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To Mow or Not to Mow

For all those landowners and operators out there thinking about knocking down “weeds”, be careful. If you have CRP planted, you will need to follow these guidelines:

1. Waterways—grass in field that transports water runoff across a field. Waterways can be mowed anytime.
2. Filter Strips—grass along ditches, rivers, and streams that filters runoff from fields. Filter strips can be mowed only after July 31 and only to get them established. Once they have a good stand of grass **do not mow them**. So, if you have a filter strip that is over two years old, you most likely don't need to mow it. If you have prairie planted in your filter strip, call the office for help.
3. Any prairie planting—this includes the new field border plantings. **DO NOT MOW** before calling the SWCD office!! Prairie cannot handle being mowed at heights under 10”. Only in cases of cocklebur or giant ragweed will we mow high—over 10” off the ground. Each prairie planting will be treated individually. If you want a field visit, call the office.
4. Wildlife plantings not under CRP—if have a wildlife area, the rule of thumb is not to mow it. If you feel you must mow, wait until after July so the birds are through nesting (this includes road-sides.) Wait to mow them and give the quail and pheasants a chance.

Remember fescue is not good wildlife habitat. If you want wildlife in your neck of the woods, get rid of Fescue and plant a better cover.

Nancy Pals, Resource Conservationist

Pond Shocking Demo

The Coles County Soil and Water Conservation District will host a pond management workshop on Thursday, September 13. The workshop and pond shocking demonstration will be held at the pond behind Jimmie and Mary Lou Replogle's house in Charleston Township and will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Mike Mounce, Fisheries Biologist with IL Department of Natural Resources, will be on hand to shock the pond and answer any questions on pond management. Mike asks that you bring any fish or pond weeds you would like for him to identify.

Directions to the pond site: From Route 16, turn south on Rose Bud Road (1400E...look for Parker Construction sign). It is the first road west of the twin bridges, about 1 mile west of Charleston. Rose Bud will curve back to the west where it becomes 720N. Then turn south on 1380E for about one mile until you come to 620N and turn west (the number will change to 590N). Look for a sign at the driveway.

For information, call Coles County CD at 345-3901 (3).

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**Coles County
Soil and Water Conservation District
Fish Sale
October 11, 2007**

**Orders for grass carp are due September 25
All other orders are due October 4**

<u>Species</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Channel Catfish		
4-6" .42 each	_____	_____
6-8" .57 each	_____	_____
8-10" .72 each	_____	_____
1-2 lb. 1.40/lb. (250 lb. min. order)	_____	_____
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Hybrid Sunfish		
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Largemouth Bass		
2-3" .62 each	_____	_____
5-8" 1.37 each	_____	_____
Bluegill		
1-2" 43.00 per bag of 250	_____	_____
3-5" .57 each	_____	_____
Redear		
1-2" 43.00 per bag of 250	_____	_____
Hybrid Redear		
2-4' .32 each	_____	_____
Fathead Minnows		
7.50 per lb. (100-150/lb)	_____	_____
FOR STOCKING PURPOSES ONLY		
Triploid Grass Carp***		
8-11" 7.50 each	_____	_____

Total Cost _____
Payment must accompany order.

*****MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ALL GRASS CARP ORDERS:
Pond location: Twp. _____ Range _____ Section _____
Pond size (surface acres) _____**

Name _____
Address _____
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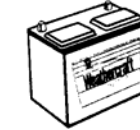


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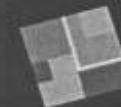
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