

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
REPORT TO THE
PAPIO MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
December 12, 2024

ACTIVITIES/Trainings :

- Myself, Robyn Byl (RC in Walthill) and Sherry Mills (Program Assistant in Blair) attended the AgCeptional Women's Conference in Norfolk on November 22
 - NRCS had a booth there and it's a great day to recharge and network.

LOCAL WORKING GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED:

- The local Working Group meeting for the Papio Missouri River NRD has been scheduled for February 19, 2025, at the Blair field office from 9:00 am to noon.
- This meeting is open to the public and you all are invited to attend.
- This is a great opportunity to provide input on local resource concerns and any recommendations for change to NRCS's conservation programs.

PROGRAMS:

EQIP & CSP:

- We continue to accept EQIP and CSP applications on a continuous basis. Our most recent application cutoff was November 15. NRCS is currently busy planning and conducting in field inventory for our 2025 applications received by this deadline.
- We currently have 101 EQIP applications on hand, the breakdown by field office is as follows:
 - Blair F.O. – 40
 - Tekamah F.O.- 40
 - Walthill F.O.- 11
 - Dakota City F.O.- 10
- We currently have 29 CSP applications on hand, the breakdown by field office is as follows:
 - Blair F.O.- 18 & 1 Renewal
 - Tekamah F.O.- 3
 - Walthill F.O.- 6
 - Dakota City F.O.- 1
- Other Programs Workload
 - We are nearing the end of the calendar year, and as such, we are working to ensure any contracts set to expire this calendar year are either completed and paid or modified.
 - We continue to work on certifying practices, particularly for CSP, and processing payments particularly for those producers who wish to receive their payment before the end of the calendar year.

CRP

- There is currently a hold on any "new" CRP, however staff remain busy with the following:
 - Getting the required status reviews completed on existing contracts (those newly installed, establishment, and expiring)
 - Getting mid contract management job sheets to producers and providing technical advice to them as needed so that they can complete any required mid contract management scheduled for this fall through next spring.

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. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Respectfully Submitted,

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