On Monday, April 27th, the Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District held an outreach event for local farmers at the Greene County Expo Center in Greensboro. Partnering with the District on the event were UGA Cooperative Extension, USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission. The focus of the event was to help agricultural landowners increase the quality and performance of their pastures and hay land. Topics covered included soil health, nutrient management, controlling armyworms and the bermudagrass stem maggot, summer annual planting, and weed identification and control. A rainfall simulator was also used to demonstrate the differences in runoff and infiltration among varying grasses and plant densities.

Approximately 80 people were in attendance for the event. Lunch was served and sponsored by Georgia Fertilizer and Piedmont Conservation Products.

Through programs such as this one, the Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District seeks to inform landowners of the importance of conservation and resource management. The District is comprised of seven counties: Greene, Morgan, Putnam, Taliaferro, Hancock, Baldwin, and Jones. If you would like more information about the Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District, please contact Regional Representative Andy Dyar at 478/445-5766.