



## SOIL HEALTH COST SHARE PROGRAM

**Cover Crops:** Planting cover crops in your rotation can have a variety of beneficial impacts on the productivity of your soil. They can help restore organic matter, improve nutrient availability, reduce erosion, aid in weed suppression, and many other benefits.

**No-Till:** Reducing the amount of tillage in your operation can save time, energy, and soil by lowering the amount of passes in the field each season. Similar to cover crops, no-tilling can improve soil health, plant resilience, and reduce erosion.



Single species: \$50/acre

No-Till or Strip-Till: \$50/acre

Multi Species: \$60/acre

Landowners may be eligible for this program if they have not previously been funded by FSA, NRCS, or an SWCD for the specific practice(s) on the acres they apply for and if they work with Pope SWCD on a qualifying plan. You may receive up to **\$10,000** maximum from this program over the course of a 1-3 year contract.

**Give our office a call to get more information on the Soil Health Cost Share Program ask for Mason or Christopher 320-634-5327.**

## TREE SALES AND SERVICE PROGRAM

Thinking of planting trees this spring? Pope SWCD is here to help. Our current **Soil Health Grant Program** can provide **cost share assistance** to landowners interested that qualify to implement a shelterbelt establishment plan.



If you do not qualify for the Soil Health Program, we sell trees, tubes and weed fabric for any landowner interested. We offer custom tree planting and fabric installation, as well as planter rentals. Find our tree order form on our website, in the newsletter, or call/stop by the office to get started.



### Soil Health Grant Program:

Up to 75% cost share on trees, planting, and fabric

### Eligibility:

Landowners who work with the SWCD to complete a shelterbelt plan of 3 rows minimum may qualify for cost share.



## 2025 IRRIGATION CLINIC ANNOUNCED

The 2025 Irrigation Clinic has been planned for March 25, 2025 in Spicer, Minnesota at the Legion (155 Lake Avenue South) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will include a meal at no cost to the attendee. Topics include: Irrigation and Nutrient Management Research, Ag Weather Network, Irrigation Management Tools, and Farmer Panel. Call our office today to register for this year's event 320-634-5327. Watch for more details on Facebook and our <sup>2</sup> website.

# Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program



Pope SWCD in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture has been certifying landowners through the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program since 2015. There are about 42 landowners certified in the county in this program totaling 24,245 acres. Landowners enrolled have available to them financial and technical assistance for new practices through the MDA. Producers that are not certified can sign up at anytime through our office. Give us a call to set up an appointment to start the process for your operation.



Certified landowners can also attain 5 different endorsements: Wildlife, Soil Health, Climate Smart, Irrigation Management, and Integrated Pest Management. Endorsements provide additional recognition to water quality certified producers who are going above and beyond to implement conservation on their farms. Those who achieve an endorsement will receive and additional sign for their farm and recognition for their conservation excellence. If you are a certified producer and are interested in attaining these additional endorsements give our office a call and talk with Christopher at 320-634-5327.

## Employment Opportunity

**POSITION TITLE:** Agricultural Research Assistant-Rosholt Farm

Visit our website for full job description information and application: [www.popeswcd.org](http://www.popeswcd.org)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** February 14, 2025 4:00 p.m. or open until filled

**POSITION LOCATION:** Glenwood, MN

Candidates could be students looking for summer employment (May to August) or a recent graduate looking to gain experience prior to fulltime employment (April to November).

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION, AND A ONE TO TWO PAGE RESUME AND THREE REFERENCES NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. FRIDAY, February 14, 2025.

HOLLY KOVARIK, DISTRICT MANAGER, POPE SWCD 1680 FRANKLIN ST NORTH, GLENWOOD, MN 56334

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320-634-5327 phone



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# Soil Your Undies!

Want to put your soil to the test? Try the Soil Your Undies Challenge! Soil health can be measured in a variety of ways, but the microbial activity in your soil can be a good indicator as to how productive your soil can be. These microbes help promote plant fertility, enhance nutrient absorption, and aid in plant decomposition.



