

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



UNL and FSA to Host Series of Meetings on 2014 Farm Bill

UNL Extension and the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) are joining to provide educational meetings across the state on the 2014 Farm Bill.

It's important that growers have information they need as decisions regarding commodity program selection are complex and will last for the duration of the farm bill. These meetings will primarily focus on the Base Reallocation and Yield Update decision, as well as the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs.

Topics will include:

- The farm bill program sign-up process, including documentation needed and deadlines
- Base, yield and commodity program decisions; considerations for your operation
- How to calculate farm program payments
- Online decision-aid tools to help you determine which program is best for your operation. Input data specific to your operation and examine various options

Nov. 24, Tekamah - 9 a.m., City Auditorium, 1315 K St.

Contact: Burt County FSA Office, 402-374-1920 ext. 2

Nov. 24, Omaha - 9 a.m., Papio Missouri River NRD Bldg., 154th & Giles Rd.

Contact: Sarpy-Douglas County FSA Office, 402-896-0121 ext. 2

Dec. 2, Pender - 9 a.m., Pender Fire Hall, 314 Maple St.

Contact: Thurston County FSA Office, 402-846-5655

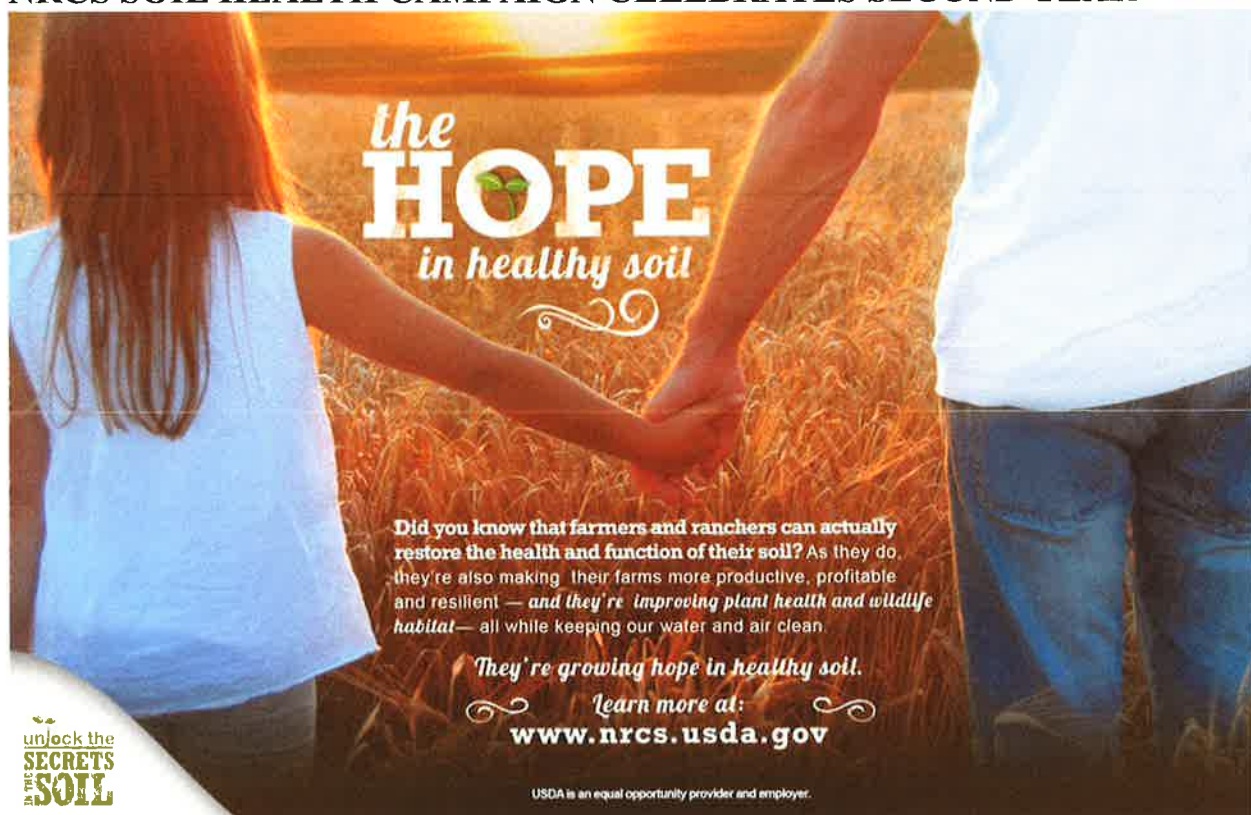
Dec. 2, Dakota City - 1 p.m., Dakota City Extension Office, 1505 Broadway St.

Contact: Dixon-Dakota County FSA Office 402-755-2278

Dec. 11, Arlington - 1 p.m. Washington County Fairgrounds

Contact: Washington County FSA Office, 402-426-2625

NRCS SOIL HEALTH CAMPAIGN CELEBRATES SECOND YEAR



Courtesy USDA-NRCS

NRCS's soil health campaign was not created to make a splash, it was created to make a difference. And thanks to all fellow conservationists, we are making a profound difference across the landscapes of this great nation—today and for generations to come.

