

## Thank You for Participating in Our Annual Nut Sale

The Rich Mountain Conservation District would like to thank everyone for participating in our annual nut sale. We use this as a fundraiser to award Polk County students' scholarships. Be on the lookout this spring for scholarship applications if you have a child eligible.



## Reminder for Poultry Operators to Register



### Poultry Feeding Operations Registration-PFO

#### Who Registers?

- Person in the state of Arkansas who own or operate poultry feeding operations where 2,500 or more poultry are housed or confined on any given day are required to register annually.

#### Why Register?

- State law requires poultry feeding operations to register with the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) for the purpose of locating litter sources and estimating the amount of litter produced.
- ANRC operates an annual registration program to

assemble and maintain information on the number, composition, and practices of poultry feeding operations in the state.

- Failure to do so will result in the following penalties:

- **First offense:** Written notice of non-Compliance with the Arkansas Poultry Registration Act
  - **Second Offense:** You may be fined up to \$50.00
  - **Third offense:** You may be fined up to \$500.00

#### Where Does the Information Go?

- Persons will register with the conservation district office wherein majority of the facility is located.
- Registration information collected about an individual poultry feeding operation shall not be public record. However, summary information of individual poultry feeding operations shall be a public record.

#### Where Does the Money Go?

- The \$10.00 registration fee goes to the county conservation district and shall be used by the district to administer the Poultry Feeding Operation Registration Program.
- All fees collected through any penalty assessed under the Poultry Feeding Operation Program shall be used to operate the Nutrient Management Programs.

#### Who to Talk to?

- To register; call the county conservation district in which majority of your farm is located.
- For questions regarding state law or any other questions call ANRC, Megan Perkins, (501) 682-3968.

#### When to Register?

- Registration begins January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Did You Know?

You can help your conservation district by purchasing a specialty license plate at the revenue office. For every purchase of this specialty license plate, the Rich Mountain Conservation District receives \$20, which helps put conservation on the ground.



# Old-Fashioned Chocolate Fudge

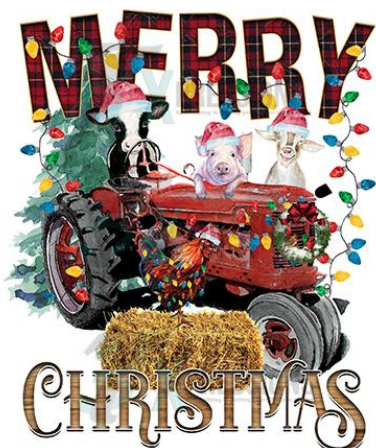
## Ingredients:

- 2 cups white sugar
- ½ cup cocoa
- 1 cup milk
- 4 Tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



## Directions:

- Step 1: Grease an 8x8 inch square baking pan. Set aside
- Step 2: Combine sugar, cocoa, and milk in a medium saucepan. Stir to blend, then bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and simmer. Do not stir again.
- Step 3: Place candy thermometer in pan and cook until temperature reaches 238° F. If you are not using a thermometer, then cook until a drop of this mixture in a cup of cold water forms a soft ball. Feel the ball with your fingers to make sure it is the right consistency. It should flatten when pressed between your fingers.
- Step 4: Remove from heat. Add butter or margarine and vanilla extract. Beat with a wooden spoon until the fudge loses its sheen. Do not under beat.
- Step 5: Pour into prepared pan and let cool. Cut into about 60 squares.



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