

Programs Update

- CSP**
 - 13 FY 2018 CSP applications eligible and ranked for June 6 deadline
 - Assisting existing contract holders with activities to be applied in 2018

- EQIP**
 - On-Farm Energy Initiative contract obligated
 - Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
 - o Central Big Sioux River Water Quality Project
 - 1 high screened application, selected for funding
 - o Ducks Unlimited Prairie Pothole Initiative
 - 1 high screened application, not selected for funding

- WRP/WRE**
 - Reviewing active and expired compatible use agreements & requests
 - o Currently addressing food plots & grazing, then haying
 - Onsite easement monitoring due August 1
 - o For those assigned to partners, send email to DC when completed ones are added to the local shared drive folder

- CRP**
 - Contract holders with plantings scheduled for this spring need to contact NRCS prior to making any changes to their seed plans
 - o Warm-season species should be seeded by June 15
 - 1-year contract extensions are being offered to contracts expiring in 2018
 - o Contract must not exceed 15 years with the extension
 - Signup 51 announced
 - o FSA is able to take new & re-enroll offers for select practices
 - Certain practices such as shelterbelt and pheasant habitat not included (CP5A, CP16A, CP38)
 - Revised soil rental rates, no incentive payments

Wetlands

- NRCS has **11** pending CWD requests for Brookings County (3 assigned to a consultant)

CTA

- 8 HEL Determination requests completed

Other

- Pathways students
 - o Victor Tuschen reassigned to Madison Field Office
 - o Ryan Alley reassigned to Ipswich Field Office
 - o Conner Archer started May 14
 - assigned to Ryan Forbes at FSO, working from Brookings Field Office
- New vehicle sharing policy implemented with FSA

Dates

- 6/12 FSA Ag Women's Day
- 6/12 Moody County Soil Health Tour
- 6/18 SDACD Vermillion-Big Sioux Area Meeting, Howard