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Crisp County's John Woodard inducted into GACDS Hall of Fame *Georgia Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors recognizes John Woodard's contributions to conservation efforts in the Middle South Georgia District*

ATLANTA – At their annual meeting in Atlanta, the Georgia Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors honored Crisp County's John Woodard by inducting him into the GACDS Hall of Fame.

Mr. Woodard currently serves as an elected District Supervisor on the Middle South Georgia Soil and Water Conservation District Board that includes Ben Hill, Brooks, Colquitt, Crisp, Irwin, Thomas, Tift, Turner and Worth counties. He has held the District Supervisor position for more than 25 years and served as chairman of the District Board for four of those years.

Among his duties, Mr. Woodard has served on the Legislative Board of Crisp County Farm Bureau since 2000 and served on the Farm Bureau Pecan Commission since 2007. He also serves as the Chairman of the J.W. Mann Show Barn Steering Committee and the Livestock Association for FFA and 4-H.

In the 1950's, Mr. Woodard convinced the Chamber of Commerce to sponsor the Georgia Watermelon Festival, which has become the oldest continuously running festival in Georgia.

In 1978, Mr. Woodard participated in the American Agriculture Strike by driving his tractor over 760 miles to Washington, D.C. Protests over agricultural prices resulted in the founding of the American Agriculture Movement.

Past awards include Middle South Georgia Soil and Water Conservation District Conservationist of the Year in 2011, Woodmen of the World Conservation Award in 1989 and the Middle South Georgia Man of the Year Award in 1974.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts were created in 1937 by the Georgia General Assembly to protect the state's soil and water resources following the Dust Bowl of the 1930's. Districts provide a way for citizens to set local resource priorities for state and federal assistance programs. For more information on the Middle South Georgia Soil and Water Conservation District, please contact Luke Crosson at (229) 995-6001 or email lcrosson@gaswcc.org.

At the state level, the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission supports locally led soil and water conservation districts. Local conservation project funding is provided by the State of Georgia, along with grants from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, USDA-NRCS and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. More information is available at www.gaswcc.org or by calling (706) 552-4470.

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