

WELCOME!

On behalf of the South Dakota Association of Conservation District Employees, welcome to the world of conservation.

Your job is unique and rewarding. You will have the opportunity to work with government entities on all levels (county, state and federal), as well as with local landowners, producers and many newcomers to conservation.

Your position is multi-faceted, you may be teaching children about trees for Arbor Day one day and planting trees in the field the next. You are an office manager, newsletter editor, part-time mechanic, tree planter, fabric layer, public relations specialist, teacher, accountant, grant writer, researcher and project coordinator all in one.

Your goal is simple yet vitally important: promote conservation and protection of our natural resources – soil, water, forests and wildlife.

Your job is complex, but there are many knowledgeable people across the state willing to give you a helping hand. Your district board members, other district employees, the staff within the Division of Resource Conservation & Forestry, the SD Association of Conservation Districts and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service will be glad to answer your questions or point you in the direction of someone who can. In addition, employee workshops are held nearly every year during SDACD Convention and during Leadership Conference. Your area may have an employee meeting each year as well, which may include additional training.

Again, Welcome and Hope you enjoy your new position.