

Fruit Tree Grafting and Pruning

The Claiborne County Soil Conservation District and Echo Acres Farms held their annual fruit tree pruning and grafting demonstration on Saturday March 5, 2005, at Echo Acres Farm in Tazewell.

More than 100 landowners attended the event which was free and included supplies for grafting. Participants were able to choose from a variety of apple species and instructed on how to graft and grow them.

Participants learned about grafting through hands-on instruction and attendees took home the trees they grafted for planting. Dr. Lockwood from the University of Tennessee was the instructor, along with Joe McNew of Echo Acres Farm.

Pesticide points were available for all who took part in the pest control instruction.

Additionally, Mr. McNew visited the area schools to demonstrate the grafting process to over 350 students.



Tree Day in Claiborne County

On Arbor Day, March 4th 2005, the Claiborne County Soil Conservation District, along with the Harrogate Garden Club and the Harrogate Tree Board held its annual tree day event.

The district had over 150 people to come out and take advantage of the tree seedling give away and sale. 3,000 pine seedlings along with 500 dogwoods, 100 quinces, 100 red oak, 20 crabapple and 250 blue spruce were available.