

Programs Update

- CSP**
- Processing payments for 2017 crop year activities
 - o 24 contracts paid by end of 2017
 - o Documentation/signatures still needed from many producers
 - o Several contracts require modifications for loss of control/CRP enrollments
 - 2018 Renewal applications
 - o 4 obligated to contract

- EQIP**
- Onsite visits/inventories completed for several applicants
 - o preparing conservation plans/designs
 - o Working with applicants for eligibility documentation (due by Jan. 19)
 - o Upper Big Sioux Ranking meeting is February 8th

WRP/WRE

- Payment and modification documentation prepared for restoration contract activities completed in 2017
 - o Waiting for bills/documentation for others
 - o 2 contracts closed out in December
- Kaytee is dedicated to handling the new WRE offers for the offices she serves until mid-late January
 - o Brookings had 1 eligible offer

- CRP**
- Meeting regularly with FSA to complete contract modifications
 - CRP offers received by Sept. 30, 2017 referred to NRCS (17)
 - o 9 Plans delivered to FSA for contracting
 - o 8 offers cancelled or ineligible

Wetlands

- NRCS has **17** pending CWD requests for Brookings County (2 are assigned to a consultant)

Dates

- 1/15 Office closed for Federal Holiday
- 1/17 Soil Health Coalition Annual Meeting, Watertown (Lake Area Tech) 9:30-3:00
- 1/19 Eligibility deadline for FY2018 EQIP
- 1/19 Continuing Resolution expires
- 1/31 Ryan on the Radio Ranch 910 AM, 8:40 am
- 2/16 FY 2018 EQIP Final Ranking
- 2/26 Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) proposals due
- 3/28 EQIP Obligation