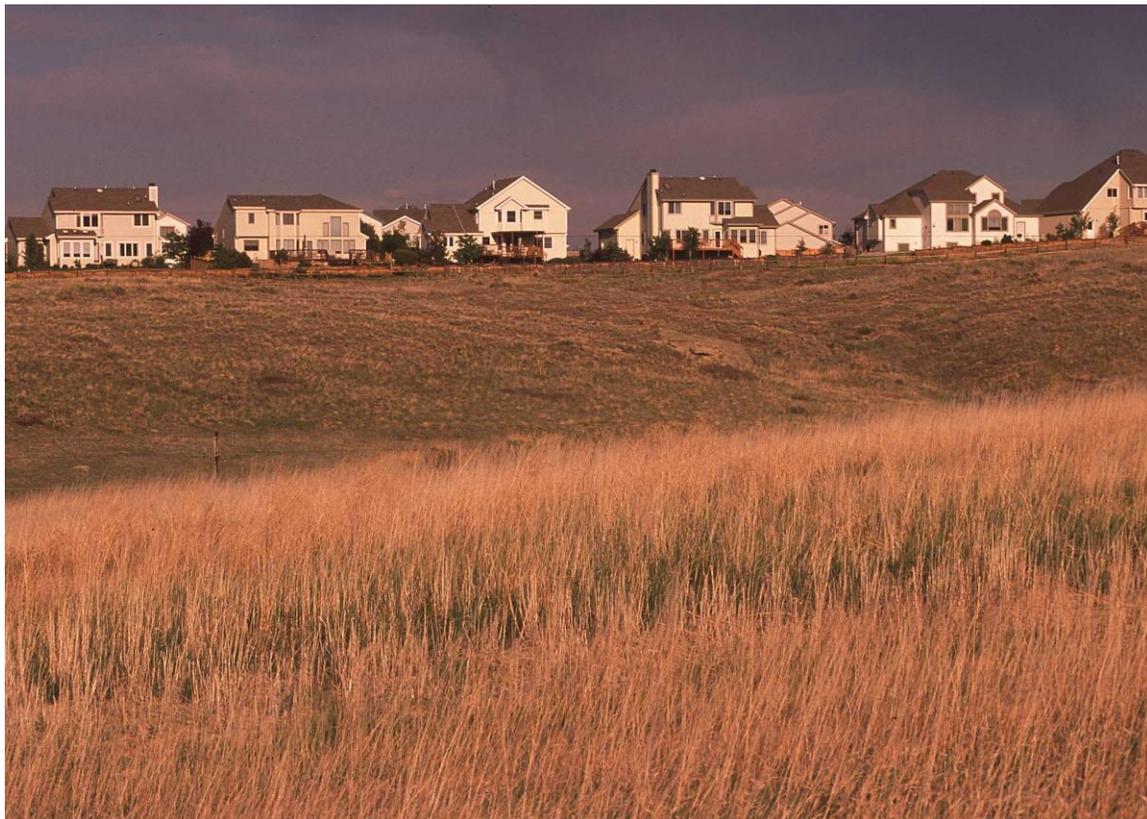


**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)  
Report To  
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board  
October 13, 2011  
Neil Jensen, District Conservationist**



**Grassland Reserve Program**

The Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary conservation program that emphasizes support for working grazing operations, enhancement of plant and animal biodiversity, and protection of grassland under threat of conversion to other uses.



Participants voluntarily limit future development and cropping uses of the land while retaining the right to conduct common grazing practices and operations related to the production of forage and seeding, subject to certain restrictions during nesting seasons of bird species that are in significant decline or are protected under Federal or State law. A grazing management plan is required for participants.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Day Held at Summit Reservoir in Burt County

216 students from 9 schools participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Day held on September 29 at Summit Lake.



Andrew Bohnenkamp, Resource Conservationist, Blair discusses the water cycle and erosion control with students.



Patrick Cowsert, Resource Soil Scientist, Stanton shows a soil profile to students.

Sponsors of the event included University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resource District, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Nebraska Forest Service.



### Staffing Updates

Eric Peitz, Resource Conservationist, Walthill has accepted a position with the NRCS in California.

Ralph Arauza, Soil Conservation Technician, Blair is transferring to the Omaha field office.

Josh Charles has accepted the position of Soil Conservation Technician in Blair. He will start October 24.

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