

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S MONTHLY REPORT

9/13/2023

PERSONNEL/OFFICE

- The Lancaster and Cass County Service Centers are under normal operations.
- Staff meeting was held 8/17/23 with conservation planning staff from Lincoln and Weeping Water Field Offices. Covered many topics including promotion and workload management of LPSNRD Land Treatment and Cover Crop Programs.

LPSNRD LAND TREATMENT

- Drought conditions impacted the installation of structural practices across the district during the fall of 2022 and spring 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.
- Construction of all summer jobs is complete; staff are finishing paperwork.
- The LPSNRD currently has the following land treatment cost-share program applications:
 - Lancaster County
 - 16 Fall 2023 Structural Applications
 - 6 Fall 2023 Cover Crop Applications
 - Cass County
 - 25 Fall 2023 Structural Applications
 - 2 Fall 2023 Cover Crop Applications

USDA PROGRAMS

- Planning staff and technicians are working to report FY23 conservation practices applied.
- Technicians are finalizing planned fall 2023 structural projects and preparing for harvest.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/20/23 Area 6 High School FFA Range Judging Contest
- 10/1/23 Beginning of Fiscal Year 2024
- 10/4/23 East Central High School Land Judging Contest
- TBA- Deadline to apply for FY2024 EQIP and EQIP-IRA

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