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Now is time for seeding

"Now is the time to seed recently shaped waterways, newly constructed pond banks and other exposed areas," Greg Martin, soil conservationist for the Davis County Soil Conservation Service, said.

Martin said the seeding should be completed before Sept. 10 in order to allow for substantial growth before colder weather.

He recommended that 100-pounds of 60-80-40 fertilizer per acre should be applied. The seed mixture should be 15-pounds of bromegrass, five pounds of tall fescue, three to four pounds of alfalfa and one bushel of oats per acre. He said four to five pounds of Reeds Canary grass per acre could be added to the mixture on waterways that tend to be extremely wet.

"Waterways that were shaped earlier this fall may have received some erosion damage from the heavy rains," Martin said. "The damaged waterway would need to be reshaped. Usually this can be done with ordinary farm equipment."

He also reminded farmers that establishment of a seeding on ponds and waterways is part of the requirement on those jobs that are cost-shared with ACP funds. Failure to establish seeding can result in loss of ACP funds or a forfeiture of ACP funds that may have already been received by the farmer.