

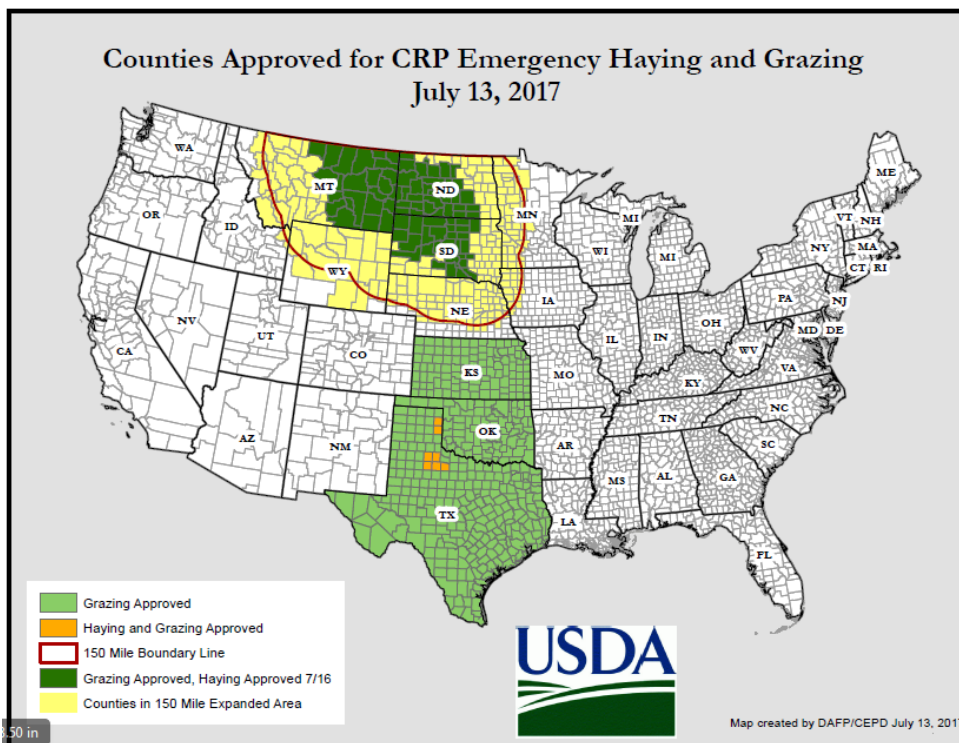
**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Report To
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board
August 10, 2017
Neil Jensen, District Conservationist**



USDA AUTHORIZES EMERGENCY HAYING AND GRAZING ON CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP) LAND

As conditions deteriorate and drought expands across much of the Northern Plains, USDA is offering assistance to farmers and ranchers through numerous federal farm program provisions including CRP and continues to monitor the situation to ensure all viable program flexibilities are offered to producers.

Because of the rapidly worsening drought and increasing degradation of existing forage, the Secretary is authorizing emergency haying beginning July 16, in counties in Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota that have been identified as having D2 drought conditions or above, as indicated by the US Drought Monitor according to 2-CRP, and counties located in the 150 mile buffer.



Nebraska NRCS Welcomes Myron Taylor as Acting State Conservationist



NRCS is pleased to welcome Mr. Myron Taylor as Acting State Conservationist. Myron will be serving as Acting State Conservationist while Craig Derickson is on detail in Washington, D.C., as the Acting Regional Conservationist for the southeast region.

Mr. Taylor began his assignment on July 10th in the Nebraska NRCS state office in Lincoln, and will be serving for 120 days. While in Nebraska, he will be responsible for providing overall direction and management of NRCS personnel, conservation planning, and programs.

Mr. Taylor brings a wealth of experience to Nebraska from his many years with the Agency. During his 22 years with the NRCS, he has worked in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Minnesota as well as in National Headquarters. Myron has held a variety of positions throughout his career including Soil and District Conservationist, State Program Specialist, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, and is currently the Chief of Staff for the Regional Conservationists.

A native of Tennessee, Mr. Taylor graduated from Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN, with a B.S. in Agricultural Sciences. Myron and his wife Kasey are the proud parents of two children ages 9 and 8.

Mr. Taylor has a special appreciation for all of the work done by NRCS employees, particularly those who on a daily basis provide assistance to USDA customers. His passion is to support the conservation partnership and ensure equal access to all USDA programs.



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