

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Report To
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board
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**Producers Encouraged to Sign up for
Conservation Programs**

Farmers and ranchers interested in soil, water and wildlife conservation or wetland restoration funds are encouraged to sign up now for conservation programs available from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Applications will be taken on a continuous basis.

The application deadline is November 18, 2011 for all EQIP General, WHIP, WRP and GRP programs. Additional application cutoff dates may be necessary to fully utilize remaining program funds.

In 2012, initiatives shown below will be centralized. That is, NHQ will administer the rankings and certain administrative functions.

- Organic Transition
- Certified Organic
- On-Farm Energy
- Seasonal High Tunnels
- Conservation Activity Plans (CAPs), Planning Special Initiatives planning only for CNMP, Nutrient, Irrigation Water, Transition from Irrigated to Dryland, Organic Transition, On-Farm Energy and Grazing).

Centralized Initiatives (Organic Initiative, High Tunnel Initiative, and On-Farm Energy)

- February 3, 2012 - first application cutoff date.
- March 30, 2012 - second application cutoff date.
- June 1, 2012 - third application cutoff date.

November is American Indian / Alaska Native Heritage Month

The NRCS recognizes and celebrates the many different cultures of the American Indians. November has been designated as American Indian Heritage Month. This provides an opportunity to make people aware of the history of American Indians and their contributions to the world.



Black Elk Oglala Sioux Holy Man 1863-1950

"You have noticed that everything as Indian does is in a circle, and that is because the Power of the World always works in circles, and everything tries to be round....."

The Sky is round, and I have heard that the earth is round like a ball, and so are all the stars. The wind, in its greatest power, whirls. Birds make their nest in circles, for theirs is the same religion as ours....

Even the seasons form a great circle in their changing, and always come back again to where they were. The life of a man is a circle from childhood to childhood, and so it is in everything where power moves. "

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