanley County operators are asked to contact the FSA office to have maps emailed, mailed, or picked up via our drop box at the FSA office. Once acreage maps are completed, please return by:

- Email to sadee.johnson@usda.gov or melanie.ellsworth@usda.gov
- Drop off at the FSA office
- Mail to the office at Hughes-Stanley FSA Office 1717 N Lincoln Ave Suite 101 Pierre SD 57501
- Please include a good telephone number to reach you when you are sending your maps to enable the office to contact you if we have questions on your acreage report.

Upon receipt of your completed maps, the FSA office will load your information in our system and send out your acreage report (FSA-578) for you to sign & return.

Important Note – This process will require a few additional steps, additional effort, additional paper and additional computer ink; however, if everyone starts early and does their part, we will still be able to complete all acreage reports by the July 15th deadline. At any time during this process, FSA staff will provide assistance over the phone or by email.

What to write on your certification maps:

1. Write what crop was planted:
Examples-Corn, Soybeans, Sunflowers, Milo, Oats, Alfalfa, Grass, fallow
2. Write the crops intended use:
Examples- GR for grain, SD for seed, GZ for grazing, FG for forage, LS for left standing

3. Write the date the crop was planted
4. Write the number of acres planted or circle the field acres – acres need to equal the acres on the FSA map
5. Write the crop shares – 100%, 66.67/33.33, 50/50, etc.
6. Write if the crop is Irrigated (IRR) or non-irrigated (NI)
7. Either email or mail your completed map(s) to the FSA office to enable us to load your acreage report.

If you have PREVENTED PLANTING draw where the Prevent Plant is and write the approximate acres and Indicate the crop that was prevented from planting. NOTE - to be considered timely filed, a request for FSA Prevented Planting Credit must be filed within 15 days of the final planting date for that crop ; or, you must be able to provide evidence that a Prevented Planting Claim was filed with Crop Insurance.



Stanley County Conservation has nominated Addyson Deal as the Arbor Day Poster Contest winner from the Stanley County School District. Addyson Deal was one of the many 5th graders from the Stanley County School District that entered in the Arbor Day Poster Contest.

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Nominee winner for the 2020 Farm/Ranch Soil Conservation Award

Jerry Webb and his family are being formally acknowledged for their sacrifices & dedication towards conservation of our area's natural resources. The Hughes County Conservation District nominated Jerry Webb as 1 of 5 area producers for the 2020 Farm/Ranch Soil Conservation Award.

Jerry Webb received the Century Farm Award in 2017 for keeping the family farm operational for 100 years. Jerry does not only talk and teach conservation; he lives it every day. On his family farm Jerry has implemented many conservation techniques that help to increase the value of the farm lifestyle. Jerry feels extremely strong about conservation practices and stated that he will always continue to research, use and establish new systems for the land to conserve and protect our natural resources. Jerry has also previously been a dedicated board supervisor for the Hughes County Conservation District helping to ensure that all producers within the area had the resources and tools available to them that they required in order to help them each protect their own Natural Resources.



HCCD Board Member Terry Ness (Right side) is shown presenting Jerry Webb (Left Side) the 2020 Farm/Ranch Conservation Award certificate in front of the signage that was installed by HCCD on Jerry's property.



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2021 EARTH DAY



The Hughes County Conservation District joined the Stanley County School System in celebrating Earth Day in April by donating 20 tall bareroot trees to the school system. The trees consisted of Golden Willows, Chokecherry's, and Silver Maples which allowed every class between Jr kindergarten and 5th grade the chance to help plant trees on school property. The kids were instructed during planting on why trees are important to our environment and

the proper planting techniques to use to insure successful plantings. The kids had a blast and were extremely cooperative and excited to plant trees that they will be able to watch grow while they continue their education at Stanley County Schools. HCCD would like to thank the Stanley County School system for inviting us and giving us the opportunity to help give the children of our area a chance to enhance their own natural resources.



Hughes County Conservation District

We are here to serve you!

