

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)**DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S MONTHLY REPORT****2/12/2024****PERSONNEL/OFFICE**

- The Lancaster and Cass County Service Centers are under normal operations.
- New Employee: Carla Graham is the new Weeping Water Secretary. Carla started December 2nd, 2024.
- New Employee: Nobel Nothstine is the new Weeping Water Soil Conservationist. Nobel was previously a Pathways Student Intern in Wahoo and was converted to a full-time employee on January 13th, 2025.
- Lincoln NRD Resources Technician – VACANT.
- Lincoln Resource Conservationist - VACANT.
- Lincoln Soil Conservation Technician - VACANT.

LPSNRD LAND TREATMENT

- Current soil moisture conditions are variable across the district; staff are conducting soil moisture evaluations on all projects prior to construction. Projects are being released on a site-by-site basis; some may be withheld due to inadequate soil moisture conditions.
- LPSNRD currently has the following active or completed land treatment cost-share program applications:
 - Lancaster County
 - 12 Fall 2024 Structural Applications
 - 19 Fall 2024 Cover Crop Applications
 - Cass County
 - 18 Fall 2024 Structural Applications
 - 2 Fall 2024 Cover Crop Applications

USDA PROGRAMS

- Technicians are checking completed projects, preparing for fall projects, and doing frequent soil moisture monitoring for planned construction.
- Planning staff are conducting field work/planning for general conservation plans and FY25 EQIP/CSP applications, assessing/ranking FY25 EQIP/CSP applications, and certifying completed practices.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/17/25 – USDA Offices closed for President's Day Holiday
- 3/6/25 – NRCS Local Working Group Meeting: 9:00am-11:00am at the LPSNRD Office

Tom Cowan – District Conservationist