NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
REPORT TO THE
LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
October 20, 2021

PERSONNEL:

- USDA Service Center Operations – The Lancaster and Cass County Service Centers continue to be closed to walk-in customers. Producers may contact their local office to make arrangements for an appointment, or to conduct business by alternate means, such as over the phone, electronically, or by mail.

- Cole Johnson has been hired as the Lower Platte South NRD Resources Technician in Weeping Water. Cole is from Hebron, NE and earned his BS & BA in Geology from the University of NE-Lincoln. He has great experience working with ag producers while employed with his family's pivot construction business. Welcome Cole!

NRD LAND TREATMENT:

- The Conservation/Resources Technicians are beginning to layout construction projects for approved applications in the LPSNRD Land Treatment Program. Good weather is allowing for an early harvest, so we're anticipating a busy rest of October and November.

- We continue to take applications for the LPSNRD Land Treatment Program. There are still sufficient funds in the budget to approve additional applications. We're hopeful to see more applications as producers finish up harvest.

- We have finished taking applications (deadline Oct 1st) for the LPSNRD Cover Crop Program applications. We have received the following applications:

Lancaster County:	27 applications, $57,960
Cass County:	8 applications, $13,962

USDA PROGRAMS:

- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) - Staff is currently working on FY22 CSP renewal applications. The ranking deadline for these applications is November 5th. We have 3 applications in Lancaster County for approximately 2,763 acres.

- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) – Staff has completed all general CRP contracts for FY22. We completed 12 contracts in Cass County and 31 in Lancaster County.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Veteran's Day – November 11th
FY22 CSP & EQIP Application Deadline – November 17th

Cory Schmidt - District Conservationist