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Thanks for Making our Banquet Possible!

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Annual Banquet

March 10th -

The Madison County SCD held its annual awards and appreciation banquet on Tuesday, March 10th. Over 100 guests attended the evening event. Bill Taylor was recognized as the District's 2019 Outstanding District Cooperator. Everyone enjoyed a steak or chicken dinner catered by Richard's of Bolivar. Mr. Jamie Evans, Assistant Manager of Ames Plantation, was the guest speaker. Mr. Evans gave an interesting and informative presentation on the history of Ames Plantation, including the land use and erosion problems over the years. Allen Verell and Don Pearson, who retired from the Board last Spring, were recognized for their service to the District. Tables were draped with cloth and Guests were provided cloth napkins compliments of Randy Combs and AmeriPride. Door prizes included the banquet's beautiful floral centerpiece from Sand's Florist and ten \$30 gift cards to local eateries.



Bill Taylor –

Outstanding District Cooperator of 2019



At the Districts Awards Banquet, Don Johnson, Chairman of the Soil Conservation District presented Bill Taylor a plaque recognizing Bill as the District's Outstanding Cooperator of 2019. Bill farms is a life-long resident of Madison County. He began farming some 40 years ago and

currently he farms around 600 acres of corn, soybeans, and wheat in South Madison County. He also manages a small cattle operation and is a full-time employee with JEA. Bill has worked closely with the District and NRCS for several years to control soil erosion and

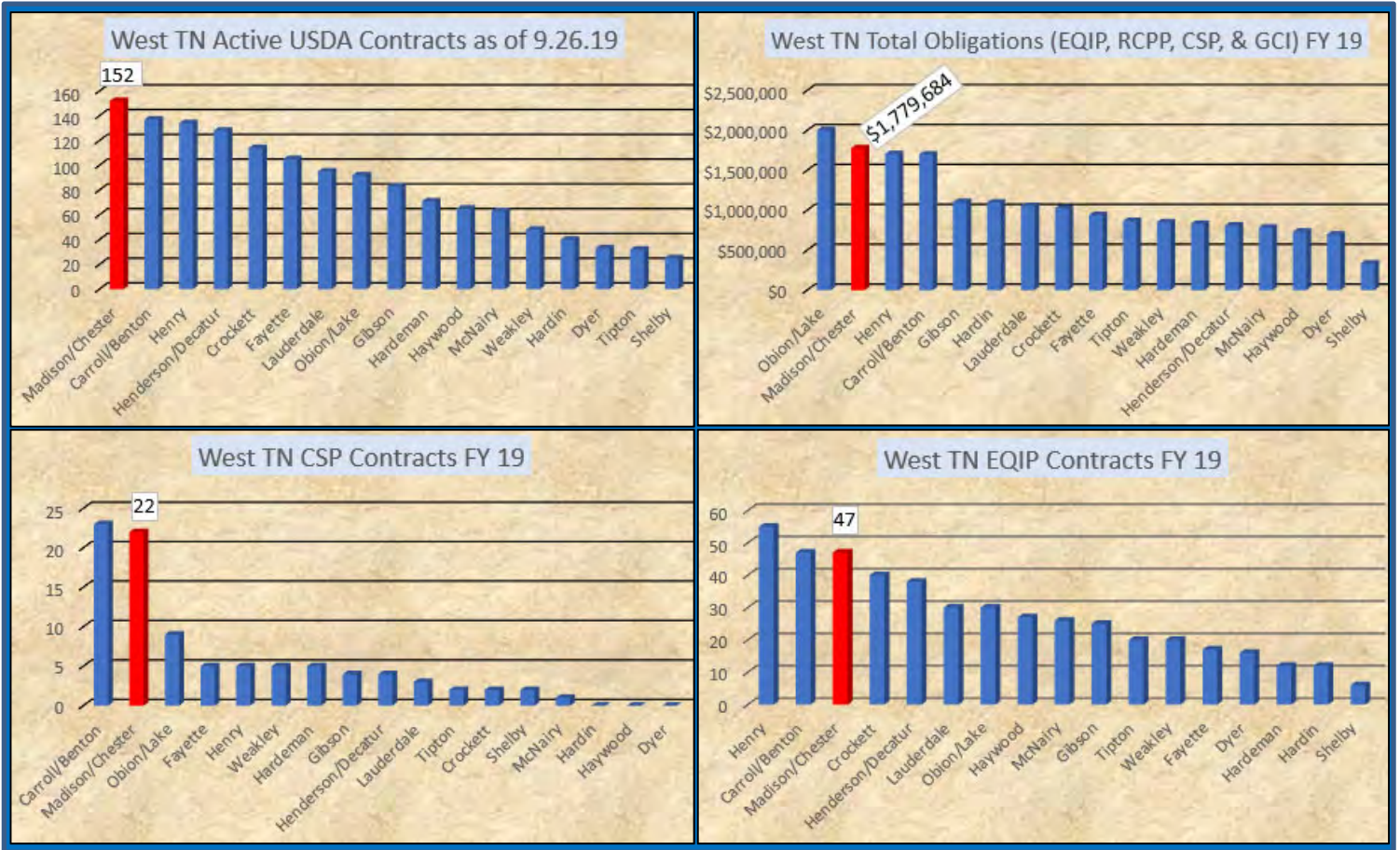
to conserve the productivity of his soil. Conservation practices include no-till, crop rotation, terraces, basins, underground outlet, rotational grazing, pasture establishment, and a livestock watering facility. Over the last four years he has planted a 5 species mix cover crop on approximately 300 acres. Bill is recognized by the Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts (TACD) and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) for his commitment to Soil Health. Bill is the grandson of Vester and Charmin Taylor and Tobe and Mildred Upton. He is the son of Billy and Nancy Taylor. Bill and his wife Jennifer have tow children, and two grandchildren.



