

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
REPORT TO THE
LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
October 19, 2022**

PERSONNEL:

- The Lancaster and Cass County Service Centers are back to normal operations.
- No staff updates at this time.

LPSNRD LAND TREATMENT:

- Drought conditions are impacting the installation of structural practices across the district. Extra consideration is required prior to construction to make sure there is enough soil moisture to obtain compaction requirements. Staff will be completing evaluations on all fields prior to releasing design paperwork to landowners.
- The LPSNRD currently has the following land treatment cost-share program applications:
 - Lancaster County – 24 fall cost-share approvals, 36 cover crop approvals
 - Cass County – 33 fall cost-share approvals, 4 cover crop approvals

USDA PROGRAMS:

- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) – Staff has finished writing General & Continuous CRP contracts for FY23. The following contracts were obligated:
 - Lancaster County
 - 23 general contracts – 624.1 acres
 - 29 continuous contracts – 131.9 acres
 - Cass County
 - 3 general contracts – 55.6 acres
 - 12 continuous contracts – 177.5 acres
- The application cut-off date for FY23 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Classing and Farm Bill 2018 Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) applications to be considered for funding is November 18, 2022. Additional cut-off dates will be announced later if needed.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Veterans Day – November 11th
Thanksgiving Holiday – November 24th

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