

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Report To
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board
February 9, 2012
Neil Jensen, District Conservationist**



EQIP Funding Available

Funding for EQIP contracts has been allocated across the state. The initial allocation for the Papio-Missouri River NRD is \$413,379.00.

Soil Health for Your Farm, Ranch... for You!



Soil health is improved by:

- ❖ disturbing the soil less,
- ❖ growing the greatest diversity of crops (in rotation and as diverse mixtures of cover crops),
- ❖ maintaining living roots in the soil as much as possible (with crops and cover crops),
- ❖ and keeping the soil covered with residue at all times.

February is African American History Month

2012 Theme: Black Women in American History and Culture

This year's theme "Black Women in American Culture and History" honors African American women and the myriad of roles they played in the shaping of our nation. The theme, chosen by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History urges all Americans to study and reflect on the value of their contribution to the nation.

MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE - Educator and activist mobilized thousands of black women as leader and founder of the National Association of Colored Women and National Council of Negro Women. She helped establish Bethune-Cookman College.

DR. MAE JEMISON – NASA astronaut and the first black woman to travel in space when she went into orbit aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour on September 12, 1992.

ROSA PARKS – African American Civil Rights activist called the mother of the modern day civil rights movement.

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM – In 1968 she became the first black woman to be elected to the United States Congress representing New York's 12th Congressional District for seven terms from 1969 to 1983.

HARRIET TUBMAN - Escaped slavery to become a leading abolitionist. She led hundreds of enslaved people to freedom along the route of the Underground Railroad, and was known as the Moses of her people.

WILMA RUDOLPH – The first American woman to win three gold medals in track and field at the 1960 Olympic games. Named Associated Press Woman Athlete of the year twice.

ALTHEA GIBSON – Tennis champion and the first African-American invited to play at Wimbledon and the first to win a Grand Slam title in 1957 and again in 1958.

OPRAH WINFREY – Businesswoman, talk show host, actress, producer, and philanthropist, hailed by Life Magazine as the most influential woman of her generation. In 2005 Business Week named her the greatest black philanthropist in American history.

ELLA FITZGERALD - "The First Lady of Song," Ella Fitzgerald was arguably the finest female jazz singer of all time having sold over 40 million albums and winning 13 Grammy awards.

MAYA ANGELOU – Civil rights activist, poet, teacher and prize winning autobiographical novelist. One of only two poets asked to read at a Presidential inauguration.



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