

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Report To
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board
November 8, 2018
Neil Jensen, District Conservationist**



**Deadline to Apply for Natural Resources Conservation
Funds Approaching**

*Farmers and ranchers have until November 16, 2018, to
sign up for funding.*

Farmers and ranchers interested in preventing erosion, improving soil health, conserving water and wildlife, or making any other natural resource conservation improvements to their property are encouraged to apply now for funding available from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Those interested in receiving funding should sign up before November 16, 2018.

NRCS has a whole suite of conservation programs available to farmers and ranchers looking for assistance in improving and protecting the natural resources on their ag land. These programs provide funding on cropland and rangeland, as well as for animal feeding operations and establishing or enhancing wildlife habitat and wetlands. NRCS staff can help landowners and operators identify their options.

One of the most widely applied conservation programs in Nebraska is the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Through this program, conservation practices were installed on over 400,000 acres in Nebraska during 2018 with over 900,000 acres currently under contract statewide.

The goal of EQIP is to provide a financial incentive to encourage landowners to install conservation practices that protect natural resources, resulting in cleaner air and water, healthy soil and more wildlife habitat.

Individuals interested in entering into an EQIP agreement may apply at any time, but the ranking of applications on hand to receive funding will begin Nov. 16, 2018. The first step is to visit your local NRCS field office and complete an application.

2018 Nebraska Prescribed Fire Conference



Thursday December 6th, 2018
9:00AM – 4:00 CST
Holiday Inn Conference Center
Kearney, NE

Conference to Feature:

- Plenary Session Speakers
- Several in-depth Breakout Topic Sessions
- Exhibitors and Vendors
- NPFC 4th Annual Meeting
- Prize Giveaway (Coolers, Drip Torches, Clothing)



• Topics Include:

- Growing Season Burning
- Fire Research Being Conducted in Nebraska
- Patch Burn Grazing
- Prescribed Fire Lessons Learned
- Working Lands and Fire
- Fire Weather and Climate
- And More!!!
- Full Schedule Coming Soon



For conference details including agenda, visit:

<http://www.nefirecouncil.org/conference>

To Register, Visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-nebraska-prescribed-fire-conference-tickets-49218341384>

General Registration (by December 6th): \$25

Volunteer Fire, Landowner, Student Registration: \$15

Lunch included in registration fee



Dan Gudenkauf, Soil Conservation Technician Blair, has been selected as the Conservation Engineering Technician in Manhattan, Kansas. Congratulations to Dan on his promotion.

Jon Hansen has been selected to fill the Soil Conservation Technician position in Tekamah. His start date is November 11. Jon has been working in the Tekamah office as a contract employee for over a year.



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