

NRCS Field Office Report 11/3/16
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Programs Update

- CSP**
 - Completing CMTs/eligibility/plans for 10 FY2017 renewal contracts
 - Waiting for guidance authorizing 2016 payments for 84 existing contracts
 - Several contract modifications needed due to loss of control and CRP enrollments

- EQIP**
 - Working with producers to complete/certify practices for existing contracts
 - FY2017 application batching date was 10/21/2017
 - o 21 applications on file

- WRP**
 - Working with Marcus Rock (easement specialist from Parker office) and landowners on their active restoration contract payments and compatible use requests
 - o He will be in Brookings next week to work on restoration contract status reviews
 - o Kaytee on detail to headquarters until 2/3/17

- WRE**
 - Survey completed for 1 FY14 WRE, not yet closed

- CRP**
 - Currently 27 new offer applications to process
 - o No new guidance on batching timeline
 - Letters to be mailed this month to the contracts expiring 9/30/2017

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): final job offer extended to Megan Norman with a start date of 11/13/16 but may be teleworking from Burke until Dec. 5th

Dates

- 11/16 Beginning Farmers & Ranchers event at SDSU (Tabi & Eric B. at NRCS booth)
- 11/18 FSA Growing Strong in Agriculture event at 10:00 am, American Legion in Brookings
- 11/30 Brookings Area District Conservationist Meeting
- 11/30 Ryan on Radio (910 AM) at 8:40 am