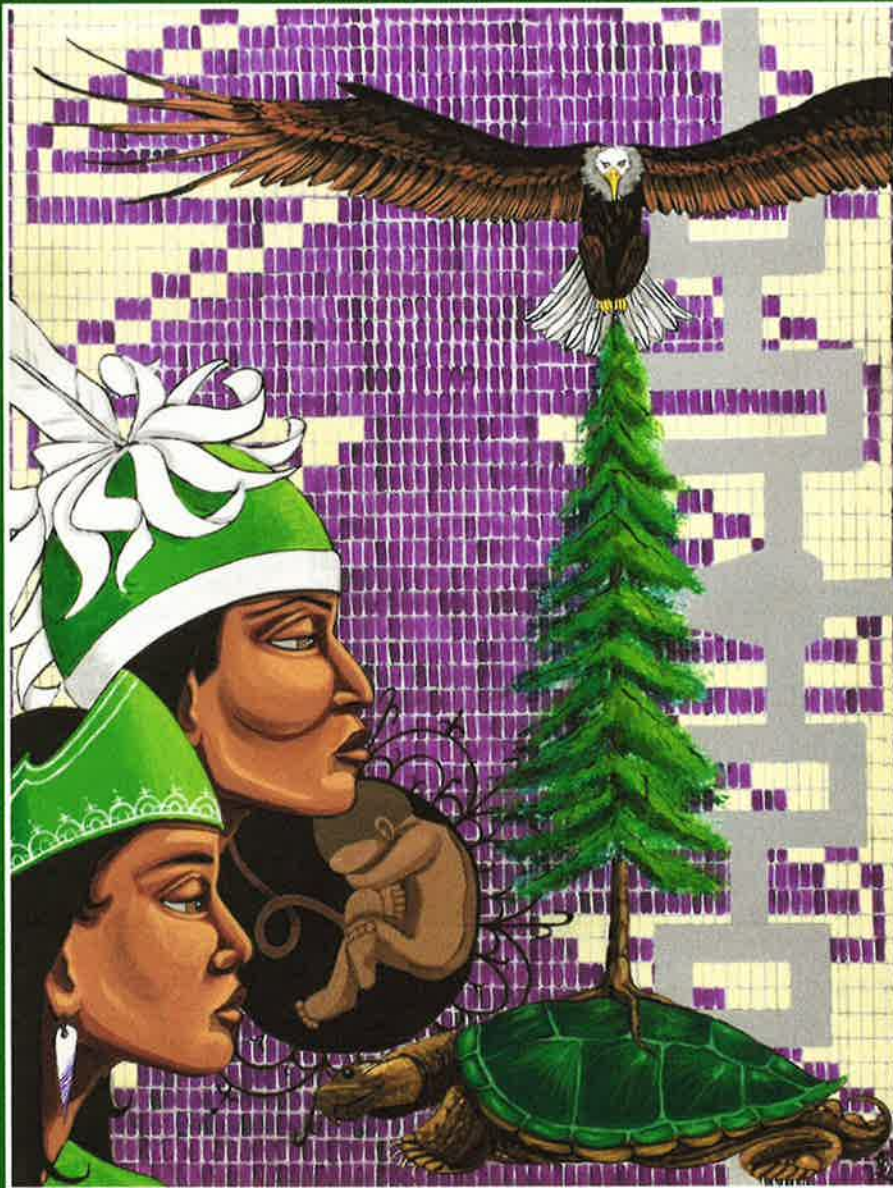
Jason Weller
Chief, NRCS

What are the benefits of healthy soil?

1. Healthy soil holds more water (by binding it to organic matter), and loses less water to runoff and evaporation.
2. Organic matter builds as tillage declines and plants and residue cover the soil. Organic matter holds 18-20 times its weight in water and recycles nutrients for plants to use.
3. One percent of organic matter in the top six inches of soil would hold approximately 27,000 gallons of water per acre!
4. Most farmers can increase their soil organic matter in three to 10 years if they are motivated about adopting conservation practices to achieve this goal.

**AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH
OBSERVED IN NOVEMBER**

Our Land: Our Promise to the Next Seven Generations



American Indian / Alaska Native Heritage Month
NOVEMBER 2014

Onondaga Snipe Clan artist Brandon Ganyada-kda Lazore of Syracuse, New York, in describing his painting says, "Coming of New Generations reflects the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) way of seeing the land and the next generations as linked together. The health and well-being of the land directly affects the coming of the next seven generations. We must love the next seven generations as much as our ancestors loved us. By caring for the land we ensure the survival of our people seven generations into the future."



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The 2014 American Indian Heritage Month poster was designed by Onondaga Snipe Clan member and artist Brandon Ganyada-kda Lazore.

Mr. Lazore wrote the following in describing his painting:

...Intermixed through my painting I have placed elements from the (Haudenosaune) Creation Story and The Great Law. In the background is the Ever-Growing Tree wampum belt, which represents The Great Law. On the right side of the painting is the Hiawatha wampum belt, which symbolizes all the nations of the Haudenosaune Confederacy. The base of the painting next to the Hiawatha belt is the Turtle, which upon its back our earth has been formed. Growing from the middle of the turtle's back is the Great Tree of Peace with a large protective eagle perched on top. This eagle is able to see dangers coming to the Haudenosaune from far off and give warning to the people. This imagery reflects back to our Great Law.

On the Left side is a man, a woman and fetus of an unborn child. This unborn child represents the future seven generations of Haudenosaune children that will come to be our future leaders and protectors of the land.



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