

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S MONTHLY REPORT

10/10/2024

PERSONNEL/OFFICE

- The Lancaster and Cass County Service Centers are under normal operations.
- Lincoln Soil Conservation Technician, Cole Johnson, has accepted a promotion to Soil Conservationist in the Seward Field Office. A job announcement has not yet been posted to fill the vacancy.
- Weeping Water Soil Conservationist, Samantha Ziph, has accepted a position outside of the agency. A job announcement has not yet been posted to fill the vacancy.

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 land treatment cost-share program applications:
 - Lancaster County
 - 10 Fall 2024 Structural Applications
 - 18 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 fall planned construction.
- Planning staff are conducting field work/planning for general conservation plans and FY25 EQIP/CSP applications and certifying completed practices.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/14/24 – Federal Offices closed for Columbus/Indigenous People's Day
- 11/11/24 – Federal Offices closed for Veterans Day

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