

# FAIRFIELD FEATURES



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## FAIRFIELD SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REORGANIZE

On January 14, 2021, the Fairfield SWCD Board of Supervisors selected the following officers for 2021: Matt Reese - *Chair*, Gregg Pontius - *Vice-Chair*, Wendy LaRue - *Secretary*, Linda Claypool - *Treasurer/Fiscal Agent* and David Ochs - *Member*.

The regular monthly Board meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Fairfield County Ag Center. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Please contact our office for information on any changes to the schedule.

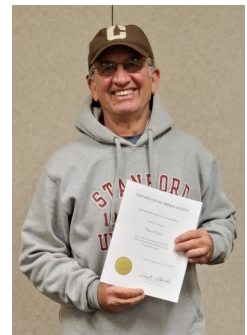


David Ochs (left) and Gregg Pontius were sworn into office as SWCD board members on January 14 by board member Matt Reese. David and Gregg join current board members Matt Reese, Linda Claypool and Wendy LaRue.



Mark Boving (left) served 9 years on the SWCD Board of Supervisors. Mark held the positions of Secretary and Chair during his time on the board.

Tim White (right) served 12 years on the SWCD Board of Supervisors. Tim held the positions of Secretary, Chair and Vice-Chair during his time on the board.



Mark and Tim were given Certificates of Appreciation for their years of service, commitment and dedication to the SWCD office.

## FAIRFIELD SWCD OFFERS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Fairfield SWCD will offer two college scholarships of \$500 for any graduating high school seniors that plan to study Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation, Environmental Education, Geology, Biology, and the like. The scholarship can be used for the pursuit of two-year or four-year degree programs as well as certification at a technical college. Applicants must be residents of Fairfield County and can be home-schooled. The applicant must have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.

Applications for this scholarship can be obtained from the SWCD office or through the Fairfield SWCD website at [www.fairfieldswcd.org](http://www.fairfieldswcd.org) under Educational Resources.



Spring is almost here! It's time again for the Tree Seedling Sale. See inside for descriptions and order form.



The **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)** for grassed waterways has been reopened under the Farm Bill. Eligible land can be enrolled in CRP; cropping history requirements are four out of the six years: 2012 to 2017. Schedule an appointment with Farm Service Agency by calling (740) 415-3926 to determine eligibility and/or fill out paperwork stating you are interested in signing up waterway(s).

The SWCD office hours have changed. We are now open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



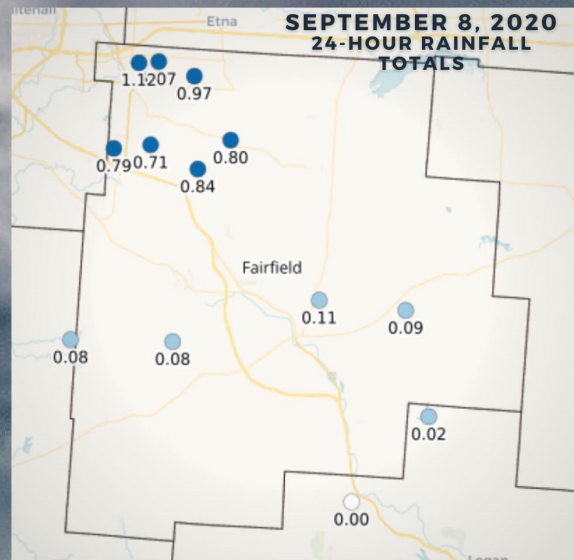
## PRECIPITATION MONITORING 2020 OBSERVATION SUMMARY



Have you ever experienced the phenomenon of seeing rain falling in the distance but never feeling a drop in your location? If so, you know how variable precipitation can be!

CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network) is a non-profit, community-based network of volunteers from all over the country who measure and report rain, hail, and snow in their backyards.

