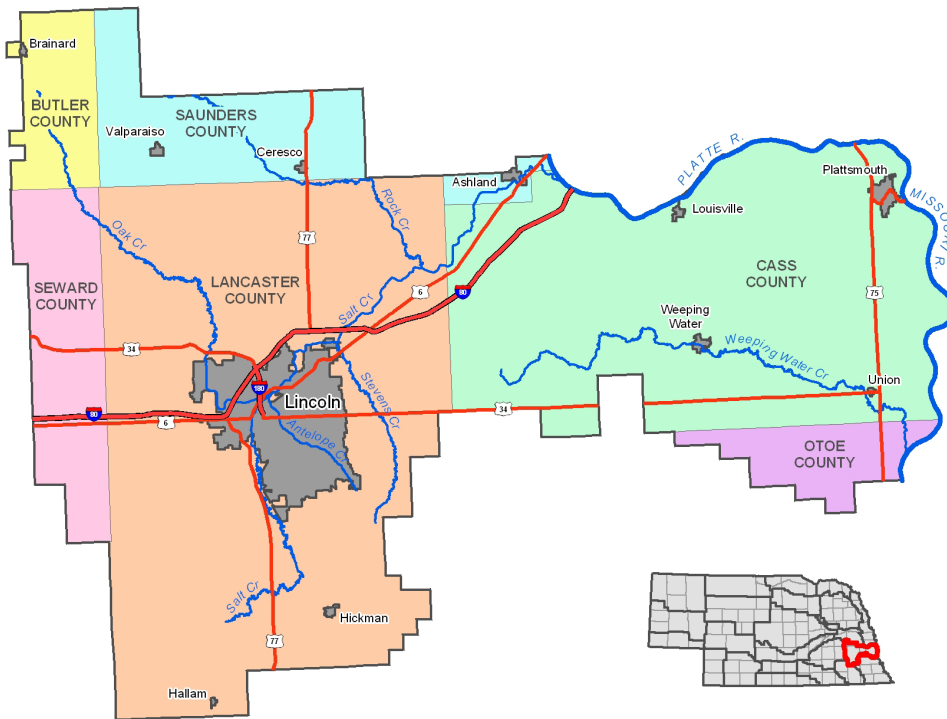




# Know your NRD

Take a look at the map of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. Can you find the following things on the map? Place a check next to each when you find them!

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your home town   | <input type="checkbox"/> Interstate 80 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Platte River | <input type="checkbox"/> Brainard, NE  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plattsmouth, NE  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hallam, NE    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Creek       | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Creek    |



Use the words below to fill-in the missing words. Each word is used only once. For help, visit [www.lpsnrd.org](http://www.lpsnrd.org).

Dams    flooding    soil  
farms    clean    23  
   watersheds

Nebraska has \_\_\_\_\_  
Natural Resources Districts  
located across the state.  
NRD boundaries are based  
on \_\_\_\_\_.

One task your NRD is  
responsible for is flood  
control. \_\_\_\_\_ help  
protect the land from  
\_\_\_\_\_ when  
there is too much rain.

Your NRD also helps  
protect ground water.  
Ground water is an  
important resource for  
\_\_\_\_\_ and homes.

The NRD also helps land  
owners prevent \_\_\_\_\_  
erosion. By helping prevent  
erosion, we keep our rivers  
and lakes \_\_\_\_\_.

## Did you know...

The Lower Platte South NRD has been protecting natural resources since 1972. Your NRD provides local control and solutions to manage natural resources. We work to protect and conserve ground water, surface water and soil. And, your NRD provides flood control, recreation and environmental education.

