

Start Entering Results - Crop Reporting Form



Now that the cold weather is upon us, it would be a great time for Phase II/III producers to begin filling out your online crop reporting form. The annual report is due March 31st; however, it may be helpful to enter this season's information right away.

Central Platte NRD's crop reporting form must now be completed on our website. No other crop reporting form will be accepted. User names and passwords to complete forms on the website were mailed to each producer.

If you did not receive the information, please call Sandy at (308) 385-6282 or email: noecker@cpnrd.org.

Crop Reporting Form ~ <http://cpnrd.gisworkshop.com>

Below is the information that you'll need to enter:

- *User ID & log-in information
- *Acres of all crops grown (corn, sorghum, potatoes, beans, alfalfa, small grains, commodity crops)
- *Actual yields for 2016

Corn, sorghum and potatoes must also list:

- *Fertilizer applied as pre-emergent or sidedress
- *Irrigation water applied & the legal description of well(s) irrigating the crop
- *Crop to be grown in 2017
- *Expected yields for 2017
- *Water & soil test results
- *Credits for past legume crop and manure or sludge
- *UNL's recommended nitrogen application rate

If you need help with the online form or have any questions, contact Sandy Noecker at (308) 385-6282.

Maintaining Certified Irrigated Acres

Certified irrigated acres are subject to decertification if non-use is determined. For 2010-2019 rule, the last two years a landowner must irrigate by are 2018 & 2019. Producers have several options available for maintaining irrigated status on their acres. The simplest is to irrigate all certified irrigated acres a minimum of 2 out of 10 years in every decade, which started January 1, 2010.

Landowners that do not want to physically irrigate, but still want to maintain their right to irrigate may: (1) Enroll land in a federal conservation program (CRP, CREP, etc), (2) Grow alfalfa in the sub-irrigated areas in the district or (3) Sign up for a short-term temporary transfer or a long-term temporary transfer.

Contact Luke Zakrzewski at (308) 385-6282 for more information.

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Two New Directors to Serve on CPNDR Board

The two races contested in the General Election will bring two new faces to the Central Platte NRD board of directors. Doug Reeves defeated Beau Bearnes, both of Central City, for the Subdistrict 9 seat. Reeves was born, raised, and resides on his family farm in Merrick County. Doug replaces his father, Ladd Reeves, who chose not to run for another four-year term. Ladd served on the board for 22 years.

The new director to fill the At-Large seat is Keith Ostermeier of Grand Island.

Ostermeier defeated Charles Bicap, Kearney, for a two-year term. Bicap had been appointed in 2014 to fill the remaining term of the late Dick Mercer of Kearney. Bicap served on the board from 1994-2005 prior to being appointed in 2014. Ostermeier operates his family farm, OAK Farms, and formerly worked as a soil scientist for NRCS, and conservation director for the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District.

Directors who were not contested and re-elected for another four-year term include: Jay Richeson, Gothenburg; Dwayne Margritz, Lexington; Marvion Richert Jr., Elm Creek; Keith Stafford, Kearney; Deb VanMatre, Gibbon; Jim Bendfeldt, Kearney; Mick Reynolds, Wood River; Jerry Wiese, LeRoy Arends, and Barry Obermiller, all of Grand Island.

There are 21 members, each who serve a four-year term. The board consists of one At-Large member and two directors in each of the ten Subdistricts. Directors are elected in alternate election years. Directors will take their oaths of office in January.

Developing Second Increment Basin-Wide Plan

In 2004, the Platte River Basin in Nebraska (upstream of the Kearney Canal) was determined to be over-appropriated by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) and a basin-wide plan was adopted in 2009 to meet goals towards developing joint integrated water resources management.

During the ten years following adoption of the plan, the Department and natural resources districts (NRDs) are required to conduct a technical analysis to determine the progress towards meeting the goals and objectives of the plan. Specific goals are to examine available supplies and changes in long-term availability; the effects of conservation practices and natural causes including drought; and the effects of the plan on reducing the overall differences between the current and fully appropriated levels of development.

