



Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District

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January 2026: new year, new colors!

Let me know if you want to be ADDED or TAKEN OFF this email list! Ellen Hammond, ellen.hammond@jeffswcd.org.

January 6, 11am-1pm

ODA's Middle Jefferson County Strategic Implementation Area (SIA)

Jefferson County Public Health Meeting Room, 500 NE A St, Madras

The Oregon Department of Agriculture will host an open house to provide information, answer questions, and get feedback on the Middle Jefferson County Strategic Implementation Area. Lunch provided ☺. ODA evaluated properties for water quality concerns and will work with the SWCD and landowners to address them.

January 23, 8:30-2ish

Irrigation Training Day

Inn at Cross Keys Station, 66 NW Cedar St, Madras

Learn about pumps, VFDs, irrigation management, automation, and more! Sponsored by Stettler Supply Company. Presenters include Reinke, Nelson, Energy Trust of Oregon, and others. Register at: [Irrigation Training Day](#) or use the QR code.



January 27, noon

Jefferson SWCD Board Meeting

Madras Airport

Learn what the SWCD is doing for you. Contact [Kate Haarberg](#) for an agenda and to RSVP for lunch! Agendas and approved minutes are posted on our [website](#) as soon as available.

Feb 5, 11-noon (Farm Fair)

Jefferson SWCD Annual Meeting

Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Learn about our activities in the last year.

Mid-February

Cover Crops: the latest and greatest

COAREC?

Your SWCD is working with OSU and the American Farmland Trust to provide you with the latest information on cover cropping options for you. Stay tuned for this informative session!

Cover Crop Selection Tool *NEW*

The benefits of cover crops are widely touted, but many farmers, landowners, and service providers lack the practical guidance and the real-world experience needed to confidently implement this practice. To help, the Western Cover Crops Council (WCCC) has developed a cover crop selection tool designed to simplify this decision-making process. It still has a few bugs (for instance it works better on Chrome than Safari), but check it out at: [Cover Crop Selector](#). Click on the state of Oregon and then either 'Browse Cover Crops' or 'Get a Recommendation'. A 55-minute training video on the software is available at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/OI6MTZb4aO6w4SUVIVe4aDQB697DNblOF7PQmu8PsRuUWhIPZ-zfNCw3IXOXRZuc.q6fyH0KhD2il3XQk>

