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# JOHNSON COUNTY Soil & Water Conservation District

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In 1982 Johnson County SWCD started its equipment rental program with a 7' Tye Drill. Now the District's No-Till Program offers a 15' John Deere, 10' John Deere, 7' Great Plains, 10' Aerway and a Straw Mulcher to assist landowners and operators. The District also offers a Gator seeding program, where since February over 300 acres have been seeded this year. These programs help landowner reintroduce native warm season and cool season grasses, plant food plots for wildlife and help prevent soil erosion.



In observance of Arbor Day the Johnson County Soil & Water Conservation District sponsors an Arbor Day Program which shows 5th grade student in Johnson County the proper way to plant and maintain trees. This year White Oak and Red Oak trees will be passed out to all 5th graders in the county.

Arbor Day is an annual observance dedicated to the planting and conservation of trees. National Arbor Day is observed on the last Friday in April.



### 2008 ENVIROTHON VIENNA HIGH SCHOOL TEAM SPIRIT AWARD WINNERS

In March the Johnson County SWCD will hold its annual Envirothon competition. Johnson County High Schools will compete to see who will win and move on to our local Land Use Council-14 competition. The winner of this competition will advance to the Illinois State Competition in Monticello in May.

Envirothon is an outdoor competition, team based program designed to help students better understand their environment. This program combines classroom learning with hands-on field experiences focused around five major topics: Aquatics, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife and current Environmental Issues. This last year Vienna High School advanced to state competition where they won the Team Spirit Award.