The measurements collected by Precipitation Monitors have many applications that help the public better understand weather and climate, and the information is used by many organizations, including The National Weather Service, NOAA, and locally by emergency managers, farmers, and homeowners.



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Active Precipitation Monitors in Fairfield County

\*Submitted observations

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Call Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District at **740-415-3920**



Visit **www.cocorahs.org**



Virtually anyone can participate - young, old, and in-between. The only requirements are an enthusiasm for watching & reporting weather conditions and a desire to learn more about how weather can affect and impact our lives.

Citizen scientists take daily precipitation measurements in their own backyards using low-cost measurement tools, including a 4" diameter, high capacity rain gauge. Once trained, volunteers report their daily observations through their CoCoRaHS account (via phone app or website) and these precipitation measurements are displayed on interactive maps at [www.cocorahs.org](http://www.cocorahs.org). With over 20,000 active contributors across North America, Precipitation Monitors make a big impact.

By providing your daily observation, you help to fill in a piece of the weather puzzle that affects many across your area.

\*Most rain gauges deployed in July 2020



# 2021 Tree Seedling Sale Order Form

PLEASE INDICATE QUANTITY NEXT TO ITEM & CIRCLE PACK OF 5, 25 or 100

Native Conifers	Qty.	Sapling 2.5'	Pack of 5 12"-18"	Pack of 25 6"-9"	Pack of 100 6"-9"	Total
Eastern White Cedar		n/a	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$60.00	
White Pine		n/a	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$60.00	

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Native Broadleaf Small Trees & Shrubs	Qty.	Sapling 3'-4'	Pack of 5 12"-18"	Pack of 25 6"-12"	Pack of 100 6"-12"	Total
American Plum		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Chokecherry		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Pawpaw		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Redbud		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Red Osier Dogwood		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Witch Hazel		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	

Native Broadleaf Large Trees	Qty.	Sapling 3'-4'	Pack of 5 12"-18"	Pack of 25 6"-12"	Pack of 100 6"-12"	Total
Black Walnut		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Ohio Buckeye		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Red Maple		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Red Oak		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
River Birch		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Swamp White Oak		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Tuliptree		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
White Oak		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	

Additional Items	Qty.	Cost	Total
Wildflower Seeds		\$5.00	
Boundary Marking Paint (yellow)		\$7.00	
Tree Tube and Wood Stake		\$5.00	
Dibble Bar		\$55.00	

Marking flags will be available for purchase on the day of pick up at a cost of \$10 for a bundle of 100

**Order Deadline: March 15th ~ Pick Up: Friday, April 16th**

**Grand Total**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
(needed if you would like to receive notice as to when you can pick up your packets - if you do not provide an e-mail, you will receive a post card in the mail)

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[www.lickingswcd.com](http://www.lickingswcd.com)**

# 2021 Tree Seedling Sale

**PLEASE ORDER EARLY** as orders are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. All orders are subject to availability. There is no limit to the number of packets you may order; however, payment must be included with your order. Please visit [www.lickingswcd.com](http://www.lickingswcd.com) to place your order online (select Fairfield as your pickup location). **Pick-up date is Friday, April 16, 2021.** The Fairfield SWCD will not be liable for any seedlings not picked up on the original pick-up date.

All trees and shrubs are state and federally inspected. We may need to make reasonable substitutions based on availability of certain species. **Orders must be received by Monday, March 15, 2021.**

