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The Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors 8th Annual Tire Recycling Project!

The Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation District's 2008 Tire Recycling Days were held March 11 & 12, 2008. This was our 8th annual tire-recycling project for farmers and it was a huge success!

During the collection, 65 farmers from Chesapeake and Virginia Beach brought their used agricultural tires to Brickhouse Farms for recycling. Emmanuel Tire Recycling, Inc. hauled the tires back to their facility in Sussex and shredded the tires so that they may be recycled into other products.

A total of **2332** of tires were collected and recycled in this project. This number includes approximately 1544 car and pick-up truck tires, 671 grain truck and tractor-trailer tires and 117 tractor and over-sized tires.

The total cost of the project was **\$6,500.00**. Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation District organizes and funds the program with additional financial assistance from the Virginia Beach Farm Bureau. Farmers that participated in our free program saved over **\$19,200.00** by not having to pay disposal fees at the regional landfill! Plus, the tires collected were recycled into other products instead of serving as trash cover and taking up space in the landfill.

This event would not have been possible without the help of the following volunteers:

Watson Lawrence, District Director and staff member of Chesapeake Cooperative Extension

C. Frank Brickhouse, Elected District Director for Chesapeake

Melvin Atkinson, Associate Director and staff member of Virginia Beach Dept. of Agriculture

Robert Williams, staff member of USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service

Brian Powell, staff member of Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

The Chesapeake Sheriff's office provided four members of the Chesapeake Sheriff's work force to help load tires, without this service the project would not have went as well.

Thanks go to all the farmers and helpers for making Tire Recycling Days "TONS" of success!

The District hopes to maintain the Tire Recycling project as an annual event to benefit our farmers and the environment. For more information on our project, please call me at 385-8607.

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