

Marlboro Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Report/Newsletter



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John McInnis

2011 Conservationist of the Year



Commissioner Richard Rogers presenting plaque to McInnis

John McInnis was born and raised in Marlboro County. He was a standout athlete for the Clio High School graduating in the Class of 1963. John is a proud graduate of Clemson University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics in 1967. John continues to be an active loyal Tiger and active Clemson alumnus. After college John worked for First Union National Bank in Charlotte and Laurinburg, North Carolina until 1981.

In January 1982, John returned to the farm to join his father, John McInnis, Jr., continuing the family's cotton growing tradition. Cotton continues to be John's primary crop.

Along with cotton, John grows double-cropped wheat and soybeans, corn, peanuts and switchgrass on his 1600 acre operation. John has been a leader in Marlboro County in growing switchgrass for seed and biomass production.

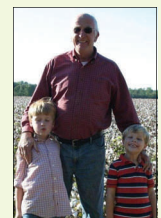
John takes pride in managing his farm for high yields and to protect the natural resources entrusted to him. John has adopted new technologies to reduce fertilizer and pesticide use, control erosion, improve soil quality and improve wildlife habitat. In 2011, John successfully adopted no-till and crop residue management for his crops. In the Fall of 2011, John adopted cover crop on his farm to reduce erosion potential, aid in weed suppression and improve soil quality. John states, "I am particularly interested in conservation in order to leave my children and grandchildren good ground on which to make a good living."

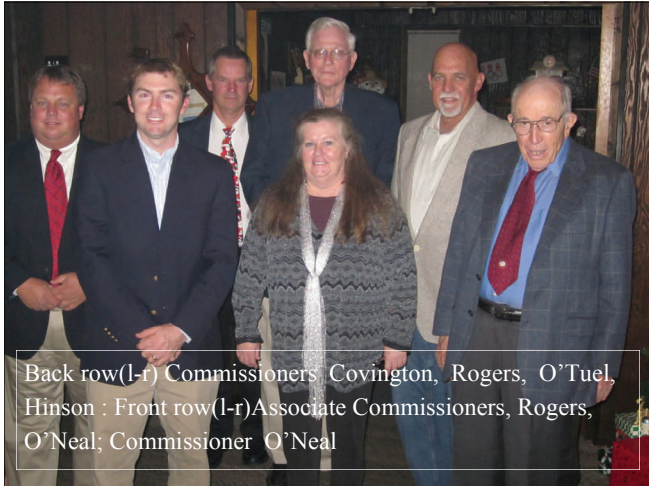
John also is quick to give credit to other for his success, "I am very grateful to NRCS for the help I received and to fellow farmers who are more than willing to teach this old dog new tricks."



John and his wife Gail were blessed with two daughters, Beth and Haden.

They are proud grandparents of two grandsons, Jack and Ben.





Back row(l-r) Commissioners Covington, Rogers, O’Tuel, Hinson ; Front row(l-r)Associate Commissioners, Rogers, O’Neal; Commissioner O’Neal

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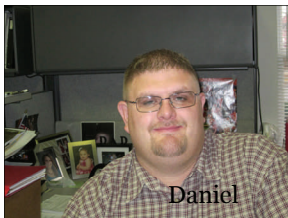
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Marlboro Conservation Partnership 2011 Accomplishments

The Marlboro Conservation Partnership had a successful year in 2011 assisting farmers and landowners reach their conservation objectives. Our farmers and landowners continue to demonstrate a commitment to protect and enhance the natural resources of Marlboro County.

In 2011, we developed conservation plans on 6498 acres of cropland, woodland, grazing land and wildlife management land, to protect and enhance the natural resources of Marlboro County.

Our staff utilized a variety of USDA Farm Bill programs to provide cost share assistance to install conservation practices for many of our conservation plans, including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Conservation Security Program, the Conservation Stewardship Program, the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program and the Conservation Reserve Program.

In 2011, our staff provided assistance to USDA-NRCS offices in the four counties of the Pee Dee Watershed area to help meet USDA-NRCS workload demands.

Our staff assisted the Town of Blenheim and the Marlboro County School District with a proposed recreation/sports facility in Blenheim. We also assisted Marlboro County on the Brightsville Community recreation facility.

The Marlboro Conservation Partnership works with our conservation-minded cooperators to help make Marlboro County a better place to live and work.



Won't you consider joining in 2012? How do you want your membership listed? If you would like your newsletter emailed, please include email address to be used only for this purpose.

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For more information call
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