Central Platte NRD (CPNDR) has already met and exceeded the first ten-year increment to offset an annual depletion rate of 1,900 acre-feet to the river in the year 2043. This rate is the current best estimate and is subject to change based upon new data and information. CPNDR has exceeded that goal by offsetting 2,346 acre-feet.

The planning process began in June 2016 and is expected to conclude in the spring of 2019. Informational and public meetings will be conducted to complete adoption of the second increment plan.

Parties involved in the plan include the Department of Natural Resources; Central Platte, North Platte, South Platte, Tri-Basin and Twin Platte Natural Resources Districts; Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District; Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District, and Pathfinder Irrigation District.

For more information on the planning process, please refer to the *Public Participation Plan for the Second Increment Upper Platte Basin-Wide Plan Development* on the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources' website: dnr.nebraska.gov/iwm.



Celebrate With 2016 Award Winners

Four area landowners have been selected to receive Conservation Awards to recognize their achievements with water and soil conservation. Award winners will receive a \$100 gift card and a sign to display on their land recognizing their accomplishments.

Congratulations to the 2016 Conservation Award Winners:

CROPLAND: Mark Haskins, Doniphan. Haskins was selected for implementing buffer strips, center pivots with variable frequency drive (VFD), surge valves, and 100 acres of precision laser controlled land leveling. He uses a controlled traffic ridge till system for soil health by reducing compaction across the field and increasing the amount of crop residue left on the soil surface. Haskins' use of telemetry with his flow meters and capacitance probes is beyond most typical installations. Use of telemetry allows him to know, in real time, the amount of water being pumped, pressures with his systems, and soil moisture conditions so adjustments can be made quickly in response to the conditions.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP: Ken Seim Family, Chapman. The Seim family was selected for their willingness to adopt new practices that are beneficial to the protection of the environment and betterment of their crop production procedures. They are true agricultural leaders, hosting several field days to familiarize other producers on new irrigation techniques, moisture sensors, cover crops and SDI. Tom Schleif, NRCS, said, "Of all the exceptional things the Seim operation has accomplished; Ken's willingness to help others and his patience and effectiveness as an instructor rank at or near the top of his capabilities." The Seim Family's operation is on the cutting edge and they work to advance new concepts.

Two winners were selected for the Grassland category due to different management techniques:

GRASSLAND: Adam Grabenstein, Farnam. Grabenstein was selected for his proactive approach to removing the encroachment of Eastern Red Cedar trees on his rangeland through prescribed burning; eliminating 95 percent on 670 acres. He works with the Central Platte Rangeland Alliance on completing other burns in Dawson County and is a volunteer fireman. Having property adjacent to the highway, Grabenstein advocates and encourages other landowners to use prescribed fire and rotational grazing to improve their own grasslands.

GRASSLAND: Phil & Carlene Waldron; Tom Schroder; and the late Lana Schroder. The Waldron's live in Lincoln and manage property in Buffalo County. The Waldron-Schroder families were selected for their exceptional prescribed grazing system on 451 acres of rangeland. They have implemented a livestock well, pipeline and tanks; filter strips on cropland fields to prevent erosion, seeding two fields to native grasses, and introduced plants for pollinator and wildlife habitat. Beth Hiatt, NRCS, said, "This particular set of grass seedings has been the most successful I have experienced in my 36+ years with the SCS/NRCS." The families also provide access to the property for public tours and allow teachers to bring students to the site for educational opportunities.



Please join the Central Platte NRD and Great Western Bank in presenting these awards on:

Thursday, December 22, 2016
4:00-5:00 p.m.
Balz Reception Hall
213 N Sycamore St. Grand Island NE

*Free hors d'oeuvres & drinks provided by Great Western Bank. Bring your friends and family- everyone is welcome to attend!



CPNRD Water Programs Conference- February 9th

Would you like to know what the groundwater levels are in your area? Do you have questions about the NRDs pilot Groundwater Exchange Program? Would you like to see results on new technology and techniques being used? If so, plan to attend our annual Water Programs Conference scheduled for:



DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2017

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION: UNL Extension Building at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds
1400 E 34th St. Kearney, NE.

