

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Report To
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board
August 13, 2015
Neil Jensen, District Conservationist**

LOCAL FOODS FOR LOCAL TABLES CONFERENCE

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Friday, August 14, 2015

Omaha Home for Boys

9 AM – 1:45 PM

(Dining Hall, 4343 N 52nd St.)

Luncheon featuring local foods
courtesy of the Farm Credit Services of America

Open house and Tour of Cooper Farm Urban Agriculture
Education Center (8502 Mormon Bridge Rd.) at 2:00 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

Call 402-437-5581 or Email Gina.Germer@ne.usda.gov

The USDA Nebraska Food and Agriculture Council,
in cooperation with U.S. Congressman Brad Ashford, invites you
to attend the first convention of its kind in the Omaha Metro
Area on *growing, distributing, and consuming local foods.*

Sponsored by USDA Rural Development, USDA Farm Service Agency,
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Food and Nutrition
Service, Nebraska Extension, the Nebraska College of Technical
Agriculture, the Omaha Planning Department Housing
and Community Development, and the Omaha Home for Boys.

In cooperation with U.S. Congressman Brad Ashford and local sponsors, USDA will take the day to highlight local and urban foods initiatives in the greater Omaha area with a focus on technical, financial, and educational support services available through USDA agencies and partners.

The agenda includes roundtable discussions with speakers and experts from local and federal government agencies, non-profit organizations and business partners, and a luncheon featuring locally sourced foods will be served. Tours, interactive displays, and an open house of the Cooper Farm Urban Agriculture Education Center will follow at 8502 Mormon Bridge Road.



STAFFING UPDATES

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has hired two new employees within the district. Both employees are a welcome addition and bring several years of experience.

Sherry Mills was hired as a Program Support Assistant in the Blair Service Center. Sherry comes from California and has 9 years of experience working with NRCS programs. The purpose of the Program Support Assistant position is to reassign administrative Farm Bill program delivery tasks away from field office technical personnel. This change will allow NRCS technical personnel to spend more time in the field working with producers and developing conservation plans.

Ryan Johnson was hired as a Soil Conservation Technician in the Omaha Field Office. Ryan previously worked in the Blair field office as a contract/NRD employee for 3 years.



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