

**Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Written Report To  
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board  
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NRCS staff are still very busy with planning and field work. Compliance reviews, EQIP contract obligation, and CSP contract obligation are keeping all of us busy this month.

**Programs update:**

We were just notified on Wednesday that we received \$151,000 in EQIP IRA funding for FY2023 contracts in the Papio NRD. That amounts to 6 new EQIP contracts that staff in Burt, Washington and Thurston counties will be working on here in the next two weeks. We received \$50,000 more than what I had projected which is good! That should be all the EQIP funding we will receive this fiscal year, which comes to a total of approximately \$820,000.

**Staffing update**

I am in the process of helping conduct interviews for the Soil Conservationist position in Walthill. I am hopeful that I will have some good news to report at the next board meeting in July.

**Farm Service Agency (FSA) Compliance Reviews**

NRCS staff have been busy in the field looking at compliance reviews throughout the NRD and are close to 90% done. The amount of No-till remains high throughout the NRD so far and we are starting to see more cover crops in rotation with our status reviews. We will be working with quite a few of our producers on conservation plans to address ephemeral erosion (small shallow ditches) this summer to meet compliance, despite the lack of rainfall throughout the NRD.

Respectfully Submitted

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