



DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Five SWCDs combine efforts to promote water quality and biomass production

The Scott Soil and Water Conservation District has hired Dave Rickert of Eldorado, Wisconsin, as a biomass conservation technician. His position is being funded in part through the Farm Bill Assistance Project. Rickert, who began his duties December 15, will divide his time among Scott, Le Sueur, Rice, Dakota and Carver County Soil and Water Conservation Districts. His primary role is to assist landowners with conservation programs that involve grass and woody biomass production for energy facilities within the five-county area.

Rickert recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in geography. He completed his internship with a Land and Water Conservation Department in Ladysmith, Wisconsin (similar to Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Minnesota).

Originally from Wisconsin, Rickert resided in Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, prior to moving to Scott County. In his free time, he enjoys running, hunting, golf and woodworking.

"I am excited about assisting this five-county area with conservation goals," he noted. "The people are friendly here, and I can see that Minnesota takes great pride in its conservation of resources."

For more information, Rickert may be reached at the Scott SWCD Office in Jordan by calling (952) 492-5457 or sending an email to drickert@co.scott.mn.us.