## Tree Descriptions

Native Conifer Species	Mature Height	Mature Width	Growth Rate	Light Required	Soil Moisture	Soil pH	Comments/Uses
Eastern White Cedar	40'-45'	12'-15'	S,M	S,P	M,W	N	ornamental, wet footed
White Pine	60'-80'	20'-40'	F	S	M	A, N	timber, windbreak, wildlife
<b>Native Broadleaf Species</b>							
<b>Small Trees &amp; Shrubs</b>							
American Plum	15'-25'	15'-25'	F	S	D, M	N	edible fruit, fragrant flowers, attracts birds
Chokecherry	20'-30'	15'-20'	M	S, P, SH	M	N	edible fruit, showy white flowers
Pawpaw	15'-30'	15'-30'	F-M	S,P	M,W	A,N	edible fruit, wildlife
Redbud	25'-30'	26'-33'	M	S,P	M,W	B	adaptable, edible pink-magenta flowers
Red Osier Dogwood	20'-30'	20'-25'	M-S	S,P	M	A	spring flowers, red/burgandy autumn color
Witch Hazel	15'-20'	15'-20'	M	P,SH	M	A	attractive fall color, wildlife, medicinal
<b>Large Trees</b>							
Black Walnut	75'-100'	20'-40'	M	P,SH	M,D	A	edible fruit, fragrant flowers, good shade.
Ohio Buckeye	20'-40'	20'-40'	M	S, P, SH	M,W	A	attracts wildlife, Ohio's State Tree
Red Maple	40'-70'	30'-50'	M	S,P	W	A	lovely fall foliage, wildlife
Red Oak	50'-60'	50'-60'	F	S	D,M	N	tolerates dry conditions, timber, landscaping
River Birch	40'-70'	40'-60'	F	S,P	W,M	N	unique flaky bark, wildlife
Swamp White Oak	50'-70'	50'-70'	M-S	S,P	M	A	adaptable, bottomlands, timber, wildlife
Tuliptree	60'-90'	30'-50'	F	S	M	A	showy flowers, attracts wildlife, medicinal
White Oak	50'-70'	50'-70'	M-S	S,P	D,M,W	N	timber, wildlife, long-lived, ornamental
Soil Moisture (W = wet, M = medium, D = dry)			Light (S = sun, P = part sun/shade, SH = shade)				
Soil pH (N = normal pH range 6.5 - 7.5, A - acidic 6.5 or less, B = basic/alkaline 7.5 or higher)							
Growth Rate (F = fast 12+ inches/year, M = medium 6"-12"/year, S = slow 2"-6"/year)							
<b>Additional Items</b>							
Wildflower Seeds	plant up to 200' sq. with perennials, grasses and showy annuals						
Boundary Marking Paint	8" wide aerosol spray, long-lasting and fast-drying						
Tree Tube w/ Wood Stake	4' height, improves seedling survival and reduces wildlife damage						
Dibble Bar	tapered thin wedge cast blade to quickly plant seedling trees						

For more plant information, visit: <http://forestry.ohiodnr.gov/trees>, <http://plants.usda.gov/java> or search the web for a specific plant. Watch the Fairfield SWCD website and Facebook page for tree specific blogs.



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- Aquatic vegetation will continue to produce oxygen throughout the winter, even under ice, as long as sunlight can get through. Extended periods of snow-covered ice may lead to oxygen shortages and potential fish kills, but this can be reduced by safely removing the snow from portions (or all) of the pond's surface.
- During the winter, the water in the pond will go through a stratification process where the warmer water collects in a layer on the bottom of the pond with cooler water near the surface. In the spring this stratification mixes in what's called a turnover. Rapid turnovers, sometimes called pond "flips," are often caused by a heavy, warm rain event and may be detected when the water suddenly turns muddy from sediment being pulled upward off the pond bottom and suspended. In these cases, a sudden oxygen crash may occur resulting in a widespread fish kill, with larger fish, and fish species with higher dissolved oxygen requirements most at risk of suffering losses.
- Submerged vegetation and algae will begin new growth in early spring as water temperatures start climbing and days become longer. Physical removal of residual filamentous algae can begin as soon as surface ice melts, and proactive chemical treatment in early spring when water temperatures are 50-60F will help maintain control throughout the summer. Other aquatic plants can be addressed as they appear. If you have questions on aquatic plant ID or want guidance on treatment options, please contact Tommy Springer, Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District Wildlife Specialist at (740) 415-3905.

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