

### Programs Update

- CSP**
- 13 FY 2018 CSP applications preapproved for funding
    - o Completing field visits for verification of information provided for CAET assessment
    - o July 20<sup>th</sup> obligation date
  - Assisting existing contract holders with activities to be applied in 2018
- EQIP**
- South Dakota received more EQIP funds, allowing funding of additional FY18 applications
    - o One Brookings County EQIP application preapproved through the Upper Big Sioux Funding Pool
  - Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
    - o Central Big Sioux River Water Quality Project
      - 1 application obligated to contract
- WRP/WRE**
- Completed site visits with easement staff and several landowners, working to address compatible use agreements
  - Field visits done for some open restoration contract activities
  - 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**
- 1-year contract extensions are being offered to contracts expiring in 2018
    - o Contract must not exceed 15 years with the extension
      - Start by contacting FSA
  - 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
      - Start by contacting FSA
  - Offers can also be accepted for CRP Grasslands, will be reviewed when a batching date is announced
  - NRCS and Pheasants Forever staff currently reviewing re-enroll and new offers referred by FSA

### Wetlands

- NRCS has **11** pending CWD requests for Brookings County (2 assigned to a consultant)

### Other

- Retha Thrun, SCT, Madison Field Office is assisting in Brookings one day a week
  - Brookings Soil Conservationist Technician position advertised 6/29, closed July 9th
- Amendment:*** *The SCT position will be re-advertised toward the end of July or early August due to an error in the announcement that closed 7/9*

### Dates

- 7/16 Easement meeting for SD NRCS personnel, Huron
- 8/15-8/16 North American Manure Expo, Swiftel Center, Brookings
- 8/17 Minnehaha Co. Grazing Workshop 9:30 am Crooks Community Center