

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)**

**DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S MONTHLY REPORT**

**10/13/2023**

**PERSONNEL/OFFICE**

- The Lancaster and Cass County Service Centers are under normal operations.
- Weeping Water Soil Conservationist, Samantha Ziph, has accepted a 120-day detail position in another office starting 10/22/23.

**LPSNRD LAND TREATMENT**

- Drought conditions impacted the installation of structural practices across the district during the fall of 2022 through summer of 2023. Current soil moisture is much more favorable to construction. Most jobs are being released but staff are still conducting soil moisture evaluations prior to releasing.
- The LPSNRD currently has the following land treatment cost-share program applications:
  - Lancaster County
    - 20 Fall 2023 Structural Applications
    - 24 Fall 2023 Cover Crop Applications
  - Cass County
    - 30 Fall 2023 Structural Applications
    - 2 Fall 2023 Cover Crop Applications

**USDA PROGRAMS**

- Technicians are working on structural projects as fields are harvested.
- Planning staff are working on EQIP and CSP pre-Fy24 contract management, reviewing FY24 applications, completing in field inventories, and preparing for FY24 program workload.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 11/17/23- Deadline to apply for FY2024 EQIP and EQIP-IRA
- 11/17/23- Deadline to apply for FY2024 CSP and CSP-IRA

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