

**Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Report To  
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board  
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**Program Funding Successful for Fiscal Year 2014**

With the end of the fiscal year it is appropriate to step back and look at some of the accomplishments within the Papio-Missouri River NRD.

2 new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contracts were approved in fiscal year 2014. 21 existing contract holders have requested to renew their contracts for an additional 5 years. We will be working with these producers over the next 2 months to assist them with their request.

42 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contracts were approved for \$715,682 within the PMRNRD.

By Fund Code:

- ✚ Soil Erosion - 31 contracts totaling \$469,216
- ✚ Livestock Production – 3 contracts totaling \$109,616
- ✚ Soil Quality Degradation – 4 contracts totaling \$116,682
- ✚ Seasonal High Tunnel System – 1 contract totaling \$7,776
- ✚ Cover Crop Storm Initiative – 1 contract totaling \$12,392

52 Contracts were completed with producers for the Conservation Reserve Program.



## **DEADLINE APPROACHING TO APPLY FOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION FUNDS**

Farmers and ranchers interested in soil, water and wildlife conservation are encouraged to sign up now for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). EQIP is a voluntary conservation program available to private landowners and operators. Those interested in applying are encouraged to sign up before October 17, 2014.

EQIP is one of NRCS's most versatile programs. It offers cost share and technical assistance to apply conservation measures on cropland and rangeland, as well as for animal feeding operations and establishing or enhancing wildlife habitat. There are many opportunities available, and NRCS staff can help landowners and operators sort out their EQIP options.

Individuals interested in entering into an EQIP agreement may file an application at any time, but the ranking of applications on hand to receive funding will begin Oct. 17, 2014. The first step is to visit your local NRCS field office and complete an application.



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