**Pope SWCD** is looking for volunteers to “plant” a pair of undies about 3” deep in a field, pasture, or forest and let them sit for at least 60 days. Over time, the microbes in the soil will work to break down the undies and demonstrate the microbial activity in the soil. In healthy soils, there may not be much left to dig up!

**Call our office to get a pair of undies and test your soil health in a whole new way!**

## NO-TILL DRILLS FOR RENT



## Custom Native Grass Seed Mixes Available

Call now to visit with Christopher about your grass seeding project.

Don't delay to ensure seed availability for your project.



Pope SWCD offers **Irrigation Water Management Services**. Contact our office to sign up for this service. Our staff will work with the producer to provide them information to assist them in determining when to irrigate. The farmer needs to notify our staff of weekly irrigation and rainfall amounts, emergence dates, spraying dates, and harvesting dates. Our technician will provide weekly estimated soil moisture graphs for each field enrolled throughout the season. **Cost: \$350 for the 1st pivot enrolled, \$250 for each additional pivot. Call our office for more details and ask for Christopher to sign up.**

# 2025 SALES PROGRAM ORDER FORM

## POPE SOIL & WATER



**CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
 1680 Franklin St North, Glenwood, MN 56334  
 PHONE: (320) 634-5327  
[www.popeswcd.org](http://www.popeswcd.org)

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Order early for the best selection of trees. We can have shortages of some varieties.  
 You will be notified in April of pick-up dates for trees, tree products, and for grass seed orders.

Prices are subject to change.

**Special orders available upon request, call now to secure your order! No project to big or small!**  
Open House scheduled for December 18th with cider and donuts. Come visit with our staff and place your order.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	PRICE	#ORDERED	AMOUNT
<b>SHRUBS (All Bare Root) priced per bundle of 25 Trees</b>			
Buffaloberry	\$50.00		
Chokeberry, black	\$50.00		
Hazlenut	\$50.00		
Hi Bush Cranberry	\$50.00		
Juneberry	\$50.00		
Common Lilac	\$50.00		
Cotoneaster	\$50.00		
Redosier Dogwood	\$50.00		
Sand Cherry	\$50.00		
Villosa Lilac	\$50.00		
<b>LARGE TREES (All Bare Root) priced per bundle of 25 Trees</b>			
Siouxland Cottonwood	\$50.00		
Hackberry	\$50.00		
Bur Oak	\$50.00		
Silver Maple	\$50.00		
Sugar Maple	\$50.00		
American Linden Basswood	\$50.00		
<b>SMALL TREES (All Bare Root) priced per bundle of 25 Trees</b>			
American Plum	\$50.00		
Common Chokecherry	\$50.00		
Red Splendor Crab	\$50.00		
<b>EVERGREENS priced per bundle of 25 Trees</b>			
Black Hills Spruce	\$50.00		
Colorado Blue Spruce	\$50.00		
Ponderosa Pine	\$50.00		
American Arborvitae (White Cedar)	\$50.00		
Red Pine (Norway Pine)	\$50.00		

\*\*Conservation Grade Trees Must Be Ordered in Minimum Quantities of 25 unless otherwise noted.

# Trees Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Page Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**See Reverse Side for Tax.**