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Tree Planting (Tractor/Planter/Operator)

Machine Tree Planting -
(\$.40/foot) includes trees and planting
 *\$200 Minimum Charge

Hand Plant Tree (Bare Roots)

\$2.25 per Bareroot Tree
 \$45.00 per Bundle of 25
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43,560 Square Ft = Acre 16.5 Ft = Rod Row

Grass Seeding – No-Till Drills

Minimum Charge = \$300

Drilling Prices Effective 1/1/2019	Hughes County Customers	Customers Outside of Hughes County
Site Fees =	\$250	\$250 + Additional \$50 per each Additional County Traveled Thru
Drill/Tractor/Oper	\$16/Acre	\$18/Acre
Drill Rental Only	\$12/Acre	\$14/Acre

Tree Fabric

Machine Application -
(\$.90/foot) includes fabric and application
 *\$200 Minimum Charge

4'x300' roll of fabric - \$80.00

6'x750' roll of fabric - \$215.00

4'x4' Squares - \$4.00

Staples - \$.20 each / 500 - \$100.00

5' Tubes - \$5.00

Mowing/Spraying *plus chemical charge*

\$75.00/Hour

\$100 Minimum Charge

Pick-up Mounted Sprayer

\$50.00/Hour < 10 Acres + Chemical & Surfactant charges

\$10.00/Acre > 10 Acres + Chemical & Surfactant charges

****Per Ounce** Chemical & Surfactant charges are

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*****\$100 Minimum Charge**

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Mary Beth Fravel 220-1840

Matt Stoeser 220-2854

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\$15 per acre + \$200 site fee
Minimum charge \$250

DRILLING

\$18 per acre + \$250 site fee
Minimum charge \$250

RENTALS

Mower \$300 per day
\$200 to deliver
Drill \$10 per acre
\$200 to deliver

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20 cents/ft Plus cost of trees
\$250 minimum

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Nanking Cherry Cheesecake Bites

Prep Time: 30 Minutes Cook Time: 15 Minutes Total Time: 1 Hour

For the sauce:

- 1 1/2 cups Nanking cherries
- 1 tsp corn starch
- 3 tsp reserved cherry water (see instructions)
- 1 tsp sugar
- For the base
- 3/4 cup graham wafer crumbs
- 1/4 cup ground almonds
- 3 tbsp softened butter (not melted)
- 5 drops pure almond extract
- For the cheesecake
- 2 X 250-gram pkgs light cream cheese at room temp
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp coconut extract



Directions for the Sauce:

Put washed Nanking cherries in a small pot and cover with water. Boil on med-high for 10-15 minutes or until skin breaks and cherries begin to look soft. Remove cherries and set the water aside (do not discard). Mash the cherries in a strainer into a clean and empty small pot. This liquid will be the base of your sauce, get as much as you can. Mix (1 tsp) corn starch, (3 tsp) reserved cherry water, and (1 tsp) sugar together in a small bowl until dissolved and add to the Nanking cherry sauce mixture. Bring to a boil and cook until it thickens, set aside (stir occasionally while the sauce cools).

Directions for the graham wafer base:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and line your mini muffin tins with miniature cupcake liners. Put graham wafer crumbs, ground almonds, and softened butter in a bowl and combine (squish together with your hands). Add drops of almond extract and mix in well. Add graham wafer crumb mixture to the mini cupcake liners, tapping them lightly into the tins. Set aside.

Directions for the Cheesecake:

Beat cream cheese, eggs, sugar and coconut extract together until all lumps are gone and it is light and fluffy. For best results, use a mixer on med-high speeds. Add on top of the graham wafer crumb mixture filling almost to the top. Bake in the oven at 350 degrees F for 15 minutes.

Remove from oven and let cool in the tins for 10-15 minutes, then remove and set on a cooling rack. Once cheesecake and Nanking cherry sauce have cooled, top the cheesecake with the sauce and serve or refrigerate.

Notes:

You can do the sauce before you start everything else, or you can save time and do it while your cheesecake is cooking. The times in this recipe are based on you baking alone and multitasking. When the cheesecake bakes, it will look like it is rising and cracking. This is normal and it settles back down as it cools.

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Hughes and Stanley County Conservation Districts will each be looking for dependable and reliable individuals to assist with the planting of trees and fabric applications this spring. Positions are available for tractor drivers, machine planters, fabric machine applicators and general laborers. Training is provided. Overtime and bonuses are available. Applications are available at the Hughes County Conservation District office located at 1717 N Lincoln Ave, Suite 103, Pierre, SD. or at the Pierre area Career Center.

Please feel free to call the following numbers for the respective Districts.

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**605-301-3401 Trinita, (Office)
605-280-3021 Doug, (Manager)**

Stanley County

**605-220-1840 Mary Beth, (Office)
605-220-2854 Matt, (Field Manager)**