USDA-NRCS

Summary of West Tennessee Conservation Contract Work 2019

Spotlighting Madison County



Program	Number of Contracts	Amount Paid 2019	Acres Served	Avg. Dollars / Ac.
EQIP	56	\$817,344	11,748	\$69
CSP	25	\$333,535	14,241	\$23
CSP-GCI	9	\$2,043	113	\$18
WRP	13	\$0	1,212	-
TDA	10	\$25,114	343	\$73
CRP	468	\$1,204,503	9,732	\$123
Total		\$2,384,582	37,502	

Please Welcome Your New Board Member

Jim Tyson -



In March the State Soil Conservation Committee appointed Jim Tyson of the Providence Community to the Madison County Soil Conservation District Board. Jim looks forward to working with the Board and in serving his fellow Madison County farmers and landowners. Jim replaces Joel Haynes who retired from the Board this past March after having served on the Board for 21 years. Please welcome Jim to your SCD Board.

New Employee

Logan Dugger -



Meet Logan Dugger. Logan is the newest addition to the office staff. Logan has been a Soil Conservationist with NRCS for several years. He spent some time with NRCS in North Carolina but transferred to us from Carroll County. Logan was raised around Smyrna and is a graduate of MTSU. Logan looks forward to meeting everyone and working with everyone to conserve their natural resources. Please welcome Logan to Jackson-Madison County.

Conservation Cost - Share Programs Available



NRCS - provides financial assistance **to farmers and landowners** for conservation work to address natural resource concerns. Funding is through the USDA-EQIP program. Practices include **soil health-winter cover crops**, gully control structures, livestock watering facilities, grass establishment, cross fencing, terraces, and others. The initial signup period for next year is ongoing and will likely end mid Nov. Contracts may be finalized before Spring work. EQIP application for fall practices should have been done last Fall. For details contact the NRCS Field Office, 731-410-4663.

Madison County SCD - provides Cost-Share Assistance **to District Cooperators who apply** conservation practices that address soil erosion and improve water quality. Funding is provided through a Tennessee Department of Agriculture Grant. Practices include **soil health-winter cover crops**, gully control structures, livestock watering facilities, grass establishment, cross fencing, terraces, and others. Signup is ongoing. Work can begin once your contract is approved by the Board and any design work is approved. Contact the district office, 731-410-4664.

WRE - NRCS has an on-going sign-up for purchasing easements to convert certain cropland back to wetland through the establishment of bottomland hardwoods. Easement acquisitions for Madison County are around \$2,400/acre for crop and pasture land and \$1,480/acre for woodland. For details contact the Jackson NRCS field office, 731-410-4663.

CRP - FSA administers the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). If you have some crop ground that you would like to take out of production and establish it to a conservation cover and earn an annual payment contact the FSA Office 731-410-4666.
