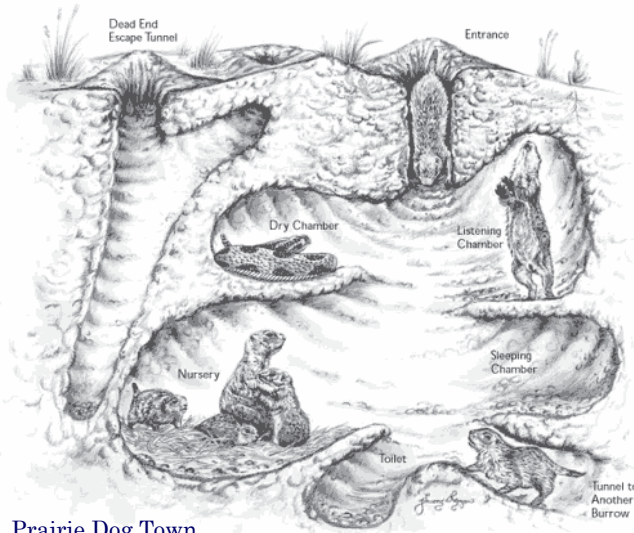




# Soil & Water Conservation Districts Community Newsletter

Serving Mora County Soil & Water Conservation Districts:  
*Mora-Wagon Mound & Western Mora*



Prairie Dog Town

## Western Mora SWCD Provides Animal Control Courses

On January 20 and 23, three classes were held at the Mora Valley Spinning Mill on Animal Control. These classes were taught by Max Martinez of the USDA and provided information and certification for the use of fumigants for those in attendance. The goal was to learn how to handle the fumitoxin in a safe and effective manner while eradicating the prairie dogs and gophers who have taken up residence in our local pastures. Thank you Max for sharing your expertise with us!

If you would like more information on these classes or if you need to be recertified, please call the Western Mora SWCD office at (575) 387-2424 ext. 5.

## Western Mora SWCD Acequia Headgate Grant

Western Mora SWCD has created an Acequia Headgate Grant to assist those landowners living within the district. It is a 50/50 cost-share program and upon approval of an application, the NRCS will prepare plans, designs, and project specifications. The amount of funds allocated to the cost-share program may

vary from year-to-year and are provided on a first come first serve basis until the current year funding is exhausted. Remaining applicants will be deferred to the following year, based on funding availability.

Applications need to meet the proposed conservation practice:

1. Will be installed on land located within the District's boundaries
2. Has conservation need and is feasible
3. Conserves soil, water, or other natural resources

For more information on the grant, please call the Western Mora SWCD office at (575) 387-2424 ext. 5 or (575) 387-5057.

# NRCS Providing Essential Programs



## CSP

### Overview

The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resources concerns. Participants earn CSP payments for conservation performance — the higher the performance, the higher the payment.

### Benefits

Through CSP, participants take additional steps to improve the resource conditions on their land — including soil, air and habitat quality and quantity.

### Eligibility

Eligible lands include private and Tribal agricultural lands, cropland, grass-land, pastureland, rangeland and nonindustrial private forest land, CSP is available to all producers, regardless of operation size or type of crops produced, in all 50 states. Applicants may include individuals, legal entities, joint operations or Indian tribes that meet the stewardship threshold for at least two priority resource concerns when they apply.

## EQIP

### Overview

The EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers in order to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation or improved or created wildlife habitat.



### Eligibility

Agricultural producers and owners of non-industrial private forestland and Tribes are eligible to apply for EQIP. Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, pastureland, non-industrial private forestland and other farm or ranch lands.



Contact the Mora NRCS Field Office at (575) 387-2424 ext. 3 for more information on how to apply.

**Applications are accepted all year round.**

## Western Mora SWCD Equipment Rental Prices

- ◆ Auger: **\$40.00** for an 8-Hour day (\$40.00 Deposit)
- ◆ Chipper w/Equipment Operator: **\$50.00** an hour or **\$200.00** for an 8-Hour day  
**and the cost of fuel for the Chipper**—2 Hour Minimum (\$200.00 Deposit)
- ◆ Ditcher: **\$100.00** for an 8-Hour day (\$100.00 Deposit)
- ◆ Fertilizer Spreader: **\$20.00** for a 24-Hour day (No Deposit)
- ◆ No Till Drill: **\$20.00** per acre — 5 acre minimum (No Deposit)
- ◆ Regular Drill: **\$15.00** per acre —5 acre minimum (No Deposit)
- ◆ Skidsteer w/Equipment Operator: **\$40.00** an hour or \$250.00 for an 8-Hour day  
2 Hour Minimum (\$250.00 Deposit)
- ◆ Tiller: **\$50.00** for a 24-Hour day (\$50.00 Deposit)
- ◆ Tractor with Equipment Operator and choice of Implements : **\$70.00** an hour  
(\$250.00 Deposit)

- Disc
- Ditcher
- Fertilizer Spreader
- No Till Drill
- Plow
- Regular Drill
- Tiller

**Equipment Rental Season Begins March 1, 2016**  
**Reserve your equipment today!**

Call the Western Mora SWCD office at  
(575) 387-2424 ext. 5 for more information.

### Mora-Wagon Mound SWCD Cost-Share Program

Mora -Wagon Mound SWCD has a total of \$15,000.00 available for an Acequia Cost-Share Program. The program requires a 50/50 cost share and conservation practices must contribute to the conservation of water.

