

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**  
**REPORT TO THE**  
**PAPIO MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
**March 13, 2025**

**STAFFING UPDATES**

- Sherry Mills, NRCS Program Assistant, and Tom English, NRCS Soil Conservationist, both in the Blair F.O., resigned as part of the Deferred Resignation Program offered by the new administration.

**ACTIVITIES/Trainings :**

- Local Working Group Meeting was held Feb 19 in Blair with excellent attendance and discussion
- Various Staff are working on gathering permissions for Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) for Grazing Land On-Site Data Collections
- We are also working on gathering data to respond to the Third Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP III) Survey
- We have our random tracts available for FSA compliance reviews this spring. Staff are working on gathering the background data to prepare for these reviews as they have time
- Staff continue to work on HEL (Highly Erodible Land) determinations as they have time

**PROGRAMS:**

**EQIP & CSP:**

- We continue to accept EQIP and CSP applications on a continuous basis.
- We are now allowed to continue to work on existing IRA EQIP and CSP contracts, but no new obligation of IRA funds is allowed.
- Staff recently ranked all EQIP applications received by the November 15 cutoff and we are in the process of preapproving applications and working on those that are preapproved.
- Upcoming deadlines that we are currently working to meet are as follows:
  - 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, practice reminder letters, modifications, 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.

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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