LUNCH: No cost to attend. Lunch will be catered by Luke & Jake's BBQ.
Please RSVP for lunch count.

****PHASE II/III PRODUCERS:** Attendance at this meeting replaces the requirement to take the Nitrogen Management Certification Test for the Groundwater Quality Program.

****WELL CONTRACTORS:** Continuing Education Credits (4) have been applied for through the Nebraska Health and Human Services for Water Well Contractors License.

NRD staff and partner agencies will give updates on all of the above, as well as transfers, the water quality program, well regulations, legislation and much more.

RSVP by calling (308) 385-6282 or lee@cpnrd.org

CPNRD Seeks to Improve More Pastures

Recent successful prescribed burns have the Central Platte NRD seeking to help improve more pastures by treating Eastern Red Cedar trees. The Eastern Red Cedar can be a major problem in pastures by reducing forage production. Developing trees alter the microclimate, which encourages a shift from desirable warm season native grasses to introduced cool season grasses. Heavy infestations make handling livestock more difficult.



Nearly every pasture with good soil is at risk of invasion by this tree. Although the Eastern Red Cedar is native to Nebraska, factors over the last 50 years have led to an accelerated increase in cedar populations.

In the spring of 2016, CPNRD helped landowners burn approximately 8,400 acres in Dawson County and have seen tremendous success. We would like to assist in forming burn associations in Polk and Buffalo counties as well. Landowner burn associations are groups that help each other burn pastures. This model has been very successful in Nebraska and elsewhere.

If you are interested in having a burn and/or being involved in a burn association, please contact:
David Carr, Range Management Specialist (308) 385-6282 or email: carr@cpnrd.org.

****Watch for upcoming Burn Trainings this winter for counties affected by Eastern Red Cedar.****

Order Trees By Dec. 31st for 10% Discount

We have 40 varieties of shrubs, conifers and deciduous seedlings available to order for spring planting. Orders are taken at the CPNRD office and at your local NRCS office. You may also mail the Tree Form below with your check payment. **Visit cpnrd.org or contact Kelly Cole at (308) 385-6282.**

TREE ORDER FORM



NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____
COUNTY OF DELIVERY: _____
(Handplants only: Hall, Merrick, Buffalo, Dawson or Polk)

Date of Order: _____

Please mark one:

HANDPLANT DISTRICT PLANT WINDBREAK RENOVATION: Y or N
_____ 1/4 Section _____ Township _____ Range _____
(Only required to fill out legal on district plant order)

All tree orders are accepted subject to availability.

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SURVIVAL GUARANTEE ON STOCK SOLD BY THE DISTRICT OR PLANTED BY THE DISTRICT.

Must order in multiples of 25, except for the Packages.

CONIFERS (\$0.90 each)	HARDWOODS (\$0.90 each)	SHRUBS (\$0.90 each)	PACKAGES (\$50 each)
Austrian Pine	Black Cherry	American Plum	Wildlife
CO Blue Spruce	Black Walnut	American Hazel	Flowering
Eastern Red Cedar	Bur Oak	Amur Maple	Eastern
Jack Pine	Cottonwood	Black Chokeberry	Western
Ponderosa Pine	Hackberry	Caragana	
SW White Pine		Chokecherry	
Rocky Mtn Juniper		Common Lilac	
Norway Spruce	Manchurian Apricot	Elderberry	
	Midwest Crabapple	Golden Currant	
	Red Oak	Peking Cotoneaster	
	Red Maple	Red-Osier Dogwood	
	Silver Maple	Sandcherry	
	Swamp White Oak	Serviceberry	
		Silver Buffaloberry	
		Skunkbush Sumac	

PAYMENT (please mark one):
Cash _____
Check # _____
Make checks payable to the Central Platte NRD

Total number of trees ordered (# x 0.90) _____
Total number of packages ordered (# x 50) _____
Pre-Total _____
10% Discount if ordered before December 31st 10.00% _____
SUB-TOTAL _____
TAX 7.00% _____
TOTAL DUE TODAY _____

I understand that the above charges are for trees only:

Landowner or Operator

Trees Received by:
(For Handplants Only)

DATE: _____