

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Written Report To
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board
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PROGRAMS

EQIP

Final numbers are in for our FY21 EQIP contracts. NRCS staff in PMRNRD secured a total of \$662,714 in Federal EQIP dollars. We did really well considering our initial allocation was just roughly \$295,000. So we managed to chase-down another roughly \$368,000 in federal funds for the NRD. These funds will help our customers address soil erosion, soil quality, wildlife habitat, and livestock forage improvements by providing financial and technical assistance to install terraces, cover crops, habitat seedings, cross fence, tanks, wells and brush management to name a few!

CRP

NRCS and FSA saw a new roll-out of the CRP program sign-ups this summer which hit the reset button on any existing CRP offers currently in the system. Newer and higher rental rates were approved along with some additional incentives to go with the CRP sign-ups and practices. As a result we have a few new deadlines to work with as far as new CRP offers go.

July 23 is the General CRP 56 sign-up deadline

August 6 is the Continuous CRP 56 sign deadline (For October 1 start date)

August 6 is also the NEW Clear 30 CRP 55 sign-up deadline

August 20 is the CRP Grasslands application deadline.

I will have final CRP acre and contract numbers hopefully by the September meeting and can explain some of the differences in the different CRP programs at that time.

STAFFING:

I have interviewed 3 candidates for the Soil Conservationist Direct Hire position in the Tekamah FO. The job announcement does not officially close until July 16th and we are able to select more names from the candidate pool and interview until

the 16th. My plan is to wait and see if we get more names here in the next week and then decide on a selection.

COVID-19 Office re-opening:

There has been no status change for the NRCS Field Offices as of yet. NRCS and FSA at the national level has developed and submitted a re-opening plan, however as far as we know it has not been approved at this time. Our doors are still locked but we have been taking scheduled in-person appointments each day and its been great to see even a few of our customers in the office from day to day. I hope to have better news for you on this front in next month's report.

That's all for now, thank you for your time!

Respectfully Submitted

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