

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)**DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S MONTHLY REPORT****5/13/2024****PERSONNEL/OFFICE**

- The Lancaster and Cass County Service Centers are under normal operations.

LPSNRD LAND TREATMENT

- Drought conditions have continued to impact the installation of structural practices in LPSNRD since the fall of 2022. Current soil moisture conditions are variable across the district; staff are still conducting soil moisture evaluations on all projects prior to construction. Projects are being released on a site-by-site basis but many are being withheld due to inadequate soil moisture conditions.
- LPSNRD currently has the following land treatment cost-share program applications:
 - Lancaster County
 - 22 Fall 2023 Structural Applications
 - 11 with construction completed by deadline
 - 25 Fall 2023 Cover Crop Applications
 - 3 Summer 2024 Structural Applications
 - Cass County
 - 32 Fall 2023 Structural Applications
 - 22 with construction completed by deadline
 - 2 Fall 2023 Cover Crop Applications
 - 6 Summer 2024 Structural Applications

USDA PROGRAMS

- Technicians are working on structural projects as soil moisture conditions allow and checking completed projects.
- Planning staff are working on contract obligations for FY24 EQIP and CSP applications.
- Field staff are conducting Annual Food Security Act HEL/WC Compliance Reviews

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/24/24 – Grassland CRP Sign-up Deadline
- 5/27/24 – Office closed for Memorial Day
- 7/31/24 – Continuous CRP Sign-up Deadline

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