

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



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).

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 October 16, 2015. The first step is to visit your local NRCS field office and complete an application.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program available to private landowners and operators. Through EQIP, farmers and ranchers may receive financial and technical help to install conservation practices on agricultural land. 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.

In 2105, 36 contracts were approved for funding in the amount of \$570,866. Practices included terrace systems, pasture improvements, cover crops and a high tunnel.

For more information about the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and other conservation programs, visit your local NRCS field office or www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov.



STAFFING UPDATES

Andy Bohnenkamp, Resource Conservationist, Blair has accepted a detail as the District Conservationist to the Lincoln field office. He will be there for 8 weeks.



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