

NRCS Field Office Report 10/5/16
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Programs Update

- CSP
 - Completing CMTs and eligibility requirements for 10 FY2017 renewal contracts
 - CSP Reinvention training for NRCS employees October 2016

- EQIP
 - Working with producers to complete/certify practices for existing contracts
 - FY2017 application batching date 10/21/2017

- WRP
 - The detail Kaytee Todoroff (easement specialist assigned to Brookings FO) is doing for the Easement Programs Division of National Headquarters has been extended until February 3, 2017
 - Will continue to work with Marcus Rock (easement specialist from Parker office) and landowners on their active restoration contract payments and compatible use requests

- WRE
 - Survey completed for 1 FY16 WRE, not yet closed

- CRP
 - Currently 25 new offer applications to process

Wetlands

- There are currently 18 outstanding CWD requests to be completed in Brookings County

Staffing

- Soil Conservation Technician (SCT): expected to be re-advertised November 2017
- Soil Conservationist (SC): tentative job offer has been extended to a new applicant, waiting on HR for final job offer and start date

Dates

- 10/18-10/20/16 Brookings Area CSP Reinvention training
- 10/21/16 EQIP Application Deadline for FY2017 funding
- 10/26/16 Ryan on Radio (910 AM) at 8:40 am

CRP - 500,000 acres - Oct. 2017 start date
Trees - need to sign up now

Brookings County FY 2016 summary

CSP

- 23 CSP applications
 - o 10 new CSP contracts (8,080 acres, \$187,569)
 - o 1 renewal contract (385 acres, \$11,056)
- 84 active contracts

EQIP

- 26 EQIP applications
 - o 5 new EQIP contracts (610.8 acres, \$42,731)
- 12 active contracts
 - o 6 EQIP contracts certified complete in 2016

WRE/WRP

- 4 FY16 WRE Applications, 0 funded
- 89 existing easements

CRP

- 124 CRP eligibility determinations
 - o 60 reenroll requests
 - o 36 general offers
 - o 41 FY16 continuous CRP contracts completed (25 outstanding FY16 applications)

CTA

- 60 Certified Wetland Determinations completed (18 outstanding)
- 146 HEL Determinations completed (10 outstanding)
- Brookings County NRI segments completed prior to deadline
- Assigned FSA compliance review tracts completed prior to deadline