

Winterfest Collectible Coin



The Winterfest Collectible Coin is available now and will be given as a token of appreciation to anyone who makes a tax deductible contribution to Penn Soil RC&D for the Winterfest in the amount of \$10.00 or more. The coins may be reserved for pickup at the Warren Winterfest by mailing your donation to the Penn Soil RC&D office at 210 North Drive, Suite E; Warren, PA 16365. Please make the check payable to Penn Soil RC&D with the Winterfest donation listed in the memo area of your check. If you would like your coin mailed to you, please add \$5.00 to cover shipping & handling cost. As an alternative, you may make your donation and receive your coin in person at the Penn Soil RC&D office while the coin supply lasts. There are a limited number of coins available. Penn Soil RC&D's phone number is 814-726-1441.

SPRING TIME

By Jude



*Plant a seed and watch it grow
Sprouting life up through the ground
Spreading its leaves in majestic wonder
Combating all the elements of nature.*

*Vegetables and fruits of delectable flavor
Feeding the world with a bountiful harvest
Fragrant flowers blooming with grace
Painting the earth with a rainbow of color.*

*Spring is the season the world comes alive
It brightens one's life and freshens the air
The mountains, valleys, and plains rejoice
In splendid hues and the peach of nature.*

Answers to Trivia Questions

1. 6 billion
2. 200-1000 years
3. 2 million
4. 130
5. 500,000
6. 20
7. 1
8. The Dodo Bird
9. Christopher Columbus

Manure Management and Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Control Plans

Every farm in Pennsylvania that generates and/or land applies manure or agricultural process waste water (generated on the farm or received from an importer), regardless of size, is required to have and implement a written Manure Management Plan. A Manure Management Plan is required even if you have one horse. This includes manure and agricultural process wastewater application by various types of equipment and/or direct application of manure by animals on pastures and in Animal Concentration Areas (ACAs). In other words, farms that do not mechanically apply manure but which do have pastures or ACAs still need a Manure Management Plan. The Manure Management Plan must be written and kept on site. There are no submission or approval requirements and the plan can be written by the farmer or other non-certified individual.

Written Erosion and Sediment (E&S) Control plans are required for activities disturbing 5,000 square feet or more of land. This means that all agricultural plowing and tilling, including "No-Till" activities and all Animal Heavy Use Areas are required to have an Ag E&S plan. A NRCS Conservation Plan with best management practices covering crop fields near stream areas and Animal Heavy Use Areas may meet these requirements. These plans must also be kept on site or at the farmstead. Assistance with your Conservation Plan or Ag E&S plan can be obtained from the local NRCS office or a private consultant.

The Warren County Conservation District in cooperation with the local NRCS office is planning a series of workshops related to these planning requirements. Additional information and planning guidance will be provided. Please contact the Conservation District at (814) 726-1441 or hwilcox@wconconservation.net for more information about the upcoming workshops or for more information about Manure Management or Ag E&S Planning.

Answers to puzzle

