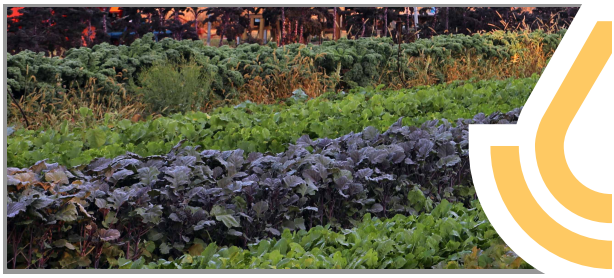
NRCS
District Conservationist's
Monthly Report - NOVEMBER 2026



District NRCS Field Office Staff

Lincoln Field Office - (402) 423-9683 ext.3

District Conservationist - Tom Cowan

Resource Conservationist - Megan Zimmerman*

Soil Conservationist - VACANT as of 12/2025

Soil Conservation Tech. - VACANT as of 10/2024

Program Assistant - Rebecca Wusk

LPSNRD District Secretary - Susan Smith (NEW!)

LPSNRD Resources Tech. - John Albert

LPSNRD Resources Tech. - Bridget McKinley

PF Farm Bill Biologist - John McClinton

Weeping Water Field Office - (402) 267-2025 ext.3

Resource Conservationist - Devin Heusinkvelt

Soil Conservationist - VACANT as of 10/2024

Soil Conservation Tech. - James Conradi

LPSNRD District Secretary - Shelly Nielsen

LPSNRD Resources Tech. - Lesli Lair

*Temporary Detail for the 11/2024 vacancy: 11/2/26 - 3/26/27

PERSONNEL/OFFICE

- November 2nd, 2026 - Megan Zimmerman started a 120-day detail as the Resource Conservationist in the Lincoln NRCS Field Office. Megan's current permanent position is as Resource Conservationist in the Tecumseh NRCS Field Office.
- November 6th, 2026 - Susan Smith started as the new NRD District Secretary in the Lincoln NRCS Field Office.
- The Lancaster and Cass County Service Centers are under normal operations.

LPSNRD LAND TREATMENT

- Weather and moisture conditions continue to be favorable for construction.
- Technicians and planning staff are:
  - Promoting the district-wide expansion of the cover crop program.
  - Processing cost-share program projects (survey, design, staking, field visits, checkout, and payment processing).
  - Providing non-costshare related technical assistance and design.
- LPSNRD currently has the following active (or completed) land treatment cost-share program applications:
  - Lancaster County (Lincoln Field Office)
    - 7 Fall 2026 Applications
    - 13 Fall 2026 Cover Crop Applications
  - Cass County (Weeping Water Field Office)
    - 15 Fall 2026 Structural Applications
    - 11 Fall 2026 Cover Crop Applications

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USDA Programs and Conservation Technical Assistance

- Planning staff are developing conservation plans and preparing conservation program applications.
- Planning staff are completing contract maintenance and follow up on existing conservation plans.
- Planning staff and technicians are developing general farm conservation plans.

UPCOMING/CURRENT EVENTS

- 11/26/26 - NRCS Offices closed for Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Tom Cowan
District Conservationist

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