NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT TO THE PAPIO MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT August 8, 2024

PERSONNEL:

 Our interns in the Dakota City and Blair field offices have finished their internships and returned to school for the fall.

ACTIVITIES/Trainings:

- Select staff attended a Small Scale urban Ag Training at UNL in Lincoln on July 22nd.
 Various topics pertaining to micro-irrigation, cover crops and mulches, and other relevant NRCS conservation practices pertaining to small scale ag were covered.
- Select staff in the Walthill, Tekamah, and Blair field offices attended the In-Field Inventory and Evaluation Training for Irrigation practices in Norfolk on July 31.
- Select engineering and technician staff attended the local LICA field day July 25 in Louisville, NE
- I attended the statewide meeting for all Nebraska District Conservationists in Ord, NE on July 30 & 31.

PROGRAMS:

EQIP & CSP:

• We continue to accept EQIP and CSP applications on a continuous basis. We hope to have remaining 2024 obligations wrapped up soon.

CSP-GCI:

- CSP-GCI stands for "Conservation Stewardship Program- Grassland Conservation Initiative"
- Producers with land that is potentially eligible for this program have received notification letters and have an application deadline of September 1, 2024.

CRP:

- Continuous CRP signup ended July 31
- Staff are working on getting CRP plans completed, signed, and returned to FSA.

That's all for this month. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to share with you what the NRCS staff have been up to.

Respectfully Submitted,

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