## NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

### DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S MONLTY REPORT

# 7/9/2025

#### PERSONNEL/OFFICE

- The Lancaster and Cass County Service Centers are under normal operations.
- Kennedy Whiting is the Summer Pheasants Forever Intern in the Lincoln Field Office.
- Lincoln NRCS Resource Conservationist VACANT
- Lincoln NRCS Soil Conservation Technician VACANT
- Weeping Water NRCS Soil Conservationist VACANT

#### LPSNRD LAND TREATMENT

- Current soil moisture conditions are variable across the district; staff are conducting soil moisture evaluations
  on all projects prior to construction. Projects are being released on a site-by-site basis; some may be withheld
  due to inadequate soil moisture conditions.
- Staff are finalizing documentation for payment of the remaining Fall 2024 cover crop applications.
- LPSNRD currently has the following active or completed land treatment cost-share program applications:
  - o Lancaster County
    - 2 Summer 2025 Structural Applications
    - 2 Fall 2025 Structural Applications
  - Cass County
    - 5 Summer 2025 Structural Applications
    - 7 Fall 2025 Structural Applications

#### USDA PROGRAMS

- Technicians are checking completed projects, preparing for summer projects, and doing frequent soil moisture monitoring for planned construction.
- Planning staff are completing I&E for new conservation program applications and certifying completed practices on existing contracts.
- Staff are conducting CRP site visits/status reviews.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

• 7/18/25 – Deadline for 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch of Continuous CRP Sign Up 63

#### Tom Cowan – District Conservationist