# NRD & Natural Resources

S S A R G L L A T M L B E W N  
 L C N B A D G E R E I I Z D D  
 T N A L P D A E L A T G O A O  
 V P Q C U H G F I D T B G M R  
 P E S S Z G P S O O L L F A N  
 K I S S O V Y T S W E U O R E  
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 M A G G V H O R I R U T C T O  
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## Words to Find

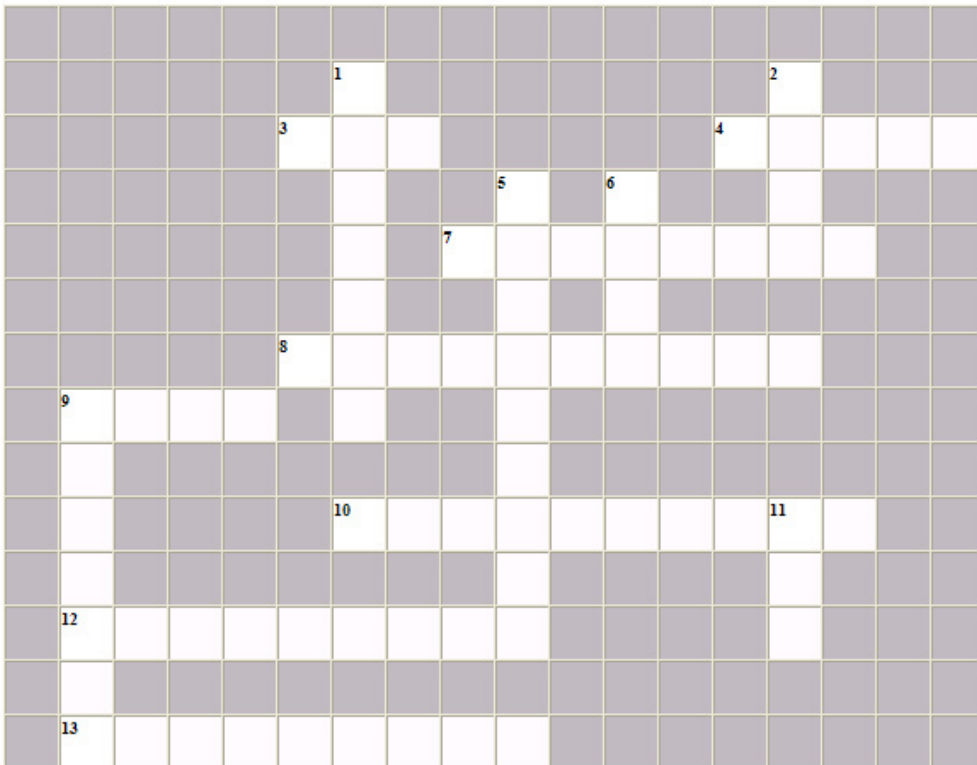
- prairie
- tallgrass
- big bluestem
- indian grass
- little bluestem
- sideoats grama
- deep roots
- fire
- dry
- sea of grass
- fertile soil
- meadowlark
- goldenrod
- leadplant
- deer
- badger
- coyote

## Prairies Everywhere!

Prairie plants can make beautiful gardens while using very little water. Try planting some of these drought tolerant plants in your yard.

- Purple Cone Flower
- Butterfly Milkweed
- Black-eyed Susan
- Goldenrod
- Purple Prairie Clover
- Vervain
- Wild Rose

Prairies are unique areas found across the state of Nebraska. The type of prairie found in an area depends largely on the amount of rainfall that areas gets each year. **Use your knowledge about Nebraska and its prairies to complete this crossword puzzle.**



### ACROSS

3. The climate of prairies is often described as \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A large, brown mammal which once roamed the prairies of the central United States.
7. One of thousands of insects which can be found in prairies; Nebraska's state insect.
8. A type of prairie which is mixed with both tall and short grasses.
9. The long roots of prairie plants grow very \_\_\_\_\_ in order to reach water.
10. A type of prairie characterized by short grasses.
12. Another name for a prairie.
13. A type of prairie characterized by tall grasses.

### DOWN

1. A name given to an area covered primarily with grasses.
2. A natural event, sometimes caused by lightning, which actually helps prairie plants to grow.
5. A tall, gold flower found in prairies, Nebraska's state flower.
6. An ungulate often found in prairies which is an herbivore; Nebraska's state mammal.
9. A period with no rain that can last for several months or years.
11. A dense, interwoven mat of grass stems and roots; once cut from the ground and used to build homes.