

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
REPORT TO THE
PAPIO MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
January 9, 2025

ACTIVITIES/Trainings :

- Various NRCS staff will be attending the upcoming trainings:
 - January 14-16 in Lincoln, Training for NRCS technicians and engineering staff
 - January 21-22 in Lincoln, Nutrient Management Training
 - January 23-24 in Lincoln, Pest Management Training
- January 29- I plan to attend the NARD annual Legislative Conference in Lincoln
- January 28-30- I plan to attend DC meeting and supervisor training in Lincoln

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, 2024.
- Program deadlines that we are currently working to meet are as follows:
 - January 13- EQIP IRA Act Now Application Ranking Deadline
 - January 31- EQIP IRA (all IRA) Application Ranking Deadline
 - February 28- EQIP Classic Application Ranking Deadline
 - February 28- Remainder of all CSP payments approved for activities completed in FY24
 - April 4- CSP IRA Application Ranking Deadline
 - April 18- CSP Classic Application Ranking Deadline
- Staff continue to work with active EQIP and CSP contract holders to certify and pay on practices completed and work on sending reminders and meeting with producers to plan ahead for practices planned in 2025.

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- 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.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Holiday Season. 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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