

**Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Written Report To  
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board  
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## NRCS Programs

NRCS planning staff in Papio are currently developing EQIP contracts on 30 applications that were pre-approved for funding. Total EQIP dollars for Papio so far is right at \$691,000 and I have submitted an additional fund request in the amount of \$260,000 to fund 12 more contracts.

NRCS is also currently taking applications for Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding, which is funding set aside by congress in addition to the normal EQIP and CSP allocation funding each year. This funding is targeting Climate Smart Ag practices and facilitating practices addressing carbon sequestration, carbon emissions and greenhouse gas emission mitigation activities. We are projecting to have approximately \$3 million in additional EQIP funds available for Nebraska and \$4 million in additional funds for CSP just this year and considerable more funding in the next 3 years to come.

### Staffing:

The Civil Engineer/Agriculture Engineer Position has been advertised on USA Jobs for the Blair FO. This is an entry level position and listed as a recent graduate type at the GS5/7/9 levels. This position advertisement will close on the 14th of March. Really looking forward to getting a panel on this position and having Engineering staff on my team here in the new future!

Respectfully submitted,

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