

**Programs Update**

- CSP**
- Processing payments for 2017 crop year activities
    - o Documentation/signatures still needed from many producers
    - o Several contracts require modifications for loss of control/CRP enrollments
  - FY2018 CSP application batching date March 2, 2018

- EQIP**
- Finalizing ranking packages for high-screened FY18 applications
    - o Upper Big Sioux Ranking meeting is February 8<sup>th</sup>
    - o Southern Coteau Ranking meeting is February 13<sup>th</sup>
  - New RCPP project with Ducks Unlimited announced
    - o March 16 batching date

**WRP/WRE**

- Processing payment and modification documentation prepared for restoration contract activities completed in 2017
- Completing transfer agreements for easements with change of ownership
- Reviewing active and expired CUAs

**CRP**

- Reviewing implemented practice documentation/completing contract modifications with FSA as necessary
- FSA is not accepting CRP offers until further notice

**Wetlands**

- NRCS has **25** pending CWD requests for Brookings County (1 assigned to a consultant)

**Dates**

- 2/8 Continuing Resolution expires
- 2/16 FY 2018 EQIP Final Ranking deadline
- 2/19 Office closed for Federal Holiday
- 2/26 Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) proposals due
- 3/1 USDA Opportunities for Beginning Farmers & Ranchers event hosted by FSA, Brookings Public Library, 1:00-3:30pm
- 3/2 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Applications due for FY18 funding cycle
- 3/16 James River & Prairie Pothole RCPP batching date
- 2/28 Ryan on the Radio Ranch 910 AM, 8:40 am
- 3/28 FY 2018 EQIP Contract Obligation