

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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2021 COOPERATOR OF THE YEAR - THE OHLER FAMILY

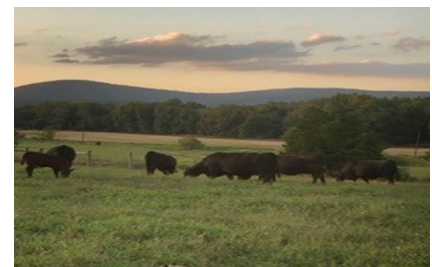
The Ohler Family was awarded 2021 Cooperator of the Year by the Frederick Soil Conservation District.

Beth and David approached the District for assistance in converting a newly purchased farm from a dog kennel and unimproved hay fields to a rotation grazing system for their beef cattle. The project was completed over several years and involved the installation of 4 watering troughs, renovating hay fields and converting dog runs into productive pastures. They also installed perimeter, divisional and streambank fencing. They follow an intensive rotation, monitor pastures closely, and move cattle as conditions require.

The Ohler's attention to detail allows them to successfully graze flood plain fields when conditions allow. To protect pastures during inclement weather, the Ohler's constructed a roofed heavy use area with manure storage. The Ohler's are committed to managing productive pastures and

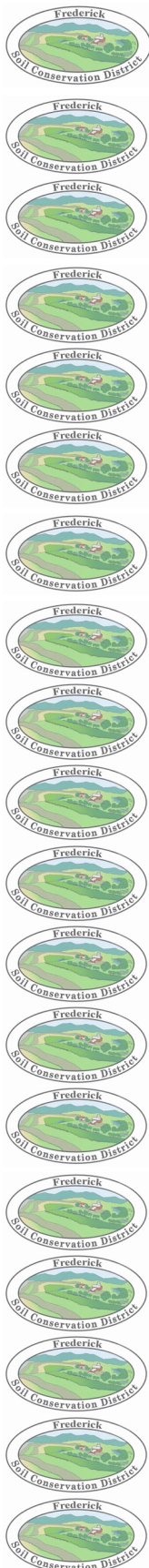


confine their cattle during wet weather which has allowed the new pastures to establish and thrive. The Ohler's were actively engaged in the entire process from researching all of their options to initiating a constructive dialogue with their planner. The end result is a system that meets their needs and goals.



Acknowledging the importance of conservation, Beth and David involved their children in this project and gave them responsibility for moving the cattle and setting up temporary fencing. The District enjoyed working with the Ohler's and witnessing the initiation of a new generation of conservation stewards.

2021 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



- Past Catoclin & Frederick Soil Conservation District Manager, **Denny Remsburg** was awarded the **Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts (MASCD) Presidents Award** at the summer meeting. Denny was honored along with 4 other District Managers who retired in 2021.
- Two local students earned top honors in the Poster Contest at the Summer MASCD meeting!
Cadence Offutt of New Midway Elementary School was the local winner for grades 4-6.
Ariellen Lowery of Middletown High School was the local winner for grades 10-12. Winners of the local contest were eligible to compete at the State Contest held at the Summer MASCD meeting where both were again victorious!
- 2021 George A. Nicholson, Sr. Memorial **Scholarship Winners** were: **Abigail Beckman, Jacob Shemer, and Ashley Wiles.**
- Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA) **Manure Injection and Transport** programs provided **\$108,471** in assistance to help district cooperators inject **753 acres** with manure and transport **31,753 tons** of manure from fields with high phosphorus to fields where phosphorus was needed.
- The **Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share (MACS) Program** provided **\$346,184** in cost share assistance to cooperators in the Frederick District to assist with the installation of various best management practices.
- Frederick County Farmers enrolled **30,560 acres** in MDA's Cover Crop program which provided **\$1,257,286** in assistance to help offset the cost of purchasing seed and planting small grains that provide winter cover but are not harvested.
- Frederick County cooperators received nearly **\$3.1 million** in payments for completed contracts through NRCS programs including: **EQIP, AMA, RCPP, and CSP.**
- The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) distributed over **\$7.5 million** to Frederick County cooperators enrolled in programs such as **CFAP, CFAP2, CRP, MAL, DMC, WHIP, FSFL, ARC/PLC.**
- With both state and federal funds we **installed 299 BMPs**
- Planners wrote conversation plans covering **2910 acres.**



Back (L to R): Robert Black (Fred. SCD Supervisor), Scott Hipkins (Fred. SCD Chairman), Bobby Myers (Fred. SCD Treasurer)
Front (L to R): Heather Hutchinson (District Manager), Ashley Wiles (Scholarship Winner), Diane Flickinger (Fred. SCD Vice Chair)

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2021 KEILHOLTZ MEMORIAL AWARD— THE BURDETTE FAMILY

In 2021, the Burdette Family of New Windsor was selected for the Keilholtz Memorial Award. The Keilholtz Award goes to the cooperator who has installed the most BMPs to combat resource concerns in the past year. Patti & Greg began working with the district in 2017, when they started managing Greg’s family’s 155-acre dairy operation. The Burdettes’ embarked on an endeavor to convert the farm to a rotational grazing system for their beef cattle. This required significant renovation to structures and pastures. Over the next four years, the family worked with the district to install a riparian forest buffer, stream bank fencing, and a grazing paddock system with watering facilities. They also implemented several agronomic practices including cover crops, perennial hay cropping and no-till residue management. Their newest BMP has been the addition of a roofed heavy use area and waste



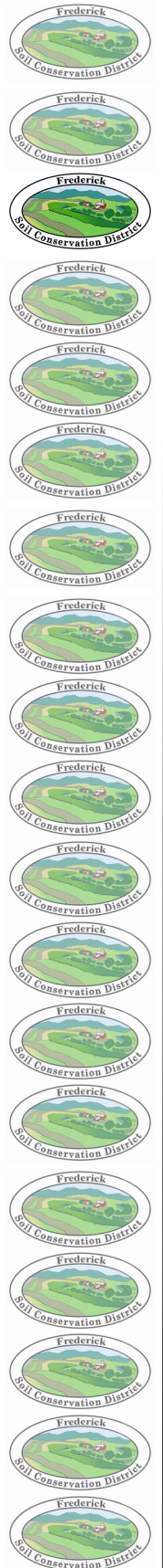
storage facility. Immediately after finishing the structure, their operation was hit by a tornado and they have been working endlessly to clean up and get everything back up and running. This year they hope to have their first year of grazing management with their new building. Greg and Patti have been wonderful to work with over the years due to their quick responsiveness and passion for the projects.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP) IMPLEMENTED:

Qty:	Unit:	BMP:
6	No.	Waste Storage Structures
1.1	Acres	Grassed Waterways
7	No.	Roof Runoff Structures
5,807	Feet	Streamside Fencing
21	No.	Watering Facilities
212	Acres	Prescribed Grazing
5.6	Acres	Riparian Forest Buffers

SEDIMENT & EROSION CONTROL PROGRAM:

Qty:	Type:
484	Sediment & Erosion Control
2295	Approved Sediment Control
24	Forest Harvest Permits
0	Site Plans
42	Pre-Construction Meetings
434	Inspections



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