Applications will be accepted for the following project:

**Acequia:** To address problems such as damaged conveyance system, delivery problems, erosion, etc.

Applicants must own property located within the Mora-Wagon Mound SWCD boundaries (Mora County).

Applications for participation in the program may be

picked up at the Western Mora SWCD office located at 523 Highway 518, Mora, NM.

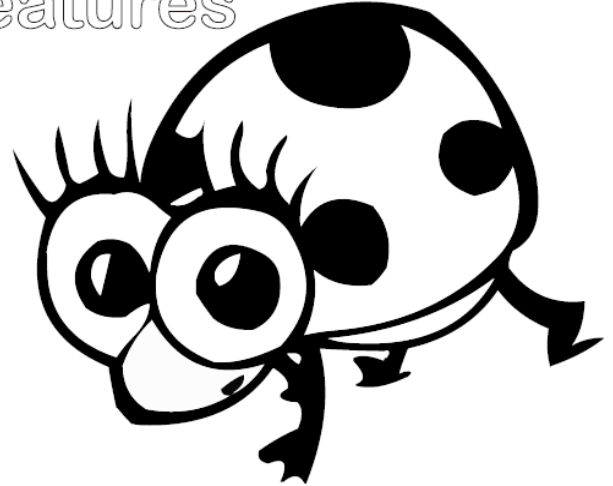
**Applications will be accepted until funding is exhausted.**

For further information on program guidelines call (505) 617-0965.



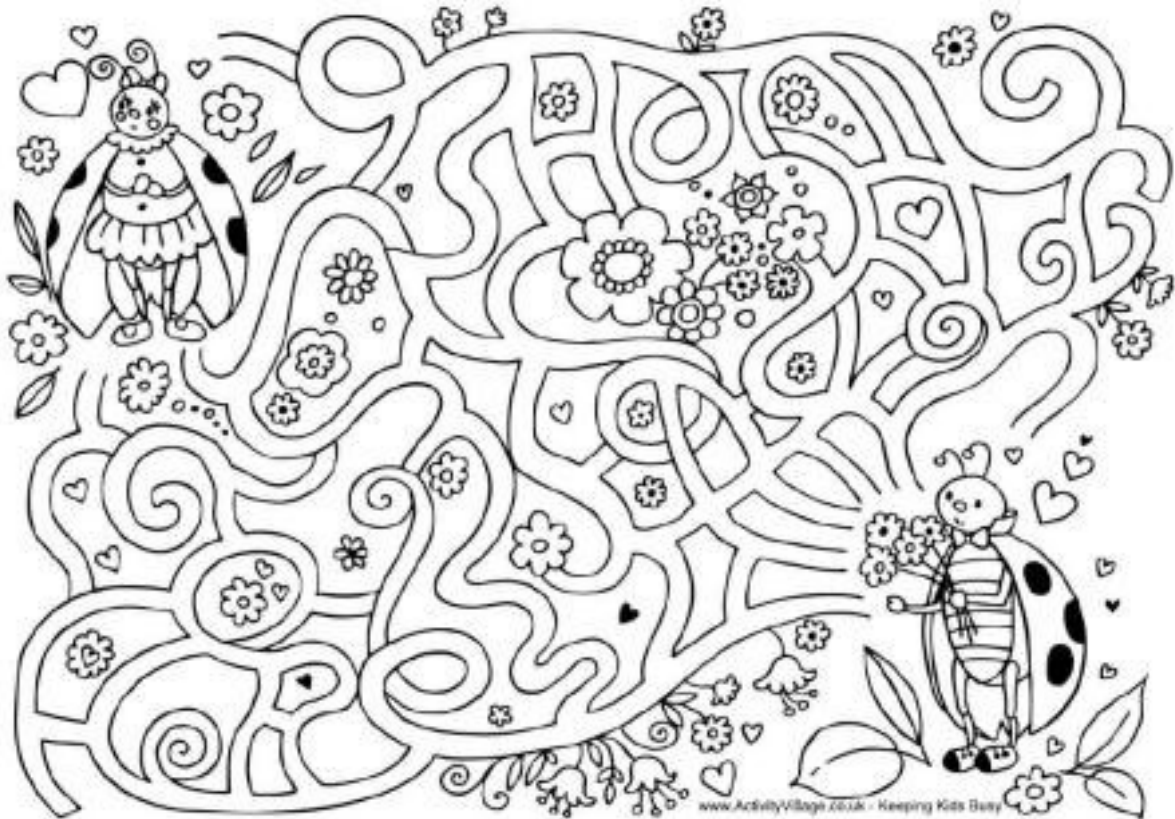
A teaspoon  of soil contains more creatures

...



...than there are people on the whole planet!

Color Me!



# Western Mora SWCD Upcoming Events



## PLEASE NOTE:

Western Mora SWCD makes every effort to keep the office open to the public throughout the year however, poor weather conditions may dictate when the staff may arrive later than usual, or not at all, to work.

This determination will be made on a case by case basis by the board of the Western Mora SWCD.

Thank you for understanding!

## Regular Meetings — *Second Thursday*

February 11, 2016

*of*

March 10, 2016

*Every Month*

April 14, 2016

May 12, 2016

June 9, 2016

## Beginning of Equipment Rental Season

March 1, 2016

## End of Equipment Rental Season

November 1, 2016



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