GCCD Lime Spreader Rental Program

Applying lime to pasture and hay fields is one of the simplest management decisions to make. Increasing soil pH can increase forage yields and palatability, with relatively low cost to the producer. In 2008, the Board of Directors decided to purchase a 2 ton wet lime spreader to rent to producers. In the programs first full year the lime spreader was rented to 11 producers spreading 570 tons of lime on pastures throughout Greene and Washington Counties. As livestock production in the region has transitioned into more grass, based rotational grazing systems the need for lime to help support quality forage production has become imperative but a producers ability to get lime where and when they need, it has been reduced. A spreader of this size is easier to use on steep ground and more maneuverable in smaller pasture paddocks. Our specific machine is equipped with surge brakes and a longer axle to provide better control and stability.