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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	PRICE	#ORDERED	AMOUNT
<b>POTTED EVERGREENS (other varieties of evergreens available upon request)</b>			
Black Hills Spruce	\$16.50 each		
<b>TREE CARE (Plant Skydd Repellent)</b>			
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent (treats 200-300 1' seedlings) 1 lb powder	\$25.00		
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent (treats 400-600 1' seedlings) 2.2 lb powder	\$37.00		
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent (treats 100 1' seedlings) 1 liter premixed	\$20.00		
<b>TREE CARE</b>			
Tree Shelters 5' height (biodegradeable)	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Wood Stakes 5' height	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Bulk Roll of Weed Fabric 500'	\$200.00 per roll		
Staples/1000 per box (Anchor Pins)	\$80.00 per box		
<b>SERVICES -- All Services have a \$150.00 one time service charge</b>			
Custom Installed Weed Fabric (fabric included in price)	\$0.60 per foot		
Custom Tree Planting (\$100 minimum charge)	\$0.75 per tree		
Custom Cultivation	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Custom Grass Seeding ATV	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Custom Grass Seeding No-till Drill	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
<b>EQUIPMENT RENTALS (Delivery charges do apply)</b>			
Tree Planter (minimum charge of \$50.00)	\$50.00 per day		
No-Till Drill (minimum charge of \$100.00)	\$10.00 per acre		
Packer (minimum charge of \$100.00)	\$2.50 per acre		
Rainbarrels	\$75.00 each		
<b>CUSTOM GRASS SEED MIXES (priced per acre)</b>			
<i>Custom mixes available upon request suited to meet program requirements. Call for a quote 320-634-5327</i>			
<p>*Planning and Design service with on-site visit. (FREE)                      *Trees sold are for conservation purposes only.                      *SWCD cannot guarantee survival rate of trees.                      *SWCD reserves the right to substitute sizes or cancel species due to availability.                      *A <b>25% down payment</b> is required on all orders at the time of the order.                      All orders after March 1st 2025 must be paid in full at the time of the order. All balances due by April 1st, 2025. Orders Cancelled after February 1st, 2025 will be charged a 25% cancellation fee.</p>		<b>Total This Side :</b>	
		<b>Total Front Side :</b>	
		<b>Subtotal :</b>	
		<b>7.375% Sales Tax :</b>	
		<b>Total Order Cost :</b>	
		<b>Paid :</b>	
<b>Balance :</b>			

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# Pope SWCD 2025 Photo Contest

Last day for submissions - **November 14<sup>th</sup>**

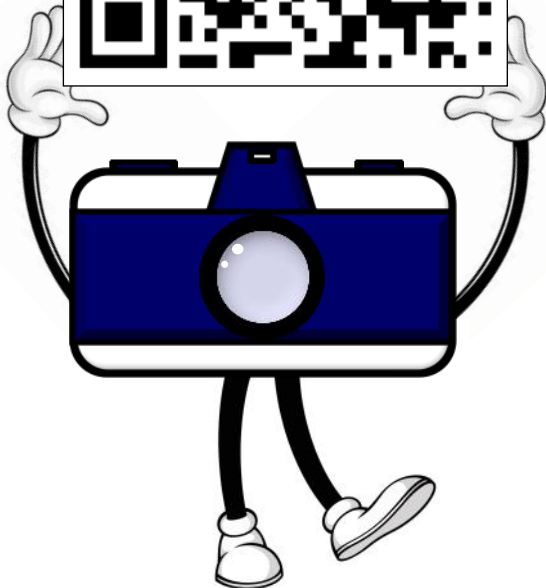
## 2nd Annual Calendar Photo Contest

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Pope SWCD is pleased to continue the calendar photo contest for the 2025 year. The collected images will be included in the calendar for 2026.

For more information, prize details, rules, or to submit an entry, scan the QR code below using a mobile device. Please take the time to read the document and become informed. More information can be found on the Pope SWCD Facebook page or our website at [www.popeswcd.org](http://www.popeswcd.org).

We look forward to seeing your talent and we wish all contestants the best of luck!



### 2024 Photo Contest First Place

By Carla Erickson



Pictured is a local Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) site of wildflowers with a beautiful farm setting in the background.

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## **Important Dates**

*The public is welcome to join us.*

January 21, 2025	8:00 a.m. Board Meeting
February 18, 2025	8:00 a.m. Board Meeting
March 6, 2025	Legislative Days at Capitol
March 25, 2025	Irrigation Clinic
March 27, 2025	8:00 a.m. Board Meeting



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