



Year in Review

We continued to support the Wellness Garden at Cobb County Farm Bureau. In doing this, we were able to help them get a \$10,000 small farm grant from NRCS and to also get an EQIP grant to build a high tunnel. We were a major sponsor for the Cobb County Farm Bureau/Cobb County Schools Ag Innovation Challenge. We participated for the 2nd straight year in the Mableton Harvest Festival. The festival had between 2000 and 3000 attendees. And, we participated in the NRCS Poster Contest.

COBB COUNTY WELLNES GARDEN

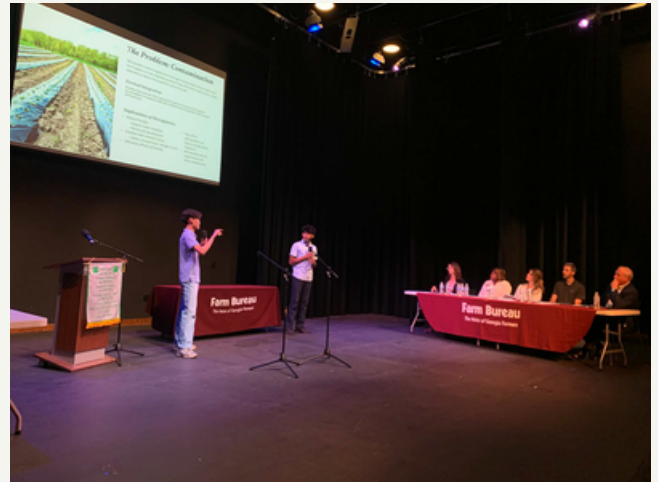
The Wellness Garden at Cobb County Farm Bureau (Wellness Garden) is a joint initiative among the Cobb County Farm Bureau, Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County, Inc. (MGVOCC), Cobb Water and Soil Conservation District and WellStar Health System. Our mission is to create access to free, fresh produce in the Cobb County area to those in need. Food is donated to local food banks with this purpose in mind.

Thank you to all of you who donated, volunteered, consulted and showed support for this joint venture. It has been a great success. This year we received a small-scale farming grant from Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission to fix the irrigation system at the garden plot.



Ag Innovation Challenge

WE RECENTLY HELD OUR 4TH ANNUAL COBB COUNTY FARM BUREAU AG INNOVATION CHALLENGE. THE CHALLENGE INVOLVES ASKING TEAMS TO FIND WAYS TO IMPROVE PROBLEMS IN AGRICULTURE. THANKS TO ALL THE TEAMS THAT PARTICIPATED. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL, JOSEPH AND AZIZ FROM WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL WITH THEIR PROJECT CALLED "NEMAX RAPID NEMATODE DETECTION KIT". CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNING TEAM, EMMA AND CAITLYN FROM EAST COBB MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH THEIR PROJECT CALLED "HYDROGROW". THANKS ALSO TO OUR EXHIBITION PRESENTERS FROM KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY, MARK SHEEHAN AND CARTER CORBIN.



The 4th Annual Cobb County Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge was judged by a panel of agricultural, educational, and community leaders. Judges included:

- Keli Gambrill – Cobb County District 1 Commissioner
- Dr. Kyle Gabriel – Senior Research Associate and Associate of Biology, Kennesaw State University
- David Chastain – Cobb County School Board Post 4 Member
- Veronica Owens – Georgia FFA Urban Specialist
- Katie Sponberger – Executive Director, Georgia Association of Conservation Districts

ANNUAL HARVEST FEST 2026

THE FRIENDS OF THE MABLE HOUSE AND COBB PARKS DEPT HOSTED THE ANNUAL HARVEST FEST WHICH ATTRACTED CLOSE TO 2,000 ATTENDEES TO OUR NEW CITY OF MABLETON. THERE WERE LOTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS INCLUDING LIVE MUSIC, A PETTING ZOO, TOURS OF THE MABLE HOUSE, AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS AND MACHINERY, STORY-TIME, ARTS & CRAFTS, THE BOOK MOBILE, CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, A LARGE PET ADOPTION TRAILER AND DELICIOUS FOOD. THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT AND EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME.



**LEFT-CHAIR STAN WITH FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS.
ABOVE- RICKY (GSWCC) WITH FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS.**

ACWORTH-AUSTELL-COBB COUNTY-KENNESAW-MARIETTA
POWDER SPRINGS-SMYRNA-MABLETON

Annual NRCS Poster Contest



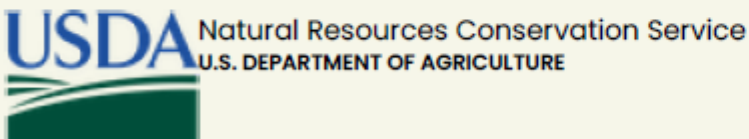
CONTEST WINNERS PICTURED WITH CHAIR STAN KIRK AND JENA LEONE
FROM GACD.

Who are we:

The Cobb County Soil and Water Conservation District protects natural resources through community education, urban agriculture programs, and land stewardship. It is run by a local board of volunteer supervisors and supported by regional state staff.

You may contact the district through their Facebook page or via Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission at 706-624-1214.

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