CENTRAL TRI-COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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CENTRAL TRI-COUNTY SWCD
SMALL AGRICULTURE PRODUCER PROGRAM

The Central Tri-County SWCD just implemented a Small Agriculture Producer Cost Share Program. Applications will be accepted beginning October 7, 2026 on a first-come/first-served basis.

Approved projects completed with the assistance of the district's cost-share assistance program include:

- Irrigation Pipeline
- Cholla Removal
- Livestock Pipeline
- Windbreak & Drip Irrigation Systems
- Diversions
- Brush Management
- Critical Area Planting
- Range Planting
- Cross Fencing
- Shade Balls



Please call the office at 505.832.1111 or visit our website at www.ctcswcd.org to download an application and full program guidelines.

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SMALL AGRICULTURE PRODUCER PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Eligible Applicants: Any small agriculture producer (1 acre – 1000 acres) addressing a natural resource problem who owns land within the Central Tri-County Soil & Water Conservation District boundaries is eligible to apply for a cost-share conservation project. Properties within city limits are not eligible.

Applications: Applications will be accepted starting October 7, 2026. Each application will be reviewed and ranked based on conservation merit and benefit to natural resources, and estimated project costs on a first-come/first-served basis for fall/winter of 2026.

Reimbursement: Payments will be made on 85% of the actual cost of the project. The maximum reimbursement payment for all projects is $10,000. Only practice applied for, planned, and completed within the contract time frame (October 7, 2026 – June 30, 2027) are reimbursable.

Download the full application packet at www.ctcswcd.org.

WHAT IS A CONSERVATION DISTRICT?

Each Soil and Water Conservation District is governed by a five-or seven-member volunteer board.

Five supervisor positions are elected by the landowners of the district, and two members are appointed by the SWCD board. The board may also appoint non-voting associate members.

Through a resolution, districts may hold referendums to vote for a mill levy for the property owners of the district. A mill levy is one mill of one third of a property's net taxable value (i.e., property valued at $100,000.00 is assessed 33.33 per year mill levy). The mill levy is assessed at the county tax assessor's office and provided to the district monthly.

Other sources of funding include grant programs obtained by the district, cooperating funds with other agencies, and in-kind contributions.

A referendum for the formation of the Central Tri-County Soil & Water Conservation District was carried by popular vote of landowners, as provided in the New Mexico Soil & Water Conservation District Law. The Certificate of Organization was issued on September 27, 1941.

The Mission of the Central Tri-County Soil & Water Conservation District is to protect, restore, enhance, and promote the wise use of natural resources. This will be achieved through development of projects, conservation education, and cooperation of landowners, agencies, and other political subdivisions of the state.

If you would like more information about us or our programs, visit or call our office at 505.832.1111 or visit our website at www.ctcswcd.org.

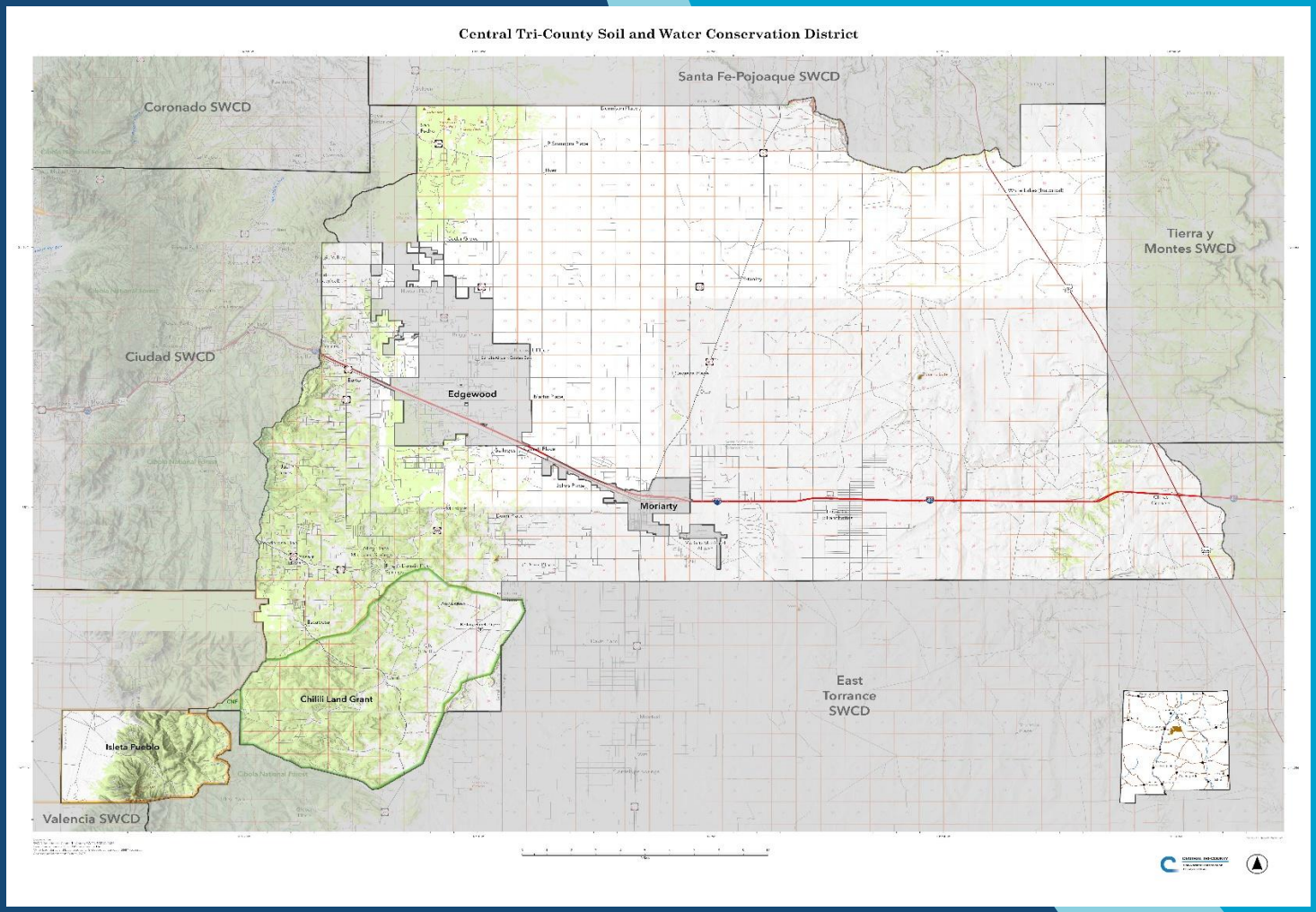
SMALL ACREAGE AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS' MEETING

Join the Board of Supervisors, District Staff and NMSU-County Extension on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 @ 6:00 PM for a presentation on our new Small Acreage Agriculture Producers' Program.

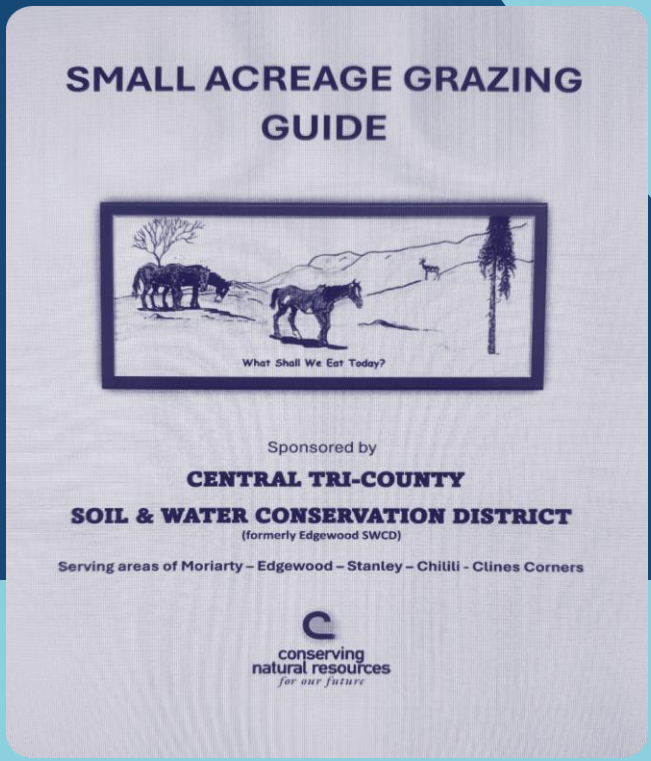
Discussion will include:

- Program Overview
- Financial Assistance
- Technical Assistance
- Approved Practices

THIS IS LOCAL FUNDING FOR SMALL AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS
(1-1000 ACRES) HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.
RSVP: bsmythe.eswcd@gmail.com or 505-832-1111



PICK UP YOUR FREE COPY OF OUR SMALL ACREAGE GRAZING GUIDE!



NMSU's ZIAMET WEATHER STATION

The ZiaMet Weather Station Network is a state-wide mesonet that monitors surface weather conditions and sub-surface soil conditions. The network first began operations in 1985 and was maintained with minimal external sponsorship. By 2015, the NM Climate Center was able to secure sponsorship from the National Mesonet Program, and this was the year we began using the ZiaMet moniker.

The NMSU's Weather Station is measuring live at the District Office located at 2506 Route 66 in Moriarty. Check out here:

https://weather.nmsu.edu/ziamet/station/treswc/

Pesticide Applicators Certification

The Central Tri-County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), New Mexico Department of Transportation and New Mexico State University - Santa Fe County Extension Office is hosting a Public Pesticide Applicators Certification Training on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

It will be held at the Central Tri-County SWCD Office located at 2506 Route 66 in Moriarty.

This is a free training. Space is limited. Please call 505-832-1111 to register.

7 CEU's will be provided for Public, Commercial, and Private Restricted Agricultural Pesticide Applicators.

WATER TRUST BOARD APPLICATIONS FOR FOREST THINNING ARE AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND

Application forms can be downloaded from our website, picked up at the District Office mailed, or emailed.
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"Essentially, all life depends upon the soil… There can be no life without soil and not soil without life; they have evolved together."

Dr. Charles E. Kellogg, Soil Scientist and Chief of the USDA's Bureau for Chemistry and Soils.