

Sullivan Conservation District Helps Farmers Test Soil



*Mark Madden, Penn State Cooperative Extension Educator,
leads a workshop on Soil Sampling and Testing on Sept. 13, 2012
at the Sullivan County Ag Resources Center.*

The Sullivan County Conservation District provided a complimentary Penn State Soil Sample Test Kit to each farmer in the county who had undergone a farm visit under the Chesapeake Bay Program. In partnership with Penn State Extension, two workshops were held to educate farmers on soil sampling and reviewing the results.

"Penn State Extension has always worked well with the Sullivan County Conservation District. This workshop was a prime example of the cooperation between the two agencies," stated district manager, Jacquelyn Rouse. "The workshop was to reinforce not applying any more nutrients to the soil than what the crops can utilize. It fit in very well with our mini-grant on providing soil test kits to the farmers in Sullivan County."

The "Soil Sample Kits for Ag Compliance" project distributed 57 soil test kits. Using these test kits, farmers can look at their soil needs for nutrients and only apply what the crops require to avoid over-fertilizing which protects water quality and saves the farmer money.

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