

# FARM POND CONSTRUCTION



Before: Land Survey



During: Building Dam



After: Finished Dam

## ABOUT THE NRD

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District is one of 23 districts in the state of Nebraska. Formed in 1972 for the purpose of managing the state's natural resources, with an emphasis on watershed management. Programs and activities include all areas of natural resource management and development: tree planting, flood protection, wildlife habitat, stream bank stabilization, environmental education, land treatment, water monitoring and many others. The districts are partially funded by property taxes and governed by a board of directors—elected representatives who serve four-year terms. The NRD system is local government working to protect local natural resources. The Lower Platte South NRD includes nearly all of Lancaster and Cass counties and parts of Seward, Saunders, Otoe, and Butler counties.



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## FARM POND PROGRAM



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# PURPOSE

To assist landowners in the design and construction of dams for the purposes of providing water for livestock, wildlife, recreation, flood storage and grade stabilization.



# ELIGIBLE SITES

- Farm pond drainage areas must have at least 75% of the land treated with terraces or permanent vegetation.
- Drainage areas of the proposed dam should be at least 30 acres.
- For sites with drainages of approximately 30 acres or less, the NRCS should advise you if a water or sediment control basin could best meet your needs.
- Drainage areas of more than 320 acres will likely be cost prohibitive to design and build under this program.

# PROCESS

Meet with your NRCS technician for input on the proposed site for the dam, estimated size of the drainage area and percentage of the drainage area that is adequately treated. Apply if your site is technically feasible and meets the criteria for eligible sites.



# HOW TO APPLY

1. Have NRCS calculate the size and percentage of the land treatment in the drainage area.
2. NRCS will estimate the cost of the structure.
3. On an aerial photo, mark the proposed dam site.
4. Mail this map, the information and the application form located on the facing page to the LPSNRD office @ PO Box 83581, Lincoln, NE 68501-3581.

\*Additional permits may be needed from State and/or Federal Agencies.\*

# APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

## Terms

1. County FSA cost-share percentage will be used or 75% of actual, whichever is less.
2. Applications will be reviewed every winter
3. Landowners of sites approved will be required to pay a deposit (\$500) that will be refunded if: (1) the LPSNRD/NRCS does not design the structure in six months, (2) the estimated cost is more than 10% over the preliminary cost, or (3) the dam is constructed within six months from when the design is completed, weather permitting.

## FARM POND PURPOSE

(Check those that apply)

- Livestock Water
- Access Road
- Wildlife/Recreation
- Grade Stabilization
- Flood Control

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Landowner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

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ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

The undersigned does hereby apply for assistance in surveying, designing, and building a farm pond.

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Landowner Signature

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Date