

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Report To
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board
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Additional EQIP Funds Become Available

The Papio-Missouri River NRD received an additional allocation of funds in the amount of \$278,555. These funds will allow NRCS to obligate funds to an additional 14 applicants.

Funds will be allocated in the following fund codes:

- PMR cropland - \$214,000
- Cropland – East Area Beginning Farmer/Rancher \$19,500
- Grassland – East Area Beginning Farmer/Rancher \$45,055



Vacant Positions Advertised

Two positions have been advertised for the Tekamah Field Office. The vacancies include the Resource Conservationist position and the Soil Conservation Technician position. We are looking forward to getting these openings filled.



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Managing for Soil Health: Maximize Cover

As a general rule, soil should be covered whenever possible. You can plant cover crops in both grazing and cropland operations to accomplish this goal. On grazing lands, you can also develop a rotational grazing system to maximize the cover of perennial grasses and forbs.

[Visit our new farmers.gov/soilhealth page](https://farmers.gov/soilhealth) for additional resources on managing for soil health across your working land. Whether you manage 1 acre or 10,000, we're here to help you build healthier soils and strengthen your operation.

MANAGING FOR SOIL HEALTH

Maximize Soil Cover

To maximize soil cover year round, you can:



Plant Cover Crops



Use Organic Mulch

Cover crops protect the soil from erosion and improve the soil's ability to take in and store water.

Mulch, generally used in gardens, can also